Flora & Fauna

The Oakhurst River Parkway is now a designated viewing area of Beavers and Butterflies. There are approximately 261 species of flora and fauna in the Oakhurst area. Use the checklist to track your sightings of plant and animal life along the Oakhurst River Parkway.





Volunteers





Oakhurst Community Park

Fresno Flats Historic Park & Village





Entrance to the Library

Connected to the Community

The Oakhurst River Parkway winds past Fresno Flats Historical Park which features life as it was over 100 years ago. It also connects the Madera County Library, Community Park, Community College, High School, Middle School, Elementary School, and the Boys and Girls Club.

The Community Park itself is used regularly by the townspeople and visitors alike, outdoor concerts, a playground and horseshoe pits make a perfect setting for picnics and BBQ's. The community park is surrounded by the Fresno River and China Creek. Across the foot bridge from the park is the Oakhurst Library and Park & Ride.

The Oakhurst River Parkway consists of a nature trail along the Fresno River and two tributaries (China Creek and Oak Creek). These tributaries are seasonal but the Fresno River maintains some flow year round.

Oakhurst River Parkway

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Oakhurst River Parkway

in Yosemite's Southern Gateway



See the Sights

Experience the Natural Beauty of a Sierra Nevada Foothills Ecosystem

As you walk what do you see? Mark what you see on the list below.

ECO WALK CHECK LIST

Birds

- O Acorn Woodpecker
- O American Goldfinch
- O Anna's Hummingbird
- O Barn Swallow
- O Black Chinned Hummingbird
- O Black Phoebe
- O Brown-headed Cowbird
- O California Quail
- O California Scrub Jay
- O California Thrasher

- O Cassin's Finch
- O Common Raven
- O Evening Grosbeak
- O Great Blue Heron
- O Mallard Duck
- Mallard Duck
- O Mourning Dove
- O Pine Siskin
- O Red-tailed Hawk
- O Steller's Jay
- O Turkey Vulture
- O Western Tanager

Fish/Amphibians & Reptiles

- O Alligator Lizard
- Bullfrog
- O Garter Snake (harmless)
- O Rainbow Trout

Insects

- O Bumble Bee
- O Butterfly
- O Cricket
- OGrasshopper
- O Honey Bee
- O Water Boatman

Flowers

- O Baby Blue Eyes
- O California Poppy
- O Fiddlehead Fern
- O Indian Pink
- O Lupine (Bluebonnet)
- Paintbrush
- O Sierra Shooting Star
- O Wooly Sunflower
- O Yellow Star Thistle

- O Western Fence Lizard
- OWestern Pond Turtle
- O Western Toad
- O Western Toad

Animals

- OBeaver
- O California Grey Squirrel
- O Cottontail Rabbit
- O Coyote
- O Mule Deer
- O Feral Cat
- Raccoon
- OStiped Skunk

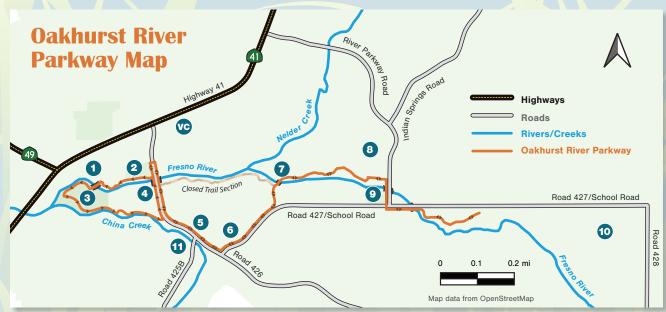
Trees & Shrubbery

- O Digger Pine Tree
- O Golden Oak Tree
- O Incense Cedar Tree
- OInterior Live Oak Tree
- O Manzanita
- O Poison Oak
- O Valley Oak Tree
- O Willow Tree

Where to Start

The starting point for most people will be off of Civic Circle Drive. It is here you will find the offices of the Oakhurst Library, Park & Ride as well as the Oakhurst Community College and Oakhurst's Community Park. The River Parkway circles the Community Park and takes off the northeast winding its way past the Fresno Flats Historic Park ultimately to Yosemite High School's campus.





In 1992, the Oakhurst River Parkway was a dream of a small group of citizens who wanted to preserve and restore the natural resources of the environment of our community. Countless hours by volunteers have transformed the dream into a beautiful nature trail in the center of one of the most thriving mountain communities in the Sierra Nevada Range - Oakhurst, California. Oakhurst is located at the southern end of the Golden Chain Highway (49) and is near the south gate of Yosemite National Park.

- vc Visitor Center
- Oakhurst Library, Park & Ride and Parkway Trail Start
- 2 Community College
- 3 Community Park
- 4 Sierra Telephone

- 5 Oakhurst Mural
- 6 Oakhurst Elementary
- 7 Mountain Youth (MY) Club
- 8 Oak Creek Intermediate
- 9 Fresno Flats Historical Park
- 10 Yosemite High School
- 11 Mediation Park

OAK CREEK

- Oakhurst Elementary School (Parking lot off of Rd 427)
- 8 🐧 Mountain Youth (MY) Club
- 9 * Fresno Flats Historical Park
- 10 * Yosemite High School

CHINA CREEK

Meditation Park (Westside of 426)

FRESNO RIVER

- 3 * Oakhurst Community Park (Turn at Civic Circle off of Hwy 41)
- 4 * Road 426 Fresno River Bridge (Park in College lot on Civic Circle)