



# Mile Square Regional Park

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REGIONAL  
PARK

HOURS OF OPERATION: SPRING/SUMMER: 7:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M. | FALL/WINTER: 7:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

*There's something for everyone at Mile Square Regional Park. A former practice landing field for the military, this mile square expanse features both relaxation and recreation. There are fields for soccer, softball and baseball, and courts for basketball, tennis and volleyball. There are three golf courses, two lakes for fishing and an archery range. And of course, plenty of grass for picnicking. It's the perfect park for you and your family.*

## WHAT THERE IS AT MILE SQUARE REGIONAL PARK.



## A BRIEF HISTORY.

Early in World War II, the United States Navy Department purchased a square mile of agricultural land (640 acres) in what is today the City of Fountain Valley, in order to construct a military airfield to be used in conjunction with the Naval Air Station Los Alamitos. The field was used to train pilots of fixed-wing aircraft, such as Corsairs. After the war, the military use of the airfield changed to a touchdown area for helicopters operating out of Marine Corps Air Station Santa Ana (later MCAS Tustin).

In 1963, to provide for recreational uses in rapidly developing Orange County, the Board of Supervisors identified the mile square of land as a future regional park on the County's first Master Plan of Regional Parks. In 1967, the Navy leased – and in 1973 granted – the perimeter of the property to the County for regional park purposes. The Navy retained the triangular center of the square where the airfield runways were located, and after military operations ceased in 1974, the Navy granted the County a license to use the triangle. From then until the mid-1990s, it served as a special events area and a model hobby area for rocketry and remote-controlled aircraft and cars.

In 1969, the 18-hole regulation Mile Square Golf Course opened on 145 acres of sub-leased land. In 1970, the first 85-acre phase of the 241-acre regional park opened. Subsequent phases were completed in 1973, 1976 and 1989. The last phase included the 18-hole executive David L. Baker Memorial Golf Course, on a separate 62-acre leased parcel. In 1973, the County leased 55 acres to the City of Fountain Valley for development of its Recreational Center.

In 1992, the County acquired the 137-acre center triangle from the Navy. Most of the property was incorporated into the Mile Square Golf Course lease, and a second 18-hole regulation golf course opened in 1999. Nearly 30 acres were added to the City of Fountain Valley's lease, and the Recreation Center expansion was completed in 2008.



## RANGER'S RECOMMENDATION.

"The Nature Area is the hidden gem of the park. It has a freshwater marsh, and a hummingbird and butterfly garden. It's great for birding."



## KEEP THE KIDS COOL.

Be sure to bring the kids' bathing suits in the summer. Our spray pool is just the thing to keep them cool in between all the running around.



## CAMP HERE WITH YOUR YOUTH GROUP.

Camp Sycamore at Mile Square Regional Park is for children ages 6 to 12 in organized youth groups. It has restrooms, barbecues, sinks and a campfire ring, and is surrounded by a security fence.

## BRING YOUR POLE.

North Lake and South Lake at Mile Square Regional Park are both stocked with catfish. Bring a child to teach, and spend the day telling tall tales to each other. (No fishing license required for anglers age 15 and under.)

## PLENTY OF PICNICKING.

Mile Square Regional Park has plenty of room for family reunions, church picnics and other large occasions. There are 20 reservable areas, with the largest accommodating up to 500 people.

## WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE BALL?

Whether it's a soccer ball, baseball, volleyball or whiffle ball, we have a place to play. We have regulation fields for league play. Or just bring your own gear and your friends.



## VOTED BEST PLACE TO RUN.

Mile Square Regional Park was voted Best Place to Go For a Run by OC Weekly. And since each side of the park measures a mile, you don't even need a pedometer. For a change of pace, you can also run the many walkways that wind through the park.

## DOGS WELCOME.

Dogs enjoy the great outdoors, too. Just remember to keep them on a maximum 6-foot leash at all times.



## A LOVELY PLACE TO GET MARRIED.

Mile Square Regional Park is a beautiful place to exchange vows. And you can hold your wedding reception at one of the park's picnic areas.

## TRY YOUR HAND AT ARCHERY.

The archery range here is a great place to practice. Groups can make reservations in advance to use it.

## OFFICE HOURS: MON. – FRI. 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

To reserve a picnic shelter, call 1-800-600-1600, or visit [www.ocparks.com](http://www.ocparks.com).

To reserve a sports field, please visit the park office.

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