

## **COUNTY OF YOLO**

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## New Trail and Dog Park at Grasslands Regional Park Opens December 4

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(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Parks Division is excited to announce the opening of a new 1.25 mile trail and dog park at Grasslands Regional Park, located at 30475 County Road 104 and approximately three miles south of the City of Davis. In 2017, the Yolo County Parks Division was awarded a \$107,000 grant from the California State Parks' Habitat Conservation Fund for construction of a new trail system, parking lot and associated site amenities. The County used other local funds for developing the dog park.

The new trail system is unique because it is a working landscape and will have views including: upland grasses and patches of California poppy and other native wildflowers; glimpses of raptors like Swainson's hawk, white-tailed kite, northern harrier, and western burrowing owl; and grazing sheep in the trail system and throughout the park that help to manage the grasslands. Sheep will normally disperse as you approach but visitors should still be able to catch sight of them. Dogs must always be kept on leashes within the trail system.

The new off-leash dog park, adjacent to the trail, is unlike any other in the region. The fenced dog park is approximately 10 acres of natural grasslands among rows of oak trees. As this is a natural environment, and not a manicured lawn like many other dog parks, the ground may be uneven in certain areas with holes due to ground squirrel activity. Visitors are advised to watch their step and keep an eye on their dog at all times.

In addition to the trail and dog park, new improvements at the park include: gravel parking lot and two paved ADA stalls; portable restroom unit; interpretive panel signs; 0.20 mile paved concrete path leading to the trailhead; shade structure with picnic tables; and benches along the trail. The new parking lot provides access to the trail and dog park and is located approximately .25 mile south of where Tremont Road intersects with the main Grasslands Regional Park entrance on County Road 104. Some navigation programs or apps may not accurately display the park location.

"Our team has been working hard on this project over the last several years," said General Services Director Kevin Yarris. "We are happy to be able to provide a new opportunity for the public to safely recreate and enjoy the outdoors."

Additional information about the project can be found on the Yolo County Parks website at: <a href="www.yoloparks.org">www.yoloparks.org</a>. Questions about the project can be directed to: (530) 406-4880 or <a href="yolocountyparks@yolocounty.org">yolocounty.org</a>. Connect with the Yolo County Parks Division on Facebook at: <a href="www.facebook.com/yolocountyparks">www.facebook.com/yolocountyparks</a>.

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**About Yolo County Parks:** Yolo County Parks is a division of the General Services Department. It maintains approximately 2,000 acres of parks and other open spaces throughout Yolo County, including access to creeks and boat launches. The Yolo County Parks Division operates and maintains the Knights Landing Boat Launch facility on behalf of the State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife under a long-term lease agreement. Yolo County Parks aims to protect natural resources and improve quality of life for Yolo County residents and visitors alike.

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