

Veterans Memorial Park Self-Guided Tour

The City of Carlsbad is ready to develop a master plan for its next community park, and we need your input. Veterans Memorial Park is located on 91.5 acres, near the intersection of Faraday Avenue and Cannon Road. Of the 91.5 acres, 43.5 acres are protected for wildlife and habitat. 48 acres are available for developable park space. The first step in the master planning process is to get input on the community's values, needs and priorities for the park.

After completing your tour, please take the online survey to share your thoughts on the future Veterans Memorial Park. The survey will be available beginning March 9 through March 23.

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- 1** Begin at the trailhead kiosk off Faraday Avenue. Turn west to follow the trail up the hill. Enjoy native plants of coastal sage scrub and southern maritime chaparral to the south and slowly revealing views toward the lagoon to the north.
- 2** Once at the top of the hill, views to Agua Hedionda Lagoon and the Pacific Ocean are unparalleled. On a clear day, you can gaze all the way to the mountains in the east.
- 3** Continue on the fairly flat trail through the plateau. As we look west, the land begins to gently slope down toward Faraday Avenue. The natural topography creates a lot of opportunities for park amenities, as the land would require less alteration. Immediately north of the fenced desalination vault is a concrete storm water culvert that crosses under Faraday Avenue, opening toward the dense wetland habitat sprawling all the way to the lagoon.
- 4** As we reach the northeast end of the site, the trail continues its steep incline all the way up to Twain Avenue.
- 5** Turn to the south and follow the easy path along the boundary of the park, which creates a distinct separation between the protected preserve to the east and the developable area to the west. The trail loops around the plateau and provides a great opportunity for active and passive recreation features.
- 6** On this loop of the park site, look at the majestic view of the mountains in the east and south and the lagoon toward the west. You are now passing the boundary of the developable area of the park and hiking through the protected coastal sage scrub.
- 7** The trail becomes steeper at the southern end of the parcel. Stop and enjoy panoramic vistas toward the mountains, canyons and golf course.
- 8** As you head north, down toward Faraday Avenue, a wider view of the golf course is revealed. The trail leads you down under Faraday Avenue. This is a pedestrian undercrossing linking Veterans Memorial Park to trails at the golf course. You can continue your exploration along the emerald carpet of the fairways, emerging again by the clubhouse.