



UPDATE ON CULTURAL ORGANIZATION CLOSURES IN BALBOA PARK

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Balboa Park, San Diego, CA -

On behalf of the members of the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership, we would like to share the latest closure and reopening information regarding COVID-19. Your safety and health are of our highest concern.

During these rapidly changing times, venues in the Park have been closely monitoring and implementing recommendations provided by government agencies and public health officials, including the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), California Department of Public Health Info and San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (Public Health).

In response to the current state of the COVID-19 situation and Governor Newsom's announcement asking people to stay at home, the following Balboa Park venues will remain closed to the public until further notice.

Closures in effect until further notice:

San Diego Museum of Art, San Diego Museum of Man, Balboa Park Carousel, Marston House Museum, Fleet Science Center, Museum of Photographic Arts, San Diego Art Institute, San Diego Air and Space Museum, San Diego Automotive Museum, San Diego History Center, San Diego Model Railroad Museum, San Diego Natural History Museum, Spanish Village Art Center, Veterans Museum at Balboa Park, Timken Museum of Art, WorldBeat Center, San Diego Zoo, House of Pacific Relations International Cottages, United Nations Gift Shop, Prado Perk coffee cart, and Panama 66 cart and restaurant.

Additionally, performances and programs for San Diego Youth Symphony are suspended, performances for San Diego Junior Theatre are suspended, the weekly Spreckels Organ concerts are suspended, educational programs for the San Diego Civic Youth Ballet are suspended, performances at the Old Globe Theatre and events at the Comic-Con Museum are suspended as previously announced; One-Day and Multi-Day Balboa Park Explorer Pass sales are suspended as well.

The City of San Diego has currently opened limited areas of Balboa Park. These areas include:

- Balboa Park Golf Course, with restrictions. Book tee times at www.sandiego.gov/golf
- Bird Park and Morley Field
- Morley Field Off Leash Dog Park
- East Mesa – 28th Street Corridor
- Grape Street Off Leash Dog Park
- Golden Hill Community Park
- West Mesa (6th Avenue side of Balboa Park)
- Nate’s Point Off Leash Dog Park

Additional areas of Balboa Park will open on June 12th. These areas include parking lots and outdoor areas of Central Mesa including non-ticketed gardens, trails, and lawns. Also open in Central Mesa on June 12th will be the Prado restaurant, and the Balboa Park Visitors Center.

Beginning June 22nd, the nonprofit Japanese Friendship Garden will be open to the public at limited capacity.

When visiting the park, rules for using these spaces have been defined:

- Do not enter Balboa Park, its gardens or venues if you have a fever, cough, or any other symptoms of COVID-19.
- Physical distancing must be followed in accordance with state, regional and local orders to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Do not congregate with others, and avoid shaking hands or making unnecessary physical contact.
- Face coverings are required while visiting Balboa Park.

Not allowed:

- No active sports, organized activities or groups will be allowed and playgrounds, basketball courts, baseball fields, soccer fields, tennis courts, etc. will remain closed.
- Parking lots will remain closed until June 12th.
- Most amenities at these parks will remain closed including recreation centers, swimming pools, school district joint-use areas, and nature centers.

For more information about the City’s efforts to fight COVID-19, visit the City’s website at:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/coronavirus>

Visitor well-being is of utmost importance, and the members of the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership see the closure of Balboa Park venues as preventative measures to minimize the spread of COVID-19. We are continuing to evaluate this fluid situation and will update this information periodically.

Please check the websites of the individual Balboa Park organizations and their social media platforms, plus the balboapark.org website, for updates regarding any changes to business operations.

Thank you for understanding and for your continued support of the members of the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership and Arts and Culture in San Diego.

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ABOUT THE CULTURAL PARTNERSHIP

The Balboa Park Cultural Partnership serves as the collaborative body and collective voice for 26 arts, science, and cultural institutions in Balboa Park. Together we achieve greater effectiveness, innovation, and excellence and contribute to the vitality and sustainability of Balboa Park. Our collective of 500 trustees, 7,000 volunteers, and 3,500 staff serve more than 6.2 million visitors annually. Learn more at www.bpcp.org

ABOUT BALBOA PARK

Located near downtown San Diego, Balboa Park is the largest urban cultural park in the United States. First established by the City of San Diego in 1868, it is also one of the oldest city parks in the nation and is the most visited single destination in San Diego. Its 1,200 acres include 17 museums, many gardens and attractions, the San Diego Zoo, miles of hiking trails, and multiple athletic complexes to explore and discover. For more information, visit www.balboapark.org