



Where OV Plays

This section provides background information for context and understanding related to the following General Plan elements:

- **Recreation.** Describes a comprehensive park and recreation system for current and future residents.
- **Trails.** Focuses on connectivity and maintaining a dynamic trail system to support all users.

10 Year Trends and Conditions

In 2021, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan was completed. This included significant outreach to provide a roadmap for our future.

Activities that appeal to a wide range of people and offer a low cost for entry, such as pickleball will continue to grow in popularity.

- Youth sport clubs will continue to grow as more focus on preparing athletes for collegiate and professional level intensifies.
- Focus on wellness for older adults was a key trend over the past 10 years.

Importance to OV's Future

- The 10-year plan and Parks and Recreation Master Plan should complement each other.
- Exploring options to accommodate an increased demand for sports facilities will be critical.
- Providing accessible programs and activities for older adults will continue to be a need in OV.

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10 Year Trends and Conditions

Due to the year-round climate of Oro Valley and its proximity to state parks, outdoor recreation will remain popular.

- Oro Valley has a dynamic trail system for hikers, bikers, inline skaters, runners, equestrians, and other users.

Building improvements at Steam Pump Ranch property were completed to uphold the Town's commitment to honor its history.

- The aged irrigation system at the Town's El Conquistador 36-hole golf course was fully replaced to reduce water consumption and improve system efficiency.

Importance to OV's Future

- A Trails Master Plan is underway to complement the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The 10-year plan should incorporate both documents.
- Oro Valley will need to focus on renovation and redevelopment of older infrastructure using the 2021 Parks and Recreation Master Plan document as a guideline

Sources and Additional Information

Please click on the links below for more information about the topics covered in this section.

- [Where OV Plays video](#)
- [Parks and Recreation Master Plan](#)
- [Interactive Parks, Trails, and Bikeways Map](#)
- [Park facilities, programs and events](#)

Parks and Recreation



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Parks and Recreation Master Plan

In 2021, Oro Valley completed the Park and Recreation Master Plan. The plan was based off a comprehensive needs assessment, which included a town-wide survey.



The Master Plan provides guidance for future needs and improvements. Alignment between the Master Plan and General Plan is important.

Significant trends supported in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan include:

- Rise in popularity of pickleball and alternative outdoor aquatic elements such as splash pads.
- Increase in youth club sports.
- Focus on wellness with the senior population through free programs provided by the federal government and private insurance providers.

Improvements

Based on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, some improvements have been completed or are underway. This includes:

- Free membership access to the Community Center was increased by 50% through agreements with multiple senior fitness agencies.
- Online access to programs and activities was enhanced to provide better customer service to the community.
- A \$25 million dollar bond was approved allowing investment in the parks infrastructure including significant expansion of Naranja Park. Expansion includes lighted fields, a splash pad and pickleball courts.
- The aged irrigation system at the Town's El Conquistador 36-hole golf course was replaced to reduce water consumption and improve system efficiency.
- Improvements to facility and equipment at the Community & Recreation Center and Aquatic Center.
- Building improvements were completed at Steam Pump Ranch property to uphold the Town's commitment to honor its history.

OV Parks and Recreation Mission: *Inspire Connection Through Recreation*



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Future Trends and Needs



Park and Recreation Facilities



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Public Facilities

Oro Valley owns and maintains several parks and recreation facilities available to the public.



Regional & Community Parks



Aquatic Center



James D. Kreigh Park

- Baseball & softball
- Ramadas, grills & picnic tables
- Restrooms
- Shaded playground
- Volleyball
- Off-leash dog park
- Metal detecting
- Racquetball courts
- Concessions & drinking fountains



Naranja Park

- Archery range
- Multi-use fields
- Metal detecting
- Off-leash dog parks
- Ramadas
- Restrooms
- Pickleball courts
- Splashpad
- Skate/bike park
- Remote controlled air park
- Drinking fountains



Riverfront Park

- Basketball court
- Metal detecting
- Horseshoe pit
- Ramadas
- Restrooms
- Tennis & Pickleball
- Shaded playground
- Soccer & softball
- Volleyball
- Performance stage
- Walking path
- Concessions & drinking fountains



OV Aquatic Center

- 601 members
- Olympic-sized competition pool
- 25-yard recreational pool
- Giant water slide
- Splash pad
- Restrooms
- Shaded bleachers
- Timing system, touch pads & scoreboard
- Classroom for parties and meetings



Did you know?

In addition to the Town-owned facilities, there are also roughly 53 private parks maintained by HOAs.

Park and Recreation Facilities



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Programs and Events

Annually, Oro Valley runs 115 programs for all ages and abilities. The Town also hosts 54 events with roughly 35,000 attendees every year.



Hiking Areas

Historic & Cultural Resources



Special Use Facilities



- West Lambert Lane
- Greenock Park
- Tho'ag Park
- Vistoso Preserve
- Honey Bee Canyon Park
- 54.5 miles of dirt Trails



Steam Pump Ranch

- Historic buildings
- Events and tours

Honey Bee Village Archaeological Preserve

- Historic sites
- Walking path



El Con. Golf & Tennis

- Tennis courts
- 9-hole golf course
- Seasonal disc golf
- Tennis & golf pro shops
- Restrooms



Community Center

- 3,200 members with an average of 400 visits per day
- Tennis & pickleball
- Golf courses
- Racquetball court
- Swimming pool
- Half-court basketball
- Weight & exercise rooms
- Cardio equipment
- Fitness classes
- Locker rooms & child watch room
- Overlook restaurant



Did you know?

- Oro Valley has a dynamic trail system for hikers, bikers, inline skaters, runners, equestrians, and other users. It is comprised of several types of surfaces including paved paths (shared use paths), "smooth" trails, and more "primitive" trails.
- Oro Valley is part of the Chuck Huckelberry Loop, which extends through unincorporated Pima County, OV, Marana, Tucson, and South Tucson.