

# Community Information

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## Lake Forest





## LAKE FOREST

The City of Lake Forest is located in the heart of South Orange County and the beautiful Saddleback Valley. The City's motto, "Remember the past, challenge the future," is the Lake Forest way of life. The rich heritage of the past is preserved and enhanced in this contemporary city ready to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future. Incorporated as a city in 1991, Lake Forest has been carefully master-planned to help ensure that it will always be an ideal place for business to prosper and people to live, work and play.

Don Jose Serrano settled the area, which was originally called Rancho Canada De Los Alisos (the Valley of the Sycamores), through a Mexican Land Grant in 1846. The area then became known as El Toro, named after the bulls that roamed Don Jose Serrano's ranch. For more than a century, the land remained with Don Jose and his family until financial problems forced him to turn the land over to private interests. In the early 1900's, Dwight Whiting, a resident of the area, planted 400 acres of fast-growing eucalyptus trees in this growing agricultural community as an answer to the California lumber shortage. Shortly following World War II, residential, commercial and industrial development began to replace the acres of farmland in the area. In the 1960's, master developer Occidental Petroleum decided to create a master-planned community around the abundant trees and man-made lakes. The eucalyptus trees provided landscaping

for the new modern homes and led to the "Forest" in Lake Forest. During the peak of activity at the nearby El Toro Marine Base, the need for new homes and support services increased. Steadily, the Lake Forest area was built into the community we enjoy today.

Lake Forest is well-situated adjacent to the merger of the Interstate 5 and 405 Freeways and the Foothill and Eastern Transportation Corridors, which provide easy access to Los Angeles, San Diego, and the Inland Empire. The Orange County Airport and an Amtrak station are only minutes away.

"Lake Forest, Where Work and Life Come Together Naturally." The City's business, industrial and commercial office parks offer an excellent selection of facilities and development opportunities to meet the needs and specific requirements of varied professions and businesses, including research and development, technology, manufacturing and retail. Companies that include Oakley, Wet Seal, Del Taco corporate offices, Panasonic Avionics, Apria Healthcare, Black & Decker, Western Digital, and Wonderware Corporation flourish in Lake Forest. The City takes a proactive role in expanding existing businesses and encouraging entrepreneurial activity.

Lake Forest has the charm of a small community with the convenience of a large metropolitan city. It's the place to live the good life in beautiful, safe, well-planned neighborhoods. The environment is ideal with mild Mediterranean weather, lush green hills, groves of eucalyptus trees, lakes and style. It's family living at its finest with homes to meet all needs, including lake front homes, equestrian estates, luxury condominiums, town homes, mobile home parks and retirement communities.

Twenty public parks and the Whiting Ranch Regional Wilderness Park offer acres of great outdoor pleasure. Everything from tennis, handball, basketball and





volleyball courts, tot lots, a golf course, stable, hiking, biking, and equestrian trails, cozy picnic areas and barbecues, to boating and swimming are all conveniently available within the city. There are free summer concerts in the park, theaters, community playhouse productions, special events at Heritage Hill Historical Park and City sponsored programs for all age groups.

Lake Forest has quality public schools for grades K-12, several preschools, private elementary schools, technical and trade schools within the city. Higher education is only minutes away at the University of California at Irvine, California State University at Fullerton, Chapman University, Concordia University and Saddleback and Irvine Valley Community Colleges.

## City of Lake Forest

25550 Commercentre Drive, Suite 100 / Lake Forest, CA 92630  
Phone (949) 461-3400 / FAX (949) 461-3511 / [www.lakeforestca.gov](http://www.lakeforestca.gov)

## Points of Interest

### Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest

Designed for all ages, these lessons can help develop the skills needed to succeed on your skateboard. Beginning, intermediate and private classes are available. Taught by experienced riders who are capable of showing beginning riders where to start and showing advanced riders new tricks such as switch stance and pool coping grinds. Availability is limited. Full protective gear consisting of a helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads are required. Skate park is open for free skating during scheduled hours. 20321 Lake Forest Dr, Lake Forest / (949) 916-5870



