

TOWN OF LOS GATOS BIKE, PARKS, & TRAILS MAP

Map Legend

Trails

Trail Access

BikeRoutes

Class

Class I - Bike path - paved, exclusively for bicyclists & pedestrians

Class II - Bike lane - marked with stripes & signs on one side of the street

Class III - Bike route - shared use with vehicular or pedestrian traffic, marked with signs

Unpaved Trail

Streets

County Park

Open Space

Parks

Public Schools

Los Gatos Town Limits

Icon Legend

Restrooms

Parking

Picnic Areas

Cycling Allowed

Tennis Courts

Baseball Field

Fountain

BBQ's

Horses Allowed

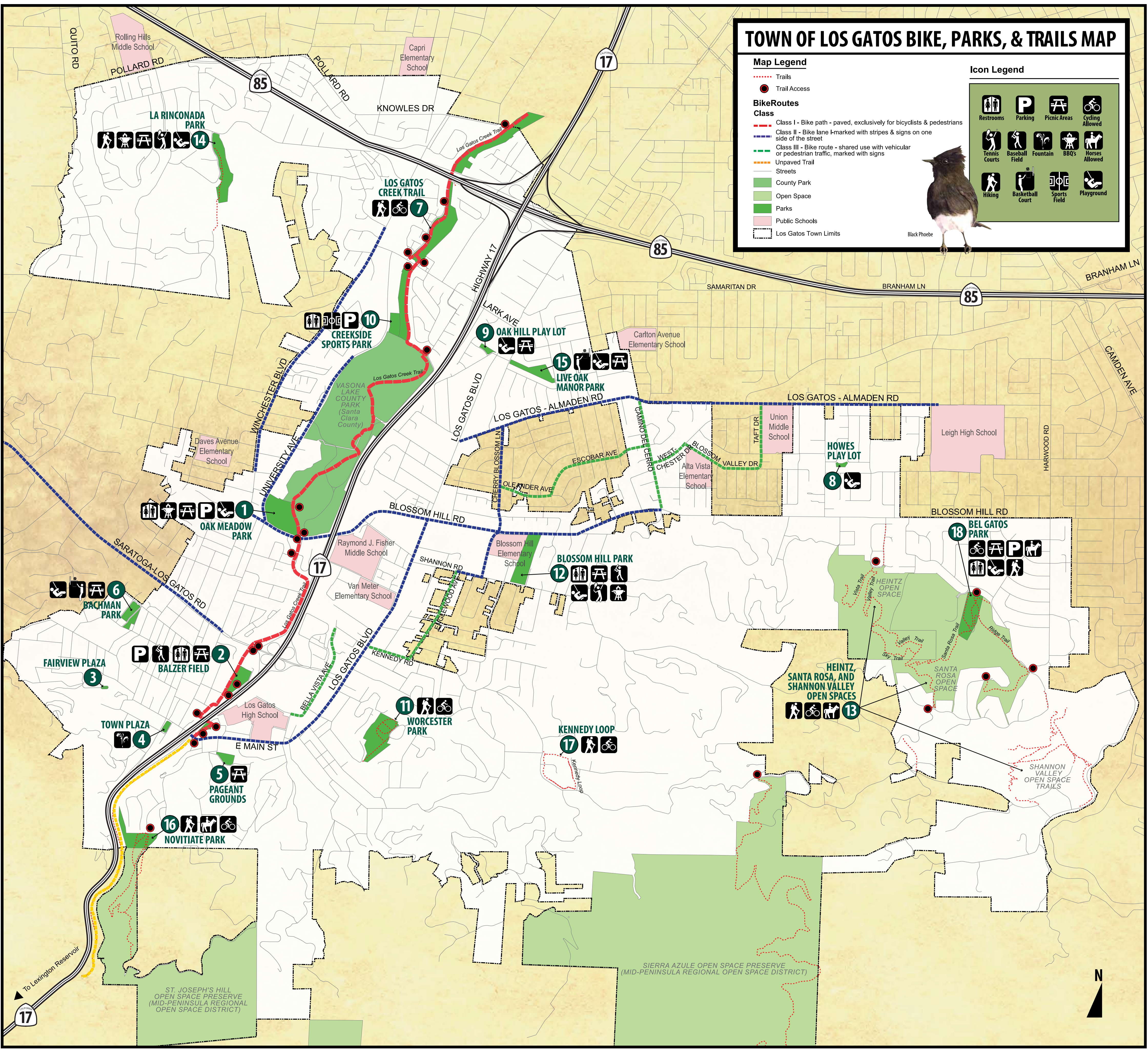
Hiking

Basketball Court

Sports Field

Playground

Black Phoebe



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www.LosGatosCA.gov



Welcome to Los Gatos! This guide is designed to acquaint you with our bike routes, parks, and trails. Whether you live here or are looking for a fun getaway, you'll see that Los Gatos has something for everyone.

