WELCOME TO THE CITY OF WALNUT CREEK OPEN SPACE

In 1972, a $6.75 million bond was approved by the citizens of this community to purchase and preserve the undeveloped migrating that surrounded the city and contribute something to its quality of life. With over 2,000 acres of oak woodland, grasslands, meadows and chaparral, this is one of the largest city-owned open space in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Located within Shell Ridge is the historic Borregas Ranch, placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1993. Established in 1859, the redwood cattle ranch furnished homes and ranch buildings, ovens, and the ornamental Borregas family home. It grew into a well-known ranching and children's fishing pond on the creek just below the ranch.

A popular Shell Ridge trailhead begins at Horse Hollow. This was the former Home for James Wren, a foreign war correspondence, and the site of the Cerco community garden is located here as well.

Lime Ridge encompasses 5% of Walnut Creek and City of Concord property. It contains some of the last remaining chaparral vegetation in the area. This primeval area is rich in diversity of both plants and animals, and in preserved more than other areas. Please heed the signs throughout.

Sugarloaf provides an opportunity to walk through one of the last remaining orchards on the City Acalanes Ridge to the city Acalanes Ridge provide the views over the landscape and Walnut Creek providing views over trees and Mount Diablo and the other Open Space areas.

Cattle graze throughout most of the Open Space area; not only is preserved park's cultural history but to reduce trees webs as well. They are generally very docile and, although active, will generally move away from people. Don't bother them and don't mess with their pastures and open space trails. Hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking are all available in this Open Space. Please check the entry points and trail markers for regulations applying to specific area in a vicinity. Please remember the effects of paved roads on the environment. Do your part to preserve them for everyone.