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## **Balboa Park Conservancy Welcomes Visitors Back to the Heart of Balboa Park**

### ***Park's Central Mesa, Prado Restaurant, Parking Lots Reopen June 12***

***San Diego—The restoration of San Diego's public spaces to community use continues. Beginning Friday, June 12, visitors are once again welcome to explore the historic Central Mesa of Balboa Park.***

Balboa Park Conservancy volunteers will be ready to greet visitors at the pop-up Visitors Center kiosk outside the House of Hospitality building, each day from 10am to 4pm. The Prado Restaurant is reopening as well, introducing "grab and go picnic basket" service and bringing back the popular dining spot inside the park's cultural center, Wednesdays through Sundays, beginning at 12 noon and continuing service to late afternoon. The Japanese Friendship Garden Tea Pavilion and the Prado Perk Coffee Cart will also open on June 12 to serve park visitors. Watch for The Prado's Summer Beer & Wine Garden coming to the Plaza de Panama soon.

All Balboa Park parking lots will be open at full capacity.

As normal activities gradually resume, the Balboa Park Conservancy encourages park users to follow state and local guidelines regarding physical distancing and mask wearing to ensure everyone's safe and healthy enjoyment of San Diego's favorite attraction.

It isn't just visitors who are eager to get back to the park. In a recent survey conducted by the Conservancy, more than half its volunteers say they expect to keep the same number of volunteer hours in the park or increase them when it reopens. That includes hours staffing the Visitors Center kiosk, guiding visitors as Park Ambassadors, and monitoring our urban forest as Tree Stewards.

Details about the reopening and how to access different parts of the park safely can be found at the [Virtual Visitors Center](#) on the Conservancy's website and on Balboa Park's main website.



*The Balboa Park Conservancy provides expertise, advocacy, and resources to envision, enhance, and sustain Balboa Park for all visitors in partnership with the City of San Diego and in collaboration with other organizations in the park and the community.*

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