### Heritage Hill Historical Park

This facility preserves some of the rich cultural heritage of Orange County through its village of four historical buildings which represent distinct eras in the early development of the Saddleback Valley and El Toro areas. This site is open Wednesday through Sunday. Guided tours through the buildings are provided. 25151 Serrano Rd., Lake Forest 92630 / (949) 923-2230

### Nature Park

26215 Dimension Dr, Lake Forest (949) 461-3400

### Whiting Ranch Regional Park

Trabuco Canyon (949) 923-2245 Mountain Biking / Cycling: Very popular for the novice rider. Please use caution when riding. Especially if you are a beginner. You'll have to learn what your limits are and when to slow down. A little bit of info for advanced riders

### Arden - The Helena Modjeska Historic House And Gardens

Famous as the home of Madame Modjeska, one of the world's greatest actresses, the house was designed by Stanford White in 1888 and built on property called the 'Forest of Arden.' Sold soon after her retirement, it remains a monument to the woman who contributed immeasurably to the cultural life of Orange County. Modjeska Canyon: 500 ft E of intersection of Modjeska Canyon Rd and Harding Canyon Rd / (949) 923-2230





### **Hamilton Oaks Vineyard**

Tucked in Trabuco Canyon, Hamilton Oaks Winery is producing international award winning wine right here in Orange County. Created with handcrafted winemaking equipment and aged in French Oak Barrels, Hamilton Oaks Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon are exquisite as are the Barbera and Mélange Du Sud. Award Winning Port, and Excellent Syrah are also now available. Appointment only. (949) 459-6913

### **The Arbor Shopping Center**

Starts on El Toro Rd east of the 5 Freeway - Newly constructed, includes apparel, Coffee Houses & dining, fitness club, home furnishings & more.

### **Utilities**

**Cable TV/Phone:** Cox Communications (949) 720-2020 / [www.cox.com](http://www.cox.com)  
AT&T (800) 310-2355 / [www.att.com](http://www.att.com)

**Gas:** Southern California Gas 800-427-2200 / [www.socalgas.com](http://www.socalgas.com)

**Electricity:** Southern California Edison 800-655-4555 / [www.sce.com](http://www.sce.com)

**Trash collection:** Waste Management of Orange County 949 642-1191

**Water:** El Toro Water District 949-837-7050 / [www.etwd.com](http://www.etwd.com)  
Irvine Ranch Water District 949-453-5300 / [www.irwd.com](http://www.irwd.com)  
Trabuco Canyon Water District 949-858-0277 / [www.tcwd.ca.gov](http://www.tcwd.ca.gov)



### **Annual Events**

#### **Victorian Christmas:** December

Holiday entertainment, children's crafts, living history demonstrations, historical exhibits, tours through decorated historic buildings, Santa Claus. Heritage Hill Historical Park

#### **Rancho Days Fiesta:** May

Celebrating the history of Saddleback Valley, there will be children's activities include piñatas, free crafts projects and a chance to make your own pottery. Help churn and taste homemade ice cream and butter, sample fresh tortillas and warm bread from the horno oven. Dip candles and grind corn while learning about the early days of Orange County. Heritage Hill Historical Park. 923-2230

#### **Fourth of July Parade:** July

The days events start with the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast in the morning followed by the annual Fourth of July Parade. There is also a 5K Run/Walk that starts in the morning.

