

Operation: Irvine Regional Park

Irvine Regional Park is the oldest park in Orange County. Originally known as "The Great Picnic Grounds," This park was home to early German colonists that utilized the area during the mid 1800's. During World War II, Irvine Regional Park was closed to the public and opened as an army post called "Camp Rathkey."

What else can you discover at Irvine Regional Park? Do you see or hear any unusual birds? While you are at the park, visit the Orange County Zoo. What animals in the zoo could live in the wild in Orange County?

Hint: Park in the zoo parking lot.



Clue: Look for the tree near the nature center that was living here when the U.S. Constitution was signed. The key is near the tree.

Find the beginning of Horseshoe Loop Trail. Complete the trail, which is approximately 2 miles in length. During your hike on the trail search for the Civil War cannon. Can you find it?

Did you know that 1 mile of walking is about 2,000 steps? That means that once you have completed Horseshoe Loop, you will have walked over 4,000 total steps! According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), being physically active is a key element in living a longer, healthier, happier life.



Sound mapping is a great way to relax. Sit with your eyes closed and listen for 2 minutes. Open your eyes, draw yourself below, and then draw pictures that represent the sounds you heard. You will find that you will hear things that you did not notice before.