

Gilroy Rustic Park

Gilroy Rustic Park is a highly regarded asset of the Lost Nation community that offers both passive and active recreational opportunities. It is treasured for its natural beauty and its numerous amenities. The park embodies many of the desirable qualities and features that the residents value; however, residents requested three primary improvements: 1) accessible pedestrian access, 2) safe pedestrian creek crossing, and 3) shower and restroom facilities for the RV campground.

The design team developed two concept plans for Gilroy Rustic Park, both shown in the plan to the right. Concept 1 provides minimal pedestrian access- only addressing the creek crossing and connectivity to the RV campground.

Concept 2 is the concept recommended by the design team. Concept 2 fully addresses safe and accessible pedestrian access to the park from the Railroad Ave. and White St. sidewalk system as well as the creek crossing. This is the concept illustrated in the Connectivity and Lighting Plan shown on board 7.

Both concepts incorporate a concrete bridge designed to replicate the railroad/trail bridge located downstream which is visible from the creek crossing. Prefabricated bridges are also an option (see figures 8 through 10). Decorative lights that match the style used along the primary corridors will enhance nighttime safety for users as well as improve visual connectivity and reinforce city identity.

The RV campground shower facility is located adjacent to the trailhead in order to provide accessible restroom access to trail users without the need to build a separate facility. Other park enhancements proposed include trash receptacles (match style of other city receptacles) with city logo integrated to improve identity (the Lion's logo can also be used on some with those trash receptacles in the blue color to represent that organization). Increasing site amenities that provide greater accessibility such as the wheelchair-accessible table shown in figure 2 will further improve and expand the use of the park and its amenities.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7



Photo 1: Existing main access drive for Gilroy Rustic Park



Photo 2: Existing trail entry at Rustic Run Trail



Photo 1 Edit: Concept 1- Proposed partial enhanced pedestrian access



Photo 2 Edit : Proposed trail-head concept



Photo 1 Edit: Concept 2- Proposed enhanced pedestrian access

Trailhead

A formal designated trail-head with parking and site amenities creates an inviting environment for trail users as well as a sense of place that is appealing to visitors looking for a destination. Primary concept elements include:

- **Parking Lot:** Paved parking for trail user accessibility. Low-maintenance landscaping to screen the parking lot from the adjacent landowner.
- **Restroom:** Restrooms that are part of the shower facility for the RV campground and are located near the trail to provide convenient access to restrooms for trail users. See figure 4.
- **Site Amenities:** A dog station, ADA-compliant drinking fountains with pet waterer, trash receptacles, and benches increase the comfort of the trail user. See figures 5-7.
- **Formal Trail Entrance:** Overhead signage supported by wood-carved statues to tie into the carvings in the adjacent park. A wood fence helps provide a formal entrance and a collapsible bollard in the middle of trail allows access for authorized vehicles.



Figure 8



Figure 9



Figure 10

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