Welcome to Howarth Memorial Park

Visit Howarth Park, the “Jewel” of Santa Rosa. This community park provides endless recreational opportunities with a beautiful lake for fishing and boating, softball field, tennis courts, picnic areas, unique playground structures, miles of hiking and jogging trails, and an amusement area featuring a miniature train ride, carousel, animal barn and pony rides.

Recreation:

Hiking Trails
Howarth Park has many hiking, jogging, and biking trails waiting to be explored. This trail system connects to County operated Spring Lake Regional Park which connects to Trione-Annadel State Park creating miles and miles of adventure. Santa Rosa is one of the few cities in the country to have such a connection!

Lake Ralphine
Lake Ralphine is a 25-acre recreational lake offering sailing and boating lessons and rentals, paddle boarding and fishing.

Boating Rentals
The following are available for rent at the boat house: Paddleboats, Canoes, Kayaks, Stand Up Paddleboards, Sailboats.

Bring Your Own Boat
Park visitors are welcome to launch their own boat at Lake Ralphine. ONLY boats under 20 feet and with electric (non-motorized) engines are permitted.

Fishing
Lake Ralphine is stocked with trout and catfish. Fishing is allowed year-round, all California Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations apply.

Tennis and Pickleball Courts
Five tennis and four pickleball courts are open daily from 8am to 10pm. Free timer-operated court lights allow for night play. Report vandalism or other court maintenance issues by calling (707) 543-3770.

Softball
A lighted softball field is available for permitted recreation use and league play. For field condition information, call (707) 543-3474.

Playground Areas:

The Land of Imagination
This unique play area is accessible to youth of all abilities. Find dinosaur bones buried beneath the sand, visit the Native American village, stroll the streets of the Old West Town, spin on the orchard tree or adventure through the modern playground. The Land of Imagination Playground was a collaborative project of the City of Santa Rosa, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Sonoma County Foundation and the Santa Rosa community.

Climbing Wall
This play area allows park visitors to practice rock climbing, enjoy the swings, or bring toy cars to drive on the finger car tracks!

Rides and Attractions:

Train
The simulated 1863 C.P. Huntington steam train takes guests on a quarter mile ride around the tracks. Children 12 months or younger ride for free. All riders under 42” must be accompanied by someone at least 16 years of age.

Carousel
The whimsical Carousel houses 30 horses, two chariots and over 1,000 lights! All riders under 42” must be accompanied by an adult. An adult may stand next to their child to hold onto them for free. Maximum weight for horse is 200 lbs.

Pony Rides
Children can ride around the coral in a nature setting. Maximum weight limit of 90 lbs per rider.

Animal Barn
Visit the Animal Barn to meet and pet a variety of farm animals which may include pigs, goats, bunnies, calves, doves, lambs, guinea pigs, chickens, ducks and roosters. Knowledgeable barn staff are on site to share stories and fun facts about each animal. Animal Barn is open only during summer season.

Snack Bar
A variety of food and beverage items are available for purchase from the Snack Bar such as popcorn, nachos, burritos, pizza, ice cream, candy, soda, juice and water.

Volunteer Opportunities
There are many opportunities to volunteer in Howarth Park. A variety of tasks are available and suitable for individuals or groups. Contact (707) 543-3298 or howarthpark@srcity.org.

Map & Trail Guide

Howarth Park Address
Santa Rosa, CA 95405
2060 West College Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Picnic Reservation Line
(707) 543-3753
Email: picnics@srcity.org

Report a Problem
(707) 543-3298

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Get out there!

Book a Party, Picnic or Field Trip:

Party Packages
Packages include:
• Party picnic space reservation (choose from four locations)
• Unlimited access to Train, Carousel, and Animal Barn
• Five tennis and four pickleball courts are open daily from 8am to 10pm. Free timer-operated court lights allow for night play.

Field Trips
There are discounted group rates for rides and attractions. For information on group rates, contact (707) 543-3298 or howarthpark@srcity.org.

Home of locally famous “Camp Wa-Tam”
This week-long spring and summer day camp is held at Howarth Park for children ages 6-12. Campers experience the great outdoors with activities like canoeing, hiking, archery, swimming, songs, skills and much more. Multiple week-long sessions are held throughout the summer and each week concludes with a memorable Thursday overnight stay complete with a campfire cookout.

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