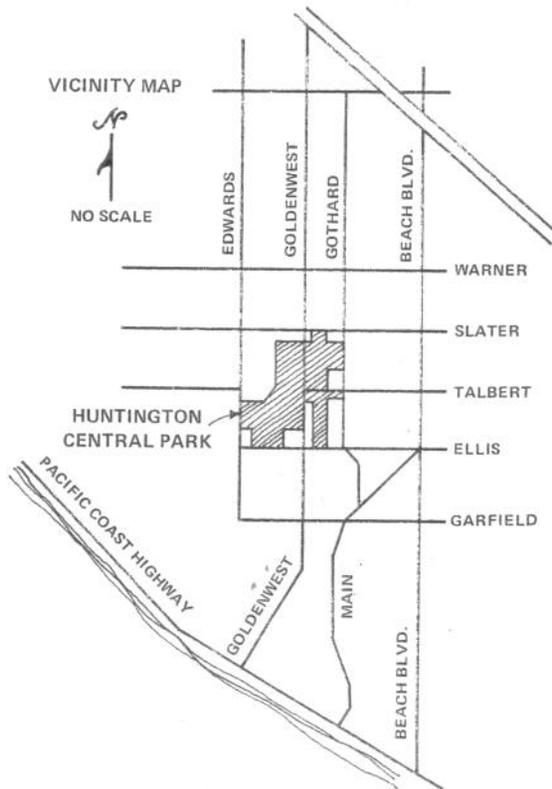


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**FOOD CONCESSIONS** – Fast food concessions are located in the park and provide a quiet and pleasant atmosphere for a nice meal. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served. Menus are attractive and meals are very appetizing. Hours and days vary with the season.

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## PARK RULES

The following are prohibited in the park: motorized vehicles, alcoholic beverages, sound amplifying systems, and unleashed dogs.

The following activities are not permitted, except in areas specifically designated for their use: camping, golf, tackle football, baseball, wading, swimming, rafting, boating, horse riding, possession of any kind of firearm or bow and arrow or air gun or slingshot or fireworks, operating any gas powered model boat or airplane and any other activity which may be harmful to the participant or others.

The following acts are prohibited: littering, vandalism, vending and peddling, boisterous conduct, gambling, advertising, and lighting of any fire except in a fire ring, barbecue, or portable stove.

All signs must be obeyed as well as lawful orders issued by any Park Ranger.

Park curfew is between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.



# HUNTINGTON CENTRAL PARK (HCP)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Huntington Central Park is the city's largest park, consisting of over 350 acres. Park entrances can be found on Edwards, Golden West, Gothard, Slater, and Talbert (see map on back). The park provides a quiet retreat from the usual city turmoil. A sense of serenity is felt as one strolls amidst the trees, expansive lawns, placid lakes, and observes a variety of bird life. Additionally, the park has picnic tables, barbecues, restrooms, several playgrounds, and six miles of trails. For information phone 960-8847.

## PARK ACTIVITIES

**SHIPLEY NATURE CENTER** - Located in HCP is an 18 acre nature center. It consists of a variety of habitats frequented by many birds and other native wildlife. A great variety of plant life can be found there, including many edible varieties. A 1/2 mile self-guided nature trail (booklet provided) meanders among forests, grasslands, and a freshwater marsh. A visitor's center is also located in the nature center. Group tours are provided by appointment. Center hours are 9-5 daily. There are no set hours for the visitor's center, although it is open several hours every day. Enter from the parking lot off Edwards on Central Park Dr. Watch for signs at the entrance to the parking lot. For information and reservations phone 960-8847.

**ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND** - A wonderful playing experience. Kids can raft on a small pond, navigate a rope bridge, use a cable slide, go down a mud slide, and build forts. Children must wear tennis shoes and be prepared to get dirty. Suitable for kids six to twelve. It is only open in the summer. Hours are 10-5 Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. Adult supervision is provided and a small fee is charged. Enter from the Talbert parking lot. For information and group reservations phone 842-7442 or when closed 536-5486.

**GROUP PICNIC SHELTER** - One group shelter is available for reservations. It seats 200 people and includes tables, barbecues, sinks, and electricity in a covered area. A fee is charged and a cleaning deposit is required. Enter from the parking lot off Edwards on Central Park Dr. For reservations phone 536-5281.

**AMPHITHEATER** - A small rustic amphitheater is available for group reservations. It seats 200 people and includes wooden benches, a stage, and electricity. Popular activities are weddings, youth group activities, etc. No bands or amplification are permitted. A fee is charged and a cleaning deposit is required. Enter from the Talbert parking lot. For reservations phone 536-5281.

**PAR COURSE** - Great for a workout this exercise course includes 18 exercise stations spaced over a 1.2 mile loop. The course begins at the parking lot on the east side of Golden West St.

**FRISBEE GOLF COURSE** - The Frisbee golf course includes 18 holes and is played just like golf except a Frisbee must be tossed into a basket. This is fun for the whole family. The course begins at the parking lot on the west side of Golden West St.

