



Department of Parks and Recreation

Regional and Off-Highway Vehicle Parks



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Frank Raines Regional Park

Frank Raines Regional Park is located approximately 18 miles west of Patterson on Del Puerto Canyon Road. This regional park offers rugged slopes of California's Coast Range and is functionally divided into two units separated by several miles of road.



The eastern-most section is the Minnier Area, encompassing over 1,000 acres of undeveloped land designed for non-motorized recreation uses (e.g. hiking and nature trails, deer and wild pig hunting during specific times of year, etc.)



The western-most section includes the Frank Raines day use area, providing picnic areas, playground, sports field, volleyball court, horseshoe pit, hiking and nature trails, restrooms, picnic tables, and barbecues.



One-quarter mile up the road is the Deer Creek Canyon area, providing 34 full hook-up campsites, restrooms, recreation hall, picnic shelter, picnic tables, barbecues, and over 800 acres for off-highway vehicle recreation. Campsites are available on a "first-come first-serve basis"; no reservations are available at this time.



The Frank Raines Off-Highway Vehicle Park is a great place to ride, both for beginners with stock rigs and experienced drivers with well-equipped rigs. The park is tucked far enough into the hills and the terrain is very steep and treacherous. There is a mud bog that remains full almost year-round. The warning sign for vehicles without roll bars is certainly justified. Be aware that during the summer temperatures regularly climb past the 100-degree mark and overheating is a concern when idling up those hills all day.

Volunteer groups and associations play a major role in assisting with resource protection and trail plan design. Groups like these, in addition to having fun, take their sport seriously and are willing to invest their time and energy to promote off-highway recreation in combination with the County's conservation and environmental goals. Many of these groups schedule annual events to enjoy the beautiful scenery, challenge their driving skills, have fun in the mud, and share a unique experience that is Frank Raines.



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La Grange Regional Park

La Grange Regional Park is the most diverse regional park with over 700 acres located at 11 sites in the La Grange area, including six sites with historic significance (e.g. La Grange Cemetery, French Bar Cemetery, school house, museum, Old La Grange Bridge, gold dredge remnants), 225 acres of river bottom along the Tuolumne River, Joe Domecq Wilderness area, and an off-highway vehicle recreation area.



This area offers visitors insights into the rich history of the County and the influence of the gold rush on the landscape. Visitors can access the Tuolumne River at the Old La Grange Bridge or Basso Bridge, experiencing the unique offerings of the Tuolumne River, including canoeing, fishing, picnicking, and watching the salmon runs.



River Bottom Area

Along Yosemite Boulevard, between the town of La Grange and the Basso Bridge, Stanislaus County owns approximately 225 acres of river bottom along the Tuolumne River. Most of this area is undeveloped.



A river access point was developed at Basso Bridge, including a boat ramp, parking lot, restroom, and picnic area. Future amenities in the river bottom area will need to be well planned to avoid negative impact on natural resources and accommodate fluctuations in the rivers geomorphology.



Kiwanis Youth Camp

South of Basso Bridge, east of Lake Road, is the 50-acre Kiwanis Youth Camp, which was established in 1980 by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Modesto. This camp is available on a reservation basis for any organized youth group "free of charge."

The youth camp is located adjacent to remnants of the historic gold dredge camp, which was active between 1906 and 1951.



Remnants of the structures include a large repair barn and blacksmith shop, worker's homes, refinement house, water tower, old gas pump, and wood and concrete foundations. These buildings represent an important historic resource and should be preserved.

Joe Domecq Wilderness Area

The Joe Domecq Wilderness Area is approximately 270 acres located south of the Kiwanis Youth Camp. Currently, this area is undeveloped. Any future plans should include native plant restoration to promote the growth of the oak woodlands, wetlands, and native grass stands.

La Grange Off-Highway Vehicle Park

The La Grange Off-Highway Vehicle Park is located on Old La Grange Road just off J59, offering undeveloped camping, restrooms, picnic tables, barbeques, and 147 acres of abandoned gold dredge area dedicated to a wonderful off-road experience. Tentative site improvements include twenty developed campsites with picnic tables, potable water, campfire rings, and chemical vaulted restrooms.



Come on your own or participate in one of the many motocross races sponsored by Mutant Motorsports, California Motocross Association, A.M.P. Racing, and more.

Off-Highway Vehicle use may be hazardous. Your use of protective apparel, skill level, vehicle condition, terrain, weather, common sense, following park rules, and complying with State vehicle code requirements all effect your safety.

Ride at your own risk.

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