



**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-3

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for August 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 August 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

Essential maintenance and restoration efforts at Canyon Park continued throughout August, led by dedicated Canyon Park Volunteers and crews from Managed Career Solutions (MCS). The teams focused on enhancing trail safety and accessibility by removing overgrown brush, clearing fallen debris, and improving erosion control measures across multiple trail systems. Notably, crews removed several fallen trees along critical areas of the Waterfall Trail, contributing to the long term sustainability and safety of the park's trail infrastructure.

In addition to field work, Canyon Park celebrated a significant milestone this month with the reopening of the Nature Center to the public. The renovated center now features updated interactive exhibits, live animal displays, ecosystem education panels, and historical information. This season's rotating exhibit highlights the ongoing contributions of our Canyon Park Volunteers, offering visitors an engaging and educational experience.

Hillside Wilderness Preserve

During August, the Ridgeside access point saw a noticeable decrease in visitor activity compared to previous months. This shift is likely attributed to increased traffic and engagement at Canyon Park following its reopening.

The eco-counter at the Cloverleaf access point continues to provide valuable insights into visitor usage patterns. Data indicates that more cyclists are exiting through Cloverleaf than entering, suggesting that many begin their rides at Ridgeside and complete their routes at Cloverleaf.

Staff remain active in patrolling the preserve, collecting observational data to complement the eco-counter analytics. Together, these efforts provide a more comprehensive understanding of visitor behavior, access trends, and overall park usage.

August 2025 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log	
Canyon Park and HWP 301 hours of maintenance in August 2025	
August 1	Ben Overturff trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned and cleared the trail from debris and overgrown plant on the trail.
August 4	Ben Overturff trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed an edge barrier to prevent trail erosion.
August 8	Bill Cull and Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned and cleared the trail from debris and overgrown plant on the trail.
August 11	Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared a tree that fell onto the trail.
August 13	Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed a natural water diverter to prevent trail erosion.
August 15	Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned and cleared the trail from debris and overgrown plant on the trail.
August 18	Ben Overturff trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned and cleared the trail from debris and overgrown plant on the trail.
August 20	Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned and cleared the trail from debris and overgrown plant on the trail.
August 22	Ben Overturff trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned and cleared the trail from debris and overgrown plant on the trail.
August 25	Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned and cleared the trail from debris and overgrown plant on the trail.
August 27	Waterfall, Bill Cull, and Overlook trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned and cleared the trail from debris and overgrown plant on the trail.
August 29	Waterfall trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleaned and cleared the trail from debris and overgrown plant on the trail.

August 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																							
August 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August 29-31	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	=	62	62																				
Ridgeside																							
August 1-7	14	14	55	35	0	0	5	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	41	
August 8-14	14	14	52	41	0	0	9	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	43	
August 15-20	14	14	45	42	0	0	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	46	
August 21-28	14	14	32	52	0	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	56	
August 29-31	6	6	21	18	0	0	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	20	
Total	=	62	62	205	188	0	0	25	14	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	240	206	
Cloverleaf																							
August 1-7	14	14	35	25	0	0	12	8	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	35	
August 8-14	14	14	32	33	0	0	6	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	38	
August 15-20	14	14	35	32	0	0	9	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	37	
August 21-28	14	14	28	12	0	0	12	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	17	
August 29-31	6	6	18	8	0	0	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	11	
Total	=	62	62	148	110	0	0	43	19	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	138	
Highland																							
August 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August 29-31	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	=	62	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	=	248	248	353	298	0	0	68	33	19	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	440	344	

Eco - Counter August 2025

Location	Total Counted	Daily Average	Weekday Average	Weekend Average	Busiest Day
Ridgeside	4,578	148	123	198	8/16/2025
Ridgeside In	2,623	85	71	114	8/16/2025
Ridgeside Out	1,955	63	53	84	8/16/2025
Cloverleaf	3,214	104	90	131	8/16/2025
Cloverleaf In	1,397	45	38	59	8/16/2025
Cloverleaf Out	1,288	42	36	52	8/16/2025
Cloverleaf Cyclist In	187	6	5	7	8/24/2025
Cloverleaf Cyclist Out	342	11	10	13	8/12/2025

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-3, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for August 2025.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED: If the Community Services Commission concurs, the appropriate action would be a motion to: Receive and file CC-3 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for August 2025.

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