Big Canyon Park & Eaton Park

These two parks offer more than 73 acres of natural open space in the City of San Carlos. Nestled in a residential area on the south end of the city, Big Canyon (16 acres) and Eaton Park (57.6 acres) are easily accessible for a scenic hike or run through the hills. The parks’ narrow, rugged trails will reward you with spectacular views over the San Francisco Bay.

Habitat

The two parks share a mix of oak woodland, grassland, and chaparral on the south-facing slopes, typical of this area of California. Coast live oak, blue oak, California buckeye, and California bay laurel are common. Several seasonal creeks cut through the hills.

Spring brings forth wildflowers, followed by the large white blooms of the buckeye. Fall is the time for the California sagebrush and coyote brush. The yellow blossoms of the bay laurel emerge in winter.

Wildlife

The park is home to western fence lizards, king snakes, and various raptors and songbirds including Red-tailed Hawk, Chickadee, and Anna’s Hummingbird. The lucky visitor might also see coyote, deer, bobcats, or rabbits.

For trail notes and nature guides, visit www.cityofsancarlos.org/trails.
Park Hours
Both parks are open from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sundown.

Trail Use
- Dogs must be on leash.
- Bikes are not allowed.
- Please be respectful of other trail users and nearby residents. Pack all trash out.
- Neither park has restrooms or drinking water. Both are available at Crestview Park.

Trailheads & Parking
The parks can be accessed from five different trailheads, marked on the map. Parking at trailheads is extremely limited. Carpooling and alternate transportation is encouraged. Please be respectful of park neighbors.