**LAKES** - The lakes lend an attractive atmosphere to the park. Huntington Lake always has water but Talbert Lake dries out when the ground water table is low. Fishing is permitted according to State Fish and Game Regulations. Fish species include: channel catfish, bullhead catfish, bass, bluegill, and carp. Fish are seldom stocked so catch and release is suggested. Another popular activity is feeding the ducks. No boats or rafts are permitted on the lakes. Only model boats that operate by electricity or sail are permitted.

**YOUTH GROUP CAMPGROUND** - Organized youth groups are permitted to camp in a portion of the park. A small fee is charged and a security officer is required. A written permit must be obtained at least two weeks in advance. No individual camping is permitted. Enter from the Gothard parking lot. For reservations phone 960-8847.

**FOOD CONCESSIONS** - Two excellent places to eat are located in the park. They provide a quiet and pleasant atmosphere for a nice breakfast or lunch. Menus are attractive and meals are very appetizing. Alice's Breakfast in the Park is located off Edwards on Central Park Dr, phone 848-0690. The Park Bench Cafe is located at the parking lot on the east side of Golden West St., phone 842-0775.

**EQUESTRIAN CENTER** - An equestrian center is located in the park. This 25 acre facility offers boarding for 400 horses and operates a full time riding school. All phases of riding are taught, from beginning through advanced. Group rates are available. Enter west off of Golden West St. between Talbert and Ellis. For information phone 848-6565.

**PUBLIC SHOOTING RANGE** - A 25 yard shooting range for any caliber handgun or 22 caliber rifle is found in HCP. Ammo and misc. shooting supplies are available at the range. Call to see what classes are offered. Hours are 8-5 Friday through Wednesday, and Thursdays 12-8. A fee is charged. Enter west off Gothard just south of Talbert. For information phone 847-0607.

**CENTRAL LIBRARY** - Located in HCP the library has a variety of materials and resources. Including a wide selection of books, magazines, pamphlets, videotapes, compact disks, books on cassette, and computer rental time. A special children's section offers story hours and other programs. Reference has computerized indexes to assist in resumes, careers, and business opportunities as well as the Orange County Register on CD. Meeting rooms are available for rental to groups for meetings, receptions, and luncheons, phone 960-8839 for reservations. A 320 seat theater, currently used by the Huntington Beach Playhouse, features plays, musical events and children's programs. For information on the Huntington Beach Playhouse call 375-0696. The library also houses the Orange County California Genealogy Society materials. Enter from the Talbert parking lot. For general information phone 842-4481.

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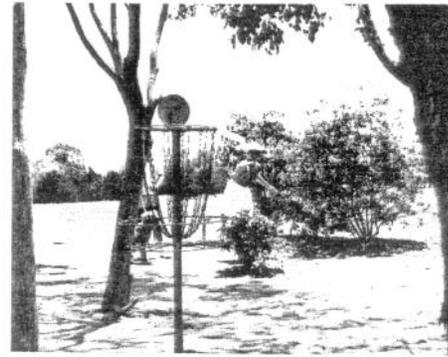
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**SHIPLEY NATURE CENTER** — Located in HCP is an 18 acre nature reserve set aside for those who enjoy natural settings. It consists of a variety of habitats frequented by many birds and other native wildlife. Also a great variety of plant life can be found there with many edible varieties. One will find  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles of self-guided nature trails (trail booklet provided) that meander amongst forests, grasslands and a freshwater marsh. A visitor's center with a small museum is also located in the Nature Center. Group tours are provided by appointment. Hours and days vary with the season. For more information phone 960-8847 or 536-5281.

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**PASSIVE RECREATION ACTIVITIES** — Two special activities found in the park are a frisbee golf course and a jog/walk exercise course. The frisbee golf course consists of 18 holes and is played just like golf except a frisbee is used and the hole consists of a basket in which the frisbee must be tossed. The jog/walk exercise course consists of 18 exercise stations spaced out over a  $1\frac{1}{4}$  mile loop. Both activities are free.

**GROUP AREAS** — Two areas designed especially for group activities are a picnic shelter and an amphitheater. The picnic shelter seats 175-200 people and is available for reservations for large groups. Also a small amphitheater can be reserved. It seats 200 people and is available for youth campfire programs, weddings, etc. No bands are permitted. For reservations phone 536-5281.

**HUNTINGTON BEACH CENTRAL LIBRARY** — Located in HCP the Central Library has a variety of library materials of interest to both park and nature enthusiasts. Materials cover the natural sciences, environment, park systems, hiking and bicycle trails, recreation, and sports. Of course there are also a wide selection of current and classic books on all subjects, as well as magazines, pamphlets, films, videotapes, records, cassettes and audio-visual equipment. Children's story hours and programs are conducted. Additionally the library has various facilities for rental to groups for meetings, receptions, and luncheons. Reception and Reference staff are available to help those who need it. For more information phone 536-5481, 536-5482, 536-5483, or 536-5485.

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