

REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR MCCLELLAN RANCH PARK

In accordance with section 13.04.202 of the Municipal Code, the following regulations and guidelines for the use of the McClellan Ranch Park Nature and Rural Preserve are hereby established. These regulations and guidelines shall, where inconsistent therewith, take precedence over any general regulations contained in Chapter 13.04 of the Municipal Code.

The very concept of a nature and rural preserve implies that, as much as possible, things should be left as they are -- in their natural state. Yet, the secondary objective of a nature and rural preserve is to provide the opportunity for people to observe, study, and enjoy the preserved environment, which implies that there is a risk the environment may be damaged by the observers. Since these two concepts are basically at odds with each other, regulations are necessary to preserve the natural environment during the use. Regulations must, therefore, be compromises. Certain areas listed below are designated as use areas and guidelines for their usage are:

NATURE TRAIL:

1. Rustic markers and an interpretive guide booklet assist in the public usage. Only areas designated as a trail are to be used, basically, along the creek; along a firelane around the field with one loop extending through vegetation in the meadow area; through the garden area; and, finally, the building area.
2. The trail is to be rustic.
3. Plantings along the trail to include things to eat, to smell, and to attract wildlife.

CREEK:

1. The creek should remain in its natural state, not channelized or lined.
2. Access to creek will be limited to designated areas for special activities, the nature trail, and educational purposes. This will allow for continuous vegetation growth.

MEADOW:

1. This area is to be retained as an open natural area including native plantings for wildlife food and cover plants.
2. Fence rows within the meadow area are to remain until no longer needed, due to the growth of cover plants. Fire lanes, if necessary, are to be disced along the fence rows only and along the perimeter of the meadow.

ORGANIC GARDENS:

1. Usage is by availability and assignment, and is limited to designated areas of the park.
2. Classes in proper methods of organic gardening is a requirement of plot holders. Other classes, demonstrations, or the exchanging of ideas relative to gardening, canning, composting, winemaking, preserving, etc., are to be scheduled periodically or at special events.