



**CITY OF MONROVIA
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT**

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2025

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Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for July 2025.

OBJECTIVE: To provide an update on operations and programs for Canyon Park and activities related to Canyon Park and the Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP) recorded for the month of July 2025.

BACKGROUND: For over a century, Canyon Park has served as a cherished recreational space for both visitors and Monrovia residents. Nestled in the scenic foothills, the park offers access to a wide range of natural resources that enhance the quality of life for our community providing clean air, wildlife habitat, and peaceful natural settings for relaxation and connection to the environment. These natural features contribute to the physical and mental well-being of residents while promoting environmental stewardship.

After a five-year closure caused by the 2020 Bobcat Fire and subsequent damage from heavy rainstorms, Canyon Park proudly reopened to the public on June 26, 2025. The park's diverse offerings include special events, naturalist-led night hikes, interpretive tours, a Nature Center, hiking trails, a waterfall, and panoramic views of the San Gabriel Valley. Our dedicated naturalists and volunteers work tirelessly to maintain the trail systems and park facilities.

ANALYSIS:

Canyon Park

Maintenance and restoration efforts continued throughout July at Canyon Park, led by Canyon Park Volunteers and Managed Career Solutions (MCS) crews. Work focused on enhancing trail safety and accessibility by removing overgrown brush, clearing fallen trees, and improving erosion control measures throughout the trail system. Notably, crews cleared several fallen trees along key sections of the Ben Overturff Trail. These efforts are critical for long-term trail preservation and support a safe and sustainable park environment in preparation for the park's reopening.

Since reopening, the park's reservation system has been functioning smoothly. Canyon Park has seen consistently high visitor use throughout the week, with increased activity on weekends. The current mix of parking options has effectively managed vehicle traffic, maintaining a balance between residential and park use without signs of overcapacity.

Hillside Wilderness Preserve

In July, the Ridgeside access point experienced a slight decrease in visitor traffic. This may be attributed to the recent reopening of Canyon Park, drawing visitors to explore the newly accessible park and its trail offerings.

The eco-counter at the Cloverleaf access point continues to provide valuable data on user patterns. The data indicate a higher number of cyclists exiting at Cloverleaf compared to those entering, suggesting that many riders begin their routes at the Ridgeside access point and conclude at Cloverleaf. Additionally, the consistently lower count at Cloverleaf reinforces Ridgeside’s status as the more popular trailhead.

Staff remain actively engaged in patrolling the preserve and collecting observational data to complement eco-counter data. These combined efforts contribute to a more complete understanding of visitor behavior and use patterns.

July 2025 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log	
Canyon Park and HWP 304 hours of maintenance in July 2025	
July 2	Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned and cleared the trail from debris and overgrown plant on the trail.
July 7	Waterfall trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned and cleared the trail from debris and overgrown plant on the trail and removed a tree that fell onto the trail.
July 9	Ben Overturff trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared and removed a tree that fell onto the trail.
July 11	Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed an edge barrier on the trail to prevent erosion and trail damage.
July 14	Ben Overturff trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared and removed a tree that fell onto the trail.
July 16	Bill Cull, Waterfall, and Overlook trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned and cleared the trail from debris and overgrown plant on the trail.
July 18	Ben Overturff trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned and cleared the trail from debris and overgrown plant on the trail and installed a natural water diverter to prevent trail erosion.
July 21	Bill Cull, Waterfall, and Overlook trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned and cleared the trail from debris and overgrown plant on the trail.
July 23	Ben Overturff trail - Canyon Park Volunteers worked on repairing section of trail with a stream crossing.
July 25	Ben Overturff trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned and cleared the trail from debris and overgrown plant on the trail and worked on repairing section of trail with a stream crossing.
July 28	Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned and cleared the trail from debris and overgrown plant on the trail.
July 30	Overlook trail - Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned and cleared the trail from debris and overgrown plant on the trail and removed graffiti on a section of trail.

July 2024/2025

PATROLS			ACTIVITY																			
	# of staff patrols 2024	# of staff patrols 2025	Pedestrians 2024	Pedestrians 2025	Vehicles 2024	Vehicles 2025	Cyclists 2024	Cyclists 2025	Pets 2024	Pets 2025	Public Service Calls 2024	Public Service Calls 2025	Smoking Ban Calls 2024	Smoking Ban Calls 2025	Wildlife Sightings 2024	Wildlife Sightings 2025	Unsecured Gate 2024	Unsecured Gate 2025	Citations 2024	Citations 2025	Activity Totals 2024	Activity Totals 2025
Sleepy Hollow																						
July 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 29-31	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	=	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridgeside																						
July 1-7	14	14	35	33	0	0	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	38
July 8-14	14	14	41	44	0	0	6	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	48
July 15-20	14	14	29	36	0	0	12	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	37
July 21-28	14	14	44	24	0	0	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	28
July 29-31	4	4	18	15	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	17
Total	=	60	167	152	0	0	28	16	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	214	168
Cloverleaf																						
July 1-7	14	14	21	25	0	0	5	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	33
July 8-14	14	14	32	32	0	0	4	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	38
July 15-20	14	14	27	31	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	33
July 21-28	14	14	30	25	0	0	8	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	29
July 29-31	4	4	12	19	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	20
Total	=	60	122	132	0	0	19	21	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	161	153
Highland																						
July 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July 29-31	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	=	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	=	240	289	284	0	0	47	37	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	375	321

Eco - Counter July 2025					
Location	Total Counted	Daily Average	Weekday Average	Weekend Average	Busiest Day
Ridgeside	5,313	171	158	209	7/26/2025
Ridgeside In	3,147	102	94	123	7/26/2025
Ridgeside Out	2,166	70	64	86	7/26/2025
Cloverleaf	3,648	118	107	150	7/26/2025
Cloverleaf In	1,631	53	45	73	7/26/2025
Cloverleaf Out	1,530	49	45	63	7/2/2025
Cloverleaf Cyclist In	153	5	5	3	7/23/2025
Cloverleaf Cyclist Out	334	11	11	10	7/1/2025

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-2, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for July 2025.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED: If the Community Services Commission concurs, the appropriate action would be a motion to: Receive and file CC-2 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for July 2025.

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