1 OAK MEADOW PARK
Making Memories for Generations
233 Blossom Hill Road



Generations of residents and visitors have enjoyed Oak Meadow Park's expansive lawn, picnic facilities, playground, Bocce Ball Courts, Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad and Bill Mason Carousel. From here you can stroll along the Los Gatos Creek Trail into Vasona Lake County Park or to downtown Los Gatos. The park is available for family picnics and birthday parties. It also provides large group areas on a reservation basis only.

For reservations go to www.losgatosca.gov



2 BALZER FIELD
Play Ball!
Miles Avenue



Home of the Los Gatos Little League, this baseball field is centrally located in Town and provides seating and picnic tables for spectators.



3 FAIRVIEW PLAZA
A Park for Perpetuity
Fairview Avenue



One of the Town's oldest parks was deeded to the Town in 1915 to remain a park forever. This park is a small island in the middle of a historic neighborhood.

4 TOWN PLAZA
The Heart of Town
155 Santa Cruz Avenue



This lively hub of activities offers an interactive fountain. The site of the Los Gatos train station until 1955, the Plaza now features a photographic exhibit of Los Gatos' railroad years along one of the walkways. Summer evenings are filled with the melodies of weekly music performances. The park's tall cedar tree is festooned with lights for the annual holiday tree-lighting ceremony.



5 PAGEANT GROUNDS
Part of Town History
100 Villa Avenue



Located behind the Civic Center on East Main Street, Pageant Grounds hosted the annual Town Pageant from 1919 to 1930. The upper portion of the park (once the floor of a winery) was the stage and below was the orchestra pit. The audience sat on the slope now occupied by Villa Street and the Civic Center. Performances were interrupted by the Great Depression, then occurred sporadically from 1937-47. Today, the waterfall and stone grotto built into the hillside, and the small lawn area offer a glimpse of the past. The grounds offer a quiet hideaway for a lunch break.



6 BACHMAN PARK
Play in the Shade
410 Belmont Avenue



This picturesque neighborhood park has rolling shaded grassy slopes with two play structures for toddlers and older children, picnic tables, and a basketball court.



7 LOS GATOS CREEK TRAIL
Take the Scenic Route



This 11-mile, multi-use trail follows Los Gatos Creek from Lexington Reservoir, past downtown Los Gatos, to Meridian Avenue in San Jose. Parking and restroom facilities are available at Miles Avenue, Oak Meadow Park, Vasona Lake County Park, and Los Gatos Creek Park.

8 HOWES PLAYLOT
Kid-Friendly Fun
195 Howes Drive



This small neighborhood playground is an ideal place to let your children run off some energy with a playground and small grass area.



9 OAK HILL PLAYLOT
Get Out & Play
115 Oak Park Drive



This small neighborhood playlot is a great place to take younger children.



10 CREEKSIDE SPORTS PARK
Take it to the Net!
930 University Ave.



The park offers a large artificial turf field for year-round sporting events. It can be rented by organized groups or, when available, is ideal for pick-up games. There is onsite parking as well as a restroom.



11 WORCESTER PARK
A Quiet Walk in the Woods
140 Worcester Loop



This 11-acre oak woodland park has three small trails. Take a walk and enjoy the natural beauty and peace of the surrounding forest.



12 BLOSSOM HILL PARK
Sports, Play, and Picnic
16300 Blossom Hill Road



This fully developed neighborhood park has a baseball field, lighted tennis courts, playground, picnic areas and restrooms. Onsite parking is available on Shannon Road and Blossom Hill Road.



13 SANTA ROSA, HEINTZ, AND SHANNON VALLEY OPEN SPACES
Wild Places at the Edge of Town



Within these 161 acres of dedicated open space, lie 20 acres of accessible trails for hiking, biking and equestrian use. You can enjoy breathtaking panoramas of the South Bay while observing the vast array of wildlife in this oak woodland setting.



