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**Arroyo Verde Park to Reopen, February 16**

The City of Ventura invites community members to visit Arroyo Verde Park when it reopens on Friday, February 16, 2018. The park, located at Foothill and Day Roads, was closed for approximately 10-weeks to ensure safe conditions for park users and repair damage due to the Thomas Fire and January rain event.

“It is important to us that our community has the opportunity to utilize Arroyo Verde Park again, as quickly and as safely as possible. The reopening of the park is a significant milestone in the City’s recovery efforts and we look forward to restoring the remaining portions of the park over time,” said Tom Martin, Parks Manager. “As we reopen Arroyo Verde Park, please remember to adhere to the signage located throughout the park.”

City crews and contractors worked hard to restore and reopen this highly visited park for the community to enjoy. The work included removing burned debris, tree removal, trail repair and installing mitigation measures for rain events.

Volunteers from Ventura Boy Scout Troop 111 and the Ventura Land Trust took action to preserve this treasured park by removing rocks, sticks, and trash from the trails to make them accessible for the public. Visitors need to stay on the trail and off the burned areas. For safety, dogs need to be on a leash while on the trails.

Access to most areas of the park will be open. Certain areas of the park will be limited as City staff continue cleanup efforts in the fenced off sections: Interpretive Center, pump house, playground, and the burned slopes on both sides of the park. Parkgoers, including dogs, need to stay off the slopes and adhere to the signs indicating to “Stay Out.”

There is currently no water or electricity available at the park; restrooms are available. Parks and Public Works crews are working to restore water and electricity and get other amenities reestablished. The park is open daily from daybreak to 5:30pm until further notice; off leash dog park hours are from 6-9 am daily.

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