

LTE: Support Our Parks

With almost 200,000 acres of federal, state and local public parklands, Calaveras County offers a variety of recreational opportunities. Residents and visitors can wade in the creek at Murphys Park, go for a swim at White Pines, or play a round of disc golf at Feeney Park. Now, our parks need our help.

The County's Economic Development Department is developing a Parks Master Plan, and they're seeking input from the public. Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/calaveraspmp> to take the survey. The County needs to hear which parks are important to your communities, and what other recreational needs exist.

You can use the "other" section to share specific comments with the County, such as the need for the plan to include all the parks in Calaveras County. Let the County know how important it is for the plan to be comprehensive.

The County drafted a Parks Master Plan with input from the public in 2013, but it was never completed and adopted. If the County is going to spend tax dollars creating these plans, they should be adopted and implemented so the community actually sees the benefit. Tourism and recreation are a key part of our rural economy. We need a Parks Master Plan that includes a long term vision, assesses future needs, prioritizes projects and builds community support.

Support our parks by completing the online survey, attending community meetings and sharing your concerns and suggestions with the County Economic Development Department. Visit parksandrec.calaverasgov.us and email any comments to ParksandRec@calaverascounty.gov. Thank you for helping make Calaveras County a fun and safe place to live and play.

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