



## COUNTY OF MONTEREY PARKS & LAKES



Discover the natural beauty and recreational opportunities that await you in the County of Monterey! Explore nine distinctive county parks, each offering a unique blend of outdoor activities. Learn more about each park and access additional information by scanning the corresponding QR code.

## Former Fort Ord Properties

The Former Fort Ord Properties are part of the former military base, spanning approximately 2,500 acres, adjacent to the Fort Ord National Monument. Visitors, including hikers, bikers, equestrians, and nature enthusiasts, can explore diverse landscapes such as valleys, hills, and oak woodlands, with opportunities to spot wildlife like deer, turkeys, bobcats, and various bird species.



## Jacks Peak Park



Jacks Peak Park spans 892 acres, featuring over 8 miles of trails through oak woodlands and Monterey pine forests for hiking, biking, and wildlife observation (bicycles are only allowed on paved roads, no off-road riding is allowed). The park's highest point offers panoramic coastal views. With picnic areas and interpretive displays, it's a beloved destination for outdoor enthusiasts.

## Laguna Seca Recreation Area

Laguna Seca Recreation Area in Monterey County offers a race track, campgrounds, venue rental, and a shooting range. It's a popular spot for outdoor activities like camping, hiking, and cycling, with stunning views of the Salinas Valley. Both RV and tent camping are available year-round, providing a welcoming environment for visitors.



## Lake Nacimiento



Lake Nacimiento, located in California's Central Coast, provides 18 miles of water for boating, fishing, and water skiing, alongside hiking, camping, and wildlife viewing in its oak and pine forests. Visitors can choose between lodging and camping options, with the park renowned for its exceptional white bass fishing experience.

## Lake San Antonio

Lake San Antonio offers year-round activities such as camping, fishing, hiking, swimming, and boating. RV and tent camping nestled among oak trees are available. Known for its diverse fishing, including bass, rainbow trout, crappie, catfish, and bluegill, it's a haven for anglers seeking great sport. Look skyward and you may be lucky enough to spot a bald eagle or California condor!



## Manzanita Park



Manzanita Park's sports fields are managed by the North County Youth Recreation Association, while the County oversees the surrounding trails. Spanning about 7 miles, these trails offer picturesque coastal views and are open to dogs and horses, providing a scenic and inclusive outdoor experience. Hours vary. Please visit [NCYRA.org](http://NCYRA.org) for hours of operation.

## Royal Oaks Park

Established in 1966, Royal Oaks Park is the oldest in Monterey County's system. Spread across 122 scenic acres in North Monterey County, it offers amenities like softball, playgrounds, and courts for basketball, volleyball, pickleball and tennis. Miles of hiking trails are available, along with a designated youth overnight area for organized groups.



## San Lorenzo Park



San Lorenzo Park, near King City off Highway 101, offers day-use facilities, a campground, and the Monterey County Agricultural and Rural Life Museum (MCARLM), focusing on local history from the late 19th century to World War II, featuring historic buildings like the Spreckels House and King City Train Depot. It features a gazebo, picnic areas, open turf areas, playgrounds, and volleyball courts.

## Toro Park

Toro County Park, located off Highway 68 between Salinas and Monterey, has welcomed visitors since 1971. Covering 5,595 acres, it hosts a variety of wildlife including deer, turkeys, and more. The park features amenities like turf areas, barbecue areas, playgrounds, and over 20 miles of hiking and biking trails, along with a youth overnight area.