#### **Autumn Harvest Festival:** October

Annual event held by the city of Lake Forest which includes music, a haunted house, games and entertainment. Heritage Hill Historical Park. Lake Forest Community Services 461-3450





## Post Offices

### U.S. Post Office - El Toro

24552 Raymond Way / Lake Forest, CA 92630-9998 / 1-800-275-8777  
7:30 am – 6:30 pm M-F / 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Sat

### U.S. Post Office - Rite Price

23653 EL Toro RD / Lake Forest, CA 92630-4775 / 1-800-275-8777  
9:00 am – 6:00 pm M-F / 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Sat

## Libraries

### El Toro Library

24672 Raymond Way / Lake Forest, CA 92630 / (949) 855-8173  
10:00 am – 9:00 pm M-Th / 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Fri-Sat / 12:00 – 5:00 pm Sun

### Foothill Ranch Library

27002 Cabriole Way / Foothill Ranch, CA 92610 / (949) 855-8072  
10:00 am – 8:00 pm M-Th / 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Sat / Closed Friday & Sunday



## Education

### Saddleback Valley Unified School District

25631 Peter Hartman Way / Mission Viejo, CA 92691  
949-586-1234 / [www.svusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.svusd.k12.ca.us)

### Elementary Schools

Gates, Ralph A.

23882 Landisview Avenue / Lake Forest, 92630 / 949-837-2260

Lake Forest

21801 Pittsford / Lake Forest, 92630 / 949-830-9945

La Madera

25350 Serrano Road / Lake Forest, 92630 / 949-770-1415

Olivewood

23391 Dune Mear Road / Lake Forest, 92630 / 949-837-6682

Rancho Cañada

21801 Winding Way / Lake Forest, 92630 / 949-768-5252

Santiago

24982 Rivendell Drive / Lake Forest, 92630 / 949-586-2820

### Middle Schools

Serrano

24642 Jeronimo / Lake Forest, 92630 / 949-586-3221

### High Schools

El Toro

25255 Toledo Way / Lake Forest, 92630 / 949-586-6333





# LAKE FOREST

25550 COMMERCENTRE DRIVE  
LAKE FOREST, CA 92630

INCORPORATED: 1991  
AREA: 16.8 square miles  
TELEPHONE: (949) 461-3400  
WEBSITE: www.lakeforestca.gov

## CITY COUNCIL

Mayor	Scott Voigts
Mayor Pro Tem	Leah Basile
Council Members	Dr. Jim Gardner
	Andrew Hamilton
	Dwight Robinson

## DEPARTMENTS

City Manager	(949) 461-3410
Community Development	461-3460
City Council	461-3420
Community Services	461-3450
Fire Authority	(714) 573-6000
Sheriff Services	(949) 770-6011

## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

POPULATION		2010 POPULATION BY AGE (1)			2010 RACIAL & ETHNIC POPULATION (1)		
1960	*		<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
1970	*	<b>0-4</b>	4,834	6.3	<b>Non-Hispanic White</b>	44,177	57.2
1980	*	<b>5-9</b>	5,055	6.5	<b>Hispanic of any race</b>	19,024	24.6
1990	*	<b>10-14</b>	5,580	7.2	<b>Non-Hispanic Asian</b>	9,985	12.9
2000	75,997 (1)	<b>15-19</b>	5,733	7.4	<b>Non-Hispanic Black</b>	1,158	1.5
2010	77,264 (1)	<b>20-24</b>	4,688	6.1	<b>All Other NH Races</b>	2,920	3.8
		<b>25-34</b>	10,347	13.4			
2005	76,635 (2)	<b>35-44</b>	11,752	15.2	<b>Total:</b>	77,264	100%
2006	76,390 (2)	<b>45-54</b>	13,223	17.2			
2007	76,346 (2)	<b>55-59</b>	4,878	6.3			
2008	76,582 (2)	<b>60-64</b>	4,083	5.3			
2009	76,817 (2)	<b>65-74</b>	4,137	5.4			
2010	77,395 (2)	<b>75-84</b>	1,909	2.4			
2011	77,813 (3)	<b>85+</b>	1,045	1.4			
2012	78,732 (3)						
2013	79,584 (3)	<b>Total:</b>	77,264	100%			
2014	79,929 (3)	<b>Median Age:</b>	37.2				
2015	80,723 (3)	<b>% of County:</b>		2.6			
2016	83,376 (3)						
2017	84,931 (3)						

