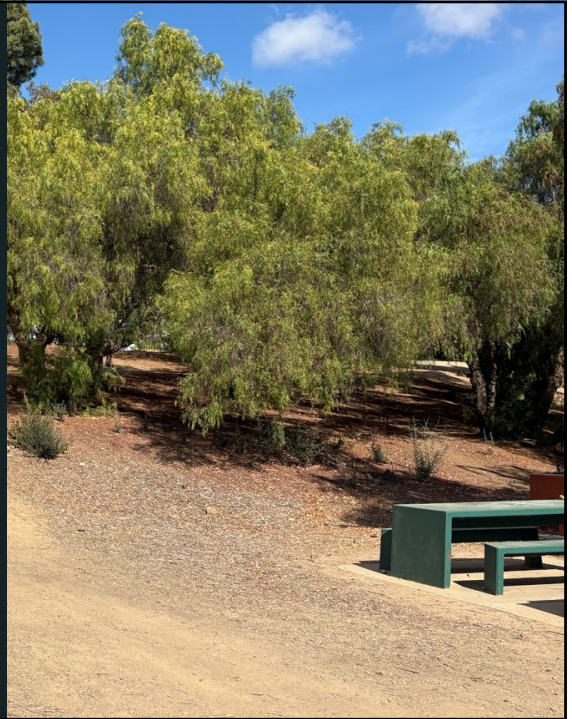


INDEPENDENCE PARK

Community RC Rock Crawling Course

A volunteer-built, volunteer-maintained recreational amenity

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The opportunity

A low-impact community project using donated materials and volunteer effort

- Create a dedicated place for RC rock crawling in the Livermore area.
- Make productive recreational use of a designated hillside area.
- Offer a welcoming outdoor activity for families, youth, and enthusiasts.
- Deliver and maintain the course without requesting LARPD funding.



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Who we are

Nor-Cal RC Crawlers — community enthusiasts and families

- Local RC crawling enthusiasts organizing volunteer-led events and projects.
- A family-oriented community that welcomes beginners and experienced drivers.
- Committed to inclusive recreation, including opportunities for families affected by autism.
- A project rooted in volunteerism, donated materials, and community partnerships.



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Proposed location and protected access

Independence Park • two separate hillside course areas



- Course areas are located on opposite sides of the existing maintenance road.
- The southwest-to-northeast road, including its gentle S-curve, stays fully clear.
- No equipment access into either hillside area is required.
- Final placement remains within LARPD-approved boundaries and setbacks.

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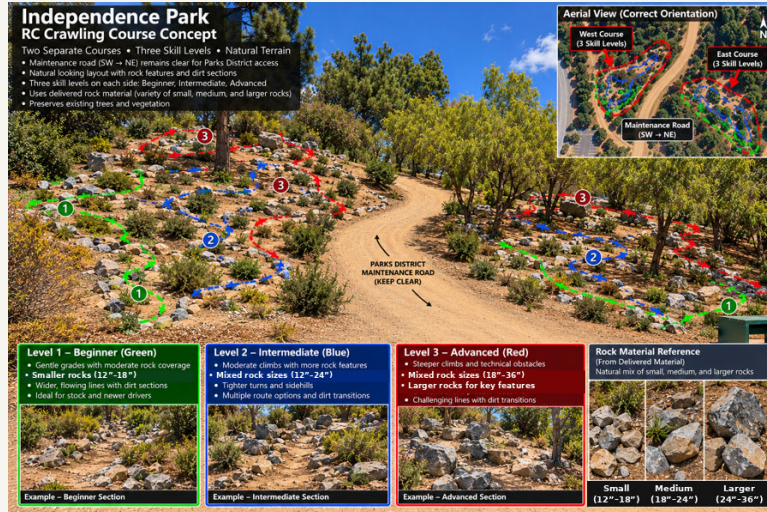
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Three skill levels, natural appearance

Interconnected lines within each course area — no crossings of the maintenance road



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Built with donated natural rock

Varied sizes and natural dirt breaks create realistic off-road terrain



- Beginner / green: stable, embedded 18–24 in. rocks and wider lines.
- Intermediate / blue: stable 24–36 in. rock gardens, turns, and sidehill sections.
- Advanced / red: 36–48+ in. anchor rocks with selective technical obstacles.
- No loose, hand-movable stones; use natural dirt breaks between secured rock features.

