



## PRESS RELEASE

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### CITY OF SANTA BARBARA TO OPEN TRAILS WITHIN PARMA PARK

**SANTA BARBARA, CA – 03/13/09** – The City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department has opened the trails within Parma Park. The 200-acre Parma Park burned during the Tea Fire and has been closed due to the need to assess repair and restoration efforts. Portions of Parma Park will remain closed, or will be closed in the future, during ongoing restoration and rehabilitation activities. The entrance to Parma Park is located on Stanwood Drive.

The public is reminded to stay on designated trails in the park. Venturing off-trail can have significant impacts on recovering habitats and exposed soils, and will contribute to erosion and trail degradation. This is particularly important as the land recovers from the effects of the Tea Fire. The public is also reminded not to hike or ride on wet or muddy trails, as they are more vulnerable to damage.

Hikers and horseback riders are permitted on roads and designated trails within Parma Park.

Bicycle and mountain bike riders are only permitted on the Ridge trail, in alignment with the fire road. Hang gliders are permitted to land within Parma Park.

Dogs are permitted on-leash and on-trail within the park. Dog owners are responsible for clean up and disposal of dog waste.

For more information about the City's efforts to rehabilitate Parma Park, please contact Santos Escobar, Parks Manager, at 564-5464, or Kathy Frye, Natural Areas Planner, at 897-1976.

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