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From: Christine Crosby

Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 8:09 PM

To: Flynn, Allison **Cc:** Youngberg, Tim

Subject: 10 Most Common Attractive Nuisances+-+HowStuffWorks - Rengstorff Park and Cuesta

Park Fitness Courts

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10 Most Common Attractive Nuisances

























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From: Christine Crosby

Sent:Tuesday, August 17, 2021 5:02 AMTo:Flynn, Allison; Youngberg, TimSubject:Fwd: Cuesta Park Reviews

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Allison - please add the following information to the photographs and video forwarded yesterday for review by the Parks Commission.

This is an excerpt (including typos) taken recently from hundreds of available online reviews of Cuesta Park. Thank you.

Christine

Cuesta Park Reviews

I felt like I was in the woods without having to trek very far

Scenery: Large green, grassy areas with various sections to it. There's an area with picnic tables, there are tennis courts, a children's playground area. The park has a mix of trees that border and line paths in the park, including redwood trees. The park is nice an quiet. There's a large bowl shaped grassy area next to the tennis courts and across from the parking lot that our little dog loves. It's a spot where he has a wide open area to run long distances, and the incline gives him more of a challenge when he plays with us or runs that tires him out nicely. We went to the park on a hot day, in the high 80's at least. There were nice areas with shade to sit in to keep cool.

it's basically like you're taking in a breath of fresh air that you had been longing for. After weeks of terrible air quality, tears formed in my eyes as we looked at blue skies.

Cuesta Park is spacious and consists of corners of benches and many shady areas underneath trees. The wide pathways lead you in curves around large patches of grass and large trees. Basically, this is a great park to come to, to find a place to just rest.

Great park for picnicing, walking your dog, admiring some redwoods, or taking family photos!

The park is gorgeous, you will always run into people doing photoshoots out here. BUT there were so many people and plenty of them were not wearing any masks. I've never seen the playground so full but people were not following any social distancing guidelines. My family and I did our best to avoid the crowds but it was still a little concerning how many people were there at once.

While this park is definitely right up there along with some of the better parks in Mountain View area (Eagle park, Pioneer park and Rengstroff), what makes this even better is the ample walking space and camping space for large groups.

This is one of the best park that I would recommend in the area. There are always plenty of parking and although there could be quite a lot of people, the park is big enough to spread us all out so we feel safe to sit on the grass or a bench for an afternoon. All playground facilities were closed and people tried to stay away from it too. Overall, it's a good place to jog, have a picnic, bike, take pictures, or even just for some fresh air!

I was looking for a park in the peninsula for a picnic, and came across Cuesta Park! It checked the boxes of what I was looking for: plenty of grassy areas for spreading out and lots of big trees for shade. The grass was green and full.. no dry or patchy grass here! There were enough trees that each group had their own private tree to sit under for their gatherings.

Wonderful green park with plenty of grassy areas. My work team loves the annual BBQ here so much, we did third year in a row here today. Bathrooms are close, good walking path in partial sun and shaded by established trees. Clean environment.

Cuesta Park has been a constant friend in my life.

A few paths that trail through the park, a few tennis courts, and a few different playgrounds. Large bbq areas and tons of open grassy spaces for kids to run around and roll down the hills. It is not huge but there are lots of nooks and crannies.

Plenty of trees and little areas perfect for the kids. Parks are a big deal to the city person in me, so when I see a park, it brings a smile to my face.

Overall, a great park, so bring the family and friends here and relax.

I like to spent my free time at this park-its very close to my house and there are usually very calm atmosphere

What a park. The greatest park? Maybe! The best park locally? Probably not. A typical park that everyone can enjoy, checks all the boxes of parkyness and is a great place to just come chill and hang out? Definitely!

Clean, spacious: it's a pleasure to run here. Hope to be coming back soon...

I like going to this park a lot...

It's a small park but it's a nice place for walking or running or just a nice evening stroll with a friend...

Still need to check out the tennis courts.

At first I was disappointed that dogs have to be on leash at all times, however, after having walked around the place and having seen people with their trained dogs off their leash and many many amenities, I feel this really is one of the best parks I

have ever been to.

This place has so many good things. Nice size play ground for little kids. BBQ areas that anyone can use and also seperate area that can be reserved. Nice wide open space to do anything such as toss the ball around or play with your dog. Clean walk ways if you are just there to do light exercise.

The vibe of this place is very happy and I think it's great to see a place so popular but not too overly crowded and have so much space for everyone.

If only there were more parks like Cuesta Park...

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From: Katie Zoglin

Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 7:49 PM

To: prc@mountainview.gov

Cc: Katie Zoglin

Subject: PRC Meeting--August 18, 2021 -- Proposed Fitness Court at Cuesta Park

Attachments: Fitness Court Notice.pdf

Dear Chair and Commissioners:

I am writing regarding the proposed fitness court at Cuesta Park. I oppose the project as proposed. I am writing this note because I will not be able to attend your meeting on August 18, 2021 because I serve as a commissioner with another body and have a meeting that night.

I am fortunate to live near Cuesta Park and walk there almost every day. Like so many others, I love Cuesta Park and the green space it provides.

The primary reason I oppose it is that the proposed location would remove much cherished green space. We have so few parks in Mountain View as it is.

Second, the proposal is the result of a flawed process that has lacked community input. I understand the reason that it has returned to you because of that. However, again, there is a lack of community outreach and input. I recently received notice to the community. Instead of advising neighbors that an idea is being proposed and the City would like community input on it, the notice tells us to come see what has *already been decided*. I have attached a copy of it. The same is stated on signs posted at the Park.

Further, the proposed location is one that is already often congested, given that children love to ride their bikes on the circle and on the hills. In addition, many people take walks on that path.

The staff memo states that a fitness court at Rengstorff Park is "extremely popular." I am unclear of the basis of that statement. I have stopped by there twice on nice weekend days during the summer and did not observe great use. One day, two small children were playing there. Another day, one adult was there for a couple of minutes; once he left, there was no one there. I do recognize that visiting it two times is not a scientific study!

If there actually is demand for this fitness court, then I suggest it be located somewhere else in Cuesta Park, where it would not remove green space. Another option would be to place it in a less frequented location. One alternative would be to locate it between the tennis backboards, the Annex, and parking lot. As staff told me, the fitness court need not be as large as proposed.

Thank you for your service and for your time.

Sincerely, Katie Zoglin