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Rock stability and public safety

Permanent, stable obstacles — not loose landscaping stones

BEGINNER

18–24 in.

Embedded, stable rock features; no easily removable stones.

INTERMEDIATE

24–36 in.

Larger anchored rock gardens and natural dirt transitions.

ADVANCED

36–48+ in.

Selected large, securely seated boulders for technical challenges.

Installation standard: No loose rocks that visitors can readily pick up or move. Each rock must be individually stable, embedded or otherwise secured as needed, and positioned so it cannot shift or roll toward the maintenance road.

Final rock selection, anchoring methods, setbacks, and maintenance checks to be coordinated with LARPD.

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Minimal impact on park resources

Designed around the existing landscape and Parks District operations

- Preserve established trees, vegetation, and significant root areas.
- Avoid irrigation modifications; confirm utilities and irrigation locations before installation.
- Limit grading and soil disturbance; embed or secure each rock to prevent shifting, removal, or rolling.
- Keep picnic areas, pedestrian routes, and maintenance access unobstructed.
- Coordinate final layout, setbacks, and work methods with LARPD staff.



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No requested LARPD cost or routine maintenance

Volunteer responsibility is central to the proposal

- Donated rock material has already been delivered and staged.
- Volunteers provide course construction, cleanup, and ongoing upkeep.
- Nor-Cal RC Crawlers proposes periodic checks for rock stability, erosion, debris, and litter.
- No District funding or routine maintenance labor is requested.
- Agree on a volunteer contact, maintenance expectations, and issue-escalation process.



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Community value

A modest park enhancement with broad recreational benefits

- Accessible outdoor recreation for different ages and skill levels.
- A positive gathering place for families, hobbyists, and new participants.
- Inclusive opportunities for people with different abilities and interests.
- Potential for volunteer days, educational demonstrations, and community events, subject to approval.
- A community-funded amenity that encourages stewardship of public space.

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A personal story: what this community makes possible

Kody's experience with RC crawling

For my son Kody, who is autistic, RC crawling has become much more than a hobby.

The RC community has welcomed him, giving him a sense of acceptance, belonging, and a place of his own within the sport.

Building, maintaining, and driving RC vehicles have helped him develop hands-on STEM skills, problem-solving abilities, and confidence.

Through shared activities and friendships, he has strengthened his communication, self-awareness, and ability to form meaningful relationships.

Our vision: create more opportunities for other individuals and families to find that same sense of community.

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Local partnership: Hobby Addicts

Connecting outdoor recreation with a Livermore hobby shop

- Nor-Cal RC Crawlers is partnering with local hobby shop Hobby Addicts.
- Create a welcoming pathway for families and first-time RC participants to discover the hobby.
- Connect park-based recreation with local knowledge, supplies, and hobby expertise.
- Explore joint demonstrations, introductory activities, and community events, subject to partner and LARPD approval.
- Support local small-business visibility while keeping the course free of commercial obligations to LARPD.

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Proposed next steps

Coordinate a practical, phased installation with LARPD

- Confirm course boundaries, road setbacks, vegetation and irrigation protections.
- Review volunteer work plan, safety controls, and ongoing maintenance responsibilities.
- Stage installation in manageable sections, beginning with lower-impact features.
- Walk the completed sections with LARPD staff and adjust as needed.
- Continue dialogue with the committee and Board of Directors if requested.

REQUEST: Committee support to continue coordination and implementation within LARPD requirements.

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Thank you

A community-led project for Independence Park



Our commitment

Respect the park.
Protect maintenance access.
Build responsibly.
Maintain what we create.
Welcome the community.

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