

# Kit Carson Park

The park was named after Christopher (Kit) Carson, the famous scout who guided Captain John C. Frémont over the Sierra Nevada during a government exploration expedition. The park sits in a valley that is approximately 5 miles (8 km) west of where Kit Carson fought in the Battle of San Pasqual. A historical monument commemorating the battle is located on Mule Hill, one mile southeast of the park.

This beautiful regional park, operated by the City of Escondido, is comprised of 285 acres—100 acres have been developed and the remaining 185 acres have been preserved as natural habitat. The park has been described as the City's recreation hub offering a wide variety of features:

- Walking/Hiking Trails
- Queen Califia's Magical Circle Sculpture Garden
- 5 acre arboretum—The Iris Sankey Magical Garden
- 3 ponds—Tree Lake, Duck Lake and Eagle Scout Lake
- Shaded, covered picnic areas with tables and barbecues available for rent
- Open grass areas
- Lighted sports fields—baseball, softball, and soccer
- Ray Love Tennis Center—10 tennis courts
- 3,000 seat capacity outdoor Amphitheatre
- Sports Center—22,000 square-foot Skate Park, Soccer, and Hockey Arenas
- 18 hole disc golf course
- Girl Scouts of America Program Center

Kit Carson Park is located at 3333 Bear Valley Parkway, Escondido, CA 92025. The park's entrance is located five minutes from I-15 (Via Rancho Parkway Exit) at the corner of Bear Valley Parkway and Mary Lane.

This trail map can be downloaded on your phone at: [recreation.escondido.org/kitcarson.aspx](https://recreation.escondido.org/kitcarson.aspx)


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The City of Escondido Community Services Department offers a wide variety of high-quality recreation programs and activities for all ages. Our mission is to provide healthy, innovative, and educational opportunities to unify our community. Please take a look at the latest Recreation Guide online that details program opportunities for preschool, youth, aquatics, families, adults, older adults, and sports. For more information and details about recreation facilities and parks, please visit our website at [recreation.escondido.org](https://recreation.escondido.org).

Queen Califia's Magical Circle Sculpture Garden is the only American sculpture garden and the last major international project created by Niki de Saint Phalle (born France, 1930–2002). Inspired by California's mythic, historic and cultural roots, the garden bears the brilliant, unique mosaic ornamentation that is an unmistakable part of Saint Phalle's later work. For hours of operation see [queencalifia.org](https://queencalifia.org).

Escondido is home to major attractions and outdoor activities, great wineries and craft breweries, unique arts and theatre, delicious culinary experiences and a charming historic downtown. For more information on dining, events and lots of fun things to do, go to [VisitEscondido.com](https://VisitEscondido.com).



 **girl scouts** san diego *A special thank you to Girl Scouts San Diego's Troop 4034 of Escondido who in partnership with the Community Services Department achieved the goal of helping park users easily navigate the trails at Kit Carson Park. The purpose of their Silver Award Project is to develop trail names, distances, and a new trail map system in order to enhance the experience and exposure to the amazing terrain located in Escondido.*

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# Kit Carson PARK & TRAILS



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# Kit Carson Park Trail Map

3333 Bear Valley Parkway


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-  Restrooms
-  Play Structures
-  Picnic Areas
-  Gazebos
-  Parking
-  Unpaved Trail
-  Paved Trail / Sidewalk



## TRAIL GUIDE

  
  
 Kit Carson Park Loop Trail 2.30 mi

  
 View Trail .25 mi

  
 Main Valley Trail .25 mi

  
 Iris Sankey Magical Garden Trail .20 mi

  
 Upper Valley Trail .71 mi