



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

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services

**MEETING DATE:** March 10, 2026

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**AGENDA LOCATION:** CC-2

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**TITLE:** Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for January 2026.

**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 January 2026.

**BACKGROUND:** Since the late 1800's Canyon Park has served as a cherished outdoor destination for Monrovia residents and visitors alike. Nestled in the picturesque foothills, the park offers access to diverse natural resources that contribute to the community's overall well being providing fresh air, vital wildlife habitat, and peaceful spaces for recreation and reflection. These natural assets promote both physical and mental health while fostering a lasting appreciation for the environment and a shared commitment to its stewardship.

Now, more than six months after officially reopening in June 2025, Canyon Park has welcomed an incredible outpouring of community support and enthusiasm. Visitors have returned in strong numbers to enjoy special events, naturalist led hikes, interpretive tours, the Nature Center, scenic trails, the waterfall, and sweeping views of the San Gabriel Valley. The extended reopening has allowed staff and volunteers to fully restore and enhance park facilities, strengthen trail conditions, and expand educational programming. The overwhelmingly positive response from guests has reaffirmed the park's role as a treasured community resource, and our team of naturalists and dedicated volunteers remains committed to preserving and improving Canyon Park for everyone to enjoy.

**ANALYSIS:**

**Canyon Park**

During January, maintenance and restoration efforts continued at Canyon Park under the leadership of the dedicated Canyon Park Volunteers. Crews focused on enhancing trail conditions and improving visitor safety through brush trimming, and clearing fallen trees and debris. These ongoing efforts help preserve the park's natural beauty while ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all visitors.

Beyond trail improvements, Canyon Park continued to serve as a vibrant hub for community engagement by hosting a variety of enriching programs. In support of the One City, One Story initiative, the park welcomed the Monrovia Old Town Sidewalk Astronomers for a memorable evening of stargazing. Additional offerings included interpretive hikes for all ages and a Kids Craft program in the Nature Center, generously sponsored by the Monrovia Parks, Wilderness, and Recreation Foundation. Each of these programs has been met with an enthusiastic response, further advancing literacy, environmental education, and meaningful connections within the community.

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## **Hillside Wilderness Preserve**

During the month of January, the Ridgeside and Cloverleaf access points continued to demonstrate stable recreational use, consistent with trends observed in previous months. This steady activity reflects sustained visitation to the preserve as we transition into the winter season.

Both access points have experienced consistent use from hikers and mountain bikers, providing reliable data to help us monitor year-round trends. These patterns highlight the continued popularity of the preserve and its recreational opportunities beyond Canyon Park.

Staff also conduct regular patrols throughout the preserve and collect supplemental data to support the Eco-Counter touchpoint readings. By pairing on site observations with automated counts, we are able to develop a more comprehensive and accurate understanding of overall recreational use within the preserve. Touchpoint comparison numbers are lower for January 2025 to January 2026 due to trail damage caused by the Eaton Fire.

<b>January 2026 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log</b>	
<b>Canyon Park and HWP 248 hours of maintenance in January 2026</b>	
January 2	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer removed a tree that fell onto the trail and cleared brush and debris along the trail.
January 5	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush and debris along the trail.
January 7	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush and debris along the trail.
January 9	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush and debris along the trail.
January 12	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer removed a tree that fell onto the trail and cleared brush and debris along the trail.
January 14	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush and debris along the trail.
January 16	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush and debris along the trail.
January 19	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush and debris along the trail.
January 21	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush and debris along the trail.
January 23	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush and debris along the trail.
January 26	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush and debris along the trail.
January 28	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush and debris along the trail.
January 30	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteer cleared brush and debris along the trail.

January 2025/2026																							
PATROLS			ACTIVITY																				
	# of staff patrols 2025	# of staff patrols 2026	Pedestrians 2025	Pedestrians 2026	Vehicles 2025	Vehicles 2026	Cyclists 2025	Cyclists 2026	Pets 2025	Pets 2026	Public Service Calls 2025	Public Service Calls 2026	Smoking Ban Calls 2025	Smoking Ban Calls 2026	Wildlife Sightings 2025	Wildlife Sightings 2026	Unsecured Gate 2025	Unsecured Gate 2026	Citations 2025	Citations 2026	Activity Totals 2025	Activity Totals 2026	
<b>Sleepy Hollow</b>																							
January 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
January 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
January 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
January 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
January 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
<b>Total</b>	=	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ridgeside</b>																							
January 1-7	14	14	52	51	0	0	22	2	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	55	
January 8-14	14	14	1	50	0	0	0	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	59	
January 15-20	14	14	2	35	0	0	1	10	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	50	
January 21-28	14	14	0	42	0	0	0	12	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	
January 29-31	6	6	1	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	
<b>Total</b>	=	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	56	184	0	0	23	30	10	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	228	
<b>Cloverleaf</b>																							
January 1-7	14	14	29	30	0	0	0	12	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	47	
January 8-14	14	14	0	32	0	0	0	10	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	
January 15-20	14	14	0	19	0	0	0	8	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	
January 21-28	14	14	1	36	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	41	
January 29-31	6	6	0	22	0	0	0	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	
<b>Total</b>	=	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	30	139	0	0	0	37	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	199	
<b>Highland</b>																							
January 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
January 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
January 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
January 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
January 29-31	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	=	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	=	<b>248</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>427</b>	

\* 2025 shows lower number due to the Eaton Fire temporarily closing HWP for trail repairs.

Eco - Counter January 2026					
Location	Total Counted	Daily Average	Weekday Average	Weekend Average	Busiest Day
Ridgeside	6,375	206	168	297	1/19/2026
Ridgeside In	3,519	114	92	165	1/19/2026
Ridgeside Out	2,856	92	76	132	1/19/2026
Cloverleaf	3,631	117	94	174	1/18/2026
Cloverleaf In	1,800	58	47	86	1/18/2026
Cloverleaf Out	1,831	59	47	88	1/11/2026
Cloverleaf Cyclist	2,532	82	49	161	1/3/2026
Cloverleaf Cyclist In	2,174	70	38	149	1/3/2026
Cloverleaf Cyclist Out	358	12	11	13	1/29/2026

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-2, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for January 2026.

**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 January 2026.

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