



Dianne Jacob Lakeside Equestrian Park (DJLEP) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

GENERAL

Where is the park located?

Dianne Jacob Lakeside Equestrian Park (DJLEP) is located at 11055 Moreno Avenue in Lakeside, CA 92040 – at the corner of Moreno and Willow Roads.

How large is the park?

The park measures roughly 13.88 acres and was designed to accommodate a variety of equestrian, livestock and other public events.

What amenities are available at the park?

The new facility, which had a soft opening on Dec. 10, 2023, has many custom features including a covered arena and an open arena, a concession building with kitchen and attached banquet hall, restrooms, horse and livestock corrals, shade structures, bleachers, picnic tables, parking and ADA access throughout. A perimeter trail connects residents to the park's 1.1-acre public-use area and main gates.

Who operates the park?

A contract to operate the park was awarded to [Equine Event Services](#) through the County of San Diego's public bid process. The County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) secured funding for, and oversaw the processes to design and build, the Park, and Equine Event Services will oversee day-to-day operations, which include managing public use of the arenas, facility rentals and general event reservations.

Who will have access to the park and its amenities?

The 1.1-acre day-use portion of the park will remain open to the public, year-round. The covered arena, uncovered arena, kitchen, concession stand and banquet hall – as well as the livestock stalls – will all be available through a reservation process managed through [Equine Event Services](#).

Is there parking available with ADA access?

There is parking throughout DJLEP which includes ADA parking spaces and access.

Are there restrooms?

Restrooms, with ADA access, are available at the facility.

OPERATIONS

What are the hours of operation?

The public day-use portion of the park will be open from sunrise until sunset on a daily basis. The covered arena, uncovered arena, kitchen, concession stand and banquet hall – along with the livestock stalls – are available through a reservation process managed by [Equine Event Services](#).

When is the public use area open?

The public use area, located just inside the gate, is open sunrise to sunset, 7 days a week. There is no cost to use this area, and there are no parking fees.



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Will the covered arena be reservable?

Yes, the covered arena will be available for normal riding, practicing and exercising via a time-block reservation process. The arena is also reservable for events and bigger programs. To inquire about reservations, contact [Equine Event Services](#).

What kinds of activities and events will take place at the facility?

DJLEP was designed to host a variety of equestrian and livestock-related activities, as well as non-equestrian events. The size and layout of the park allow for practices, training and contests - in addition to rodeos, arena shows and non-equestrian occasions like festivals, weddings, receptions, dog shows, car and motor vehicle shows, outdoor movies, concerts and farmers markets.

Will events at DJLEP have an impact on the surrounding neighborhood?

Events in the park may have an impact on the neighborhoods around them, but there are safeguards in place to ensure those impacts are minimal. In order for an event to be approved at DJLEP, it must go through the County's [Community Event Permit](#) Process, which evaluates many facets of the proposed event to ensure it meets County standards for noise, light, traffic, and other factors. A permit must be secured prior to an event taking place.

Additionally, in 2019, prior to the park being built, County staff completed an environmental analysis per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This analysis included studies to determine levels of noise, traffic, lighting, and other factors that could be allowed at the site, with applicable mitigation to reduce potential impacts to the community. During events, staff will monitor activities on site to ensure they meet all terms outlined in the environmental document.

SAFETY & SECURITY

Is there a Lost & Found?

Yes, the site has a lost & found managed by the operator, Equine Event Services.

Who do I call if people park on my property during an event?

Although measures are put in place to prevent impacts to the community during public events, including parking and traffic control plans, there may be occasions when people may park in the surrounding neighborhood. If you find someone parked on your property, please call the California Highway Patrol for immediate assistance. The non-emergency hotline is 1-800-TELL-CHP (1-800-835-5247).

Will there be security on site?

Safety and security are top priorities for DPR. In addition to the presence of the park operator and their staff throughout the day, a live-on volunteer host will reside on the property to provide maintenance and after-hours support. Security guards will also be present during public events hosted at the site.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

How are you monitoring for noise during large events?



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Sound levels will be monitored by DPR and/or Equine Event Services staff, who will use noise-detecting equipment to monitor sound levels during each large event. If noise generated at the events is determined to exceed noise standards for the area, staff will work with the event organizer to make modifications that would reduce noise levels per County regulations.

How will you manage traffic during large events?

The County's community event permit requires organizers of large events to prepare a traffic control plan that will be implemented to ensure traffic is managed during the event. The terms of the traffic control plans will vary by event but would include requirements such as providing off-site parking and shuttle services for any events that would generate enough traffic to exceed available onsite parking.

Do we have to worry about light pollution at night?

The facility is open until sunset, with the exception of private or public events that must end by 10 p.m., which is not anticipated to produce substantial light pollution at night. Additionally, the facility design included the installation of lights that do not directly illuminate neighboring properties or cast a direct beam angle of light, affecting their properties. The lights were chosen because of features that limit substantial light pollution.

My horses/animals are not used to noise, especially at night. What are you doing to protect their well-being now that this arena is open to events other than equestrian activities?

The County completed an environmental analysis per the California Environmental Quality Act in 2019. This analysis included a noise study that determined allowable noise levels at the site during construction and operation of the facility. During events, staff will monitor noise levels and work with event operators to ensure events do not generate noise that exceeds the standards and requirements outlined in the environmental analysis. These noise-related policies are standard and required for all events at the facility.