

FOLSOM'S PARKS

• Go Play!

Folsom is a rare find in that parks, trails and wetlands are a priority in our city planning. In Mayor Steve Miklos' 2004 State of the City address, he noted, "Our city currently has 42 parks, totaling 305 acres, 20 ball fields, 19 soccer fields, a roller hockey rink, skate park and a soon to open BMX track. We also have 11 miles of an award winning developed trail system, an outstanding Zoo and Sanctuary, a professional rodeo arena, and of course, our incredibly popular and successful Folsom Aquatic Center."

I have personally escorted my three children to every major park in Folsom and, hands-down; my favorite is Livermore Community Park, located in Willow Springs. It has everything a child or parent could want. By far, the best thing about it is the water structure. This structure is a historic flume from the old Natoma Water Company, where

water pours down onto the heads of those below. From there, it runs down a drain and into a natural looking "creek." It is great for kids (and adults) of all ages. It also boasts a shaded play area (not very common around here), consisting of a play structure, swings and sand play. There is even a large sand pit featuring several volleyball courts and an extensive grassy area. My boys' favorite is a large dirt hill which they, like most of the other kids, love to climb, feel like "King of the

Mountain," and then slide down, usually on their behinds. Just make your start here and then head on over to the water play, otherwise, you'll end up covered in mud! There really are many lovely parks in Folsom. The matrix below will help you figure out if you've missed one, or if you're new to the area, which one you want to try first! ①

— Elizabeth Morabito



EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT FOLSOM'S PARKS

PARK	LOCATION	CROSS STREETS	FEATURES												EXTRAS
			PLAY STRUCTURE	SWINGS	WATER PLAY	SAND PLAY	RESTROOMS*	TODDLER PLAY	BUCKET SWINGS	SHADED PLAY	PAVILION	TABLES	BBQS	VENDING MACHINES	
Amos P. Catlin	Prairie Oaks	Russi/Williams	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
B.T. Collins	Briggs Ranch	Willow Creek	x	x			P	x	x	x	x	x			
Bud and Artie Davies	American River Canyon	American River Canyon/	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x			
Cummings Family	Lexington Hills	Oak Ave. Pkwy./N. Lexington					x				x				skate facility
Ed Mitchell	Willow Creek	Willow Creek at school	x	x		x	x								x
Elvie Perazzo Briggs	Briggs Ranch	Blue Ravine/Manseau	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Ernie Sheldon	Natoma Station	Natoma Station/Blue Ravine	x	x		x	x	x			x	x			Roller hockey facility
Folsom City Lions	Historic Folsom	Natoma/Stafford	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x			next to the Folsom Zoo and train
Folsom Kids Play	Lexington Hills	Prewett/N. Lexington	x	x		x	P	x	x	x	x	x			
Hannaford Family	Hannaford Cross	Lakeside Way	x	x							x	x		x	
Hazel McFarland	Empire Ranch	Natoma at school	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	
John Kemp	Broadstone	Halidon/Bundrick	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x				x
Lembi Community	Central Folsom	Riley/Wales	x				x			x	x	x	x	x	next to the Aquatic Center
Lew Howard	American River Canyon	Oak Ave./Baldwin Dam	x	x		x				x	x	x		x	x
Livermore Community	Willow Springs	Riley/McAdoo	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	
Mann	Natoma Station	Black Diamond/Iron Point	x	x		x	x				x		x	x	
Philip C. Cohn	Lexington Hills	Prewett across from school	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	

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