14 LA RINCONADA PARK
Take a Hike or Play Your Favorite Game
151 Granada Way



This forested, creek-side park tucked away in the Northwest corner of Los Gatos offers a .4 mile trail along Smith Creek, unlit tennis court, playground and picnic areas.



15 LIVE OAK MANOR PARK
Neighborhood Fun
220 Carlton Drive



This beautiful neighborhood park has lots of lawn space. A paved path leads to the picnic area, playground and basketball court.



16 NOVITIATE PARK
Gateway to the Open Spaces
300 Jones Road



Once the Novitiate Fathers' 8-acre vineyard, this park is the gateway to St. Joseph's Hill Open Space Preserve and connects Los Gatos to the vast trail systems of Saint Joseph's Hill, Sierra Azul and Lexington Reservoir. Here you'll enjoy a natural setting for bird watching, hiking, jogging or biking. Native Coast Live Oak trees have been planted to provide shade as they mature. You will find a bulletin board with maps of trails accessible from the park at the Jones Road entrance. On street parking is limited.



17 KENNEDY LOOP
Stretch Your Legs and Get Some Fresh Air
Kennedy Court/Kennedy Road



This small trail around the Kennedy Meadows neighborhood on Kennedy Road offers an easy walk on a paved path through woods and meadows, with a variety of plants and animals to spot along the way.



18 BELGATOS PARK
Explore Open Space, Starting Here
330 Belgatos Road



Belgatos Park is the gateway to a multi-use trail system connecting to the Santa Rosa Open Space and Heintz Open Space trails. These trails are suitable for hikers, cyclists and equestrians. Check out the map display of local wildlife, parks and trails at the park entrance. Belgatos Park is located off of Blossom Hill Road, at the end of Belgatos Road.



TOWN OF LOS GATOS,
Incorporated 1887

The name Los Gatos is Spanish and comes from the 1839 Mexican land-grant called La Rinconada de Los Gatos (Cat's Corner). "The cats" to which the name refers are the mountain lions native to these hills and plentiful at the time. In 1854, James Alexander Forbes purchased some of the land and built a flour mill. The first hotel was opened in 1860 to provide a stage stop on the toll road between San Jose and Santa Cruz. Wheat production gave way to orchards, and rapid growth ensued when the railroad reached Los Gatos in 1878. By 1887, the population had grown to 1,500 and Los Gatans voted to incorporate.

From the first 100-acre Town site in 1890, with a population of 1,652, Los Gatos has grown until today its borders include nearly 15 square miles, with a population of about 30,000. Slow growth has left the Town with a heritage of older, established residential areas and a downtown with many historic buildings representing the various eras in the Town's history. The varied terrain and charming architecture create a picturesque setting. Preserving Los Gatos as a complete and well-balanced community has been and remains a prominent goal of residents.



Bike Rules

When cycling in Town follow traffic laws, obey traffic signs and signals and share the trails.



Pedestrians Always Have the Right of Way.

In the crosswalk or not, bike riders and drivers are required to yield to pedestrians.



Stop Behind the Crosswalk.

Leave crosswalks free and clear for pedestrians. Always stop behind the line.



Stay on the Streets.

It's illegal and unsafe to ride on the sidewalk if you are over the age of 13.



Go with the Flow.

Ride the same direction as traffic. Walk your bike on the sidewalk if you find yourself going in the wrong direction of a one-way street.



Mind the Signs and Lights.

Stop at stop signs and obey red lights, just like all other vehicles.



Light up the Night!

Reflectors and a front white light are required by law. Use a rear light as well.



Keep Clear of the Door Zone.

Try to ride a door's width away from parked cars. If you have to ride in the door zone, ride very slowly.



You May Leave the Bike Lane.

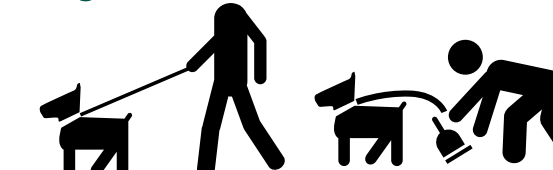
If you feel safer outside the bike lane, you can ride in other vehicle travel lanes.

Cycling rules and symbols courtesy of San Francisco Bicycle Coalition.

For VTA safety tips and information about the biking conditions in your area go to:
www.vta.org/getting-around/bike-and-pedestrian/bicycling-safety-tips



Dogs



Dogs are only allowed in our parks on leashes no longer than 6-feet and under control. Dog owners are responsible for the immediate clean up and proper disposal of pet waste.