### CURRENT PROJECTIONS SERIES POPULATION: OCP-2014 MODIFIED (4)

2015	81,872
2020	90,653
2025	90,656
2030	90,824
2035	90,782
2040	90,693

## VOTER REGISTRATION, 2017 (6)

<b>Democratic</b>	12,919	<b>Peace &amp; Freedom</b>	93
<b>Republican</b>	18,246	<b>Misc.</b>	113
<b>Independent</b>	1,323	<b>Decline To State</b>	10,769
<b>Green</b>	150		
<b>Libertarian</b>	462	<b>Total:</b>	44,075

## VITAL STATISTICS (5)

	2010	2011	2012
<b>Total Births</b>	674	722	766
<b>Birth Rate</b>	8.7	9.2	9.7
<b>Total Deaths</b>	354	355	538
<b>Death Rate</b>	4.6	4.5	6.8

\* City not incorporated at this date.

Note: 2000 Census figures include the annexation of Foothill Ranch and Portola Hills.

Sources: (1) April Decennial Census of Population, U.S. Census Bureau.  
(2) E-8 Released November 2012, State Dept. of Finance.  
(3) E-5 (Revised) Released May 2017, State Dept. of Finance.

(4) Center for Demographic Research, CSUF.  
(5) OC Health Care Agency rates per 1,000 pop. 2012 is the latest published data by city.  
(6) OC Registrar of Voters, 2017.



# CITY OF Lake Forest

## 2017 PROFILE

The City of Lake Forest takes a proactive role in growing its existing businesses, attracting new businesses, and encouraging entrepreneurialism. At just over 16 square miles, the City of Lake Forest, located at the heart of Southern Orange County, remains one of California's most desirable locations, and the *Natural Choice for Business*.

"The vast majority of businesses (87%) are satisfied with the City's efforts to provide municipal services."

-True North Research, 2016

For additional information please contact:

### CITY OF LAKE FOREST Economic Development

25550 Commercentre Drive, Suite 100  
Lake Forest, CA 92630  
Phone (949) 461-3567  
Fax (949) 461-3577  
[www.lakeforestbusiness.com](http://www.lakeforestbusiness.com)

### KEY PHONE NUMBERS

City Clerk	(949) 461-3420
City Manager	(949) 461-3410
Economic Development	(949) 461-3567
Development Services	(949) 461-3460
Building Division	(949) 461-3470
Planning & Zoning Division	(949) 461-3472
Parks & Recreation Information	(949) 461-3450
Public Works	(949) 461-3480
Police Services	(949) 461-3530
Lake Forest Chamber of Commerce	(949) 583-9639
Transportation Corridor (Toll Road)	(949) 754-3400

### DEMOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION

Population*	84,931
Median Age***	38.3
Unemployment Rate**	2.0%

### DISTRIBUTION BY ETHNICITY AND RACE\*\*\*

White	65.6%
Asian	16.1%
Black	1.9%
Other	16.4%

26.7% of the population identifies as Hispanic

### EMPLOYMENT PROFILE\*\*\*

Management, Business and Financial Operations:	19.3%
Professional and Related Occupations:	24.3%
Service:	14.9%
Sales, Office and Admin Support:	26.0%
Farming, Fishing and Forestry:	0.3%
Construction, Extraction and Maintenance:	7.7%
Production, Transportation, and Material Moving:	7.5%

### HOUSING\*\*\*

Median Household Income	\$102,213
Households	28,604

### DEVELOPMENT\*

Residential	3,664 acres
Commercial & Professional Office	820 acres
Business Park & Light Industrial	1,080 acres
Open Space, Parks	3,311 acres

\*BASED ON CITY GENERAL PLAN ESTIMATES

### MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Panasonic Avionics	2,290
loanDepot	2,049
Oakley	1,400
Schneider Electric	500
Spectrum Brands HHI	494
Cox Communications	491
Bal Seal Engineering	423
Home Depot USA Inc.	348
Walmart	340
Alcon Research	315
Toshiba America Business Solutions	300
Kawasaki Motors Corp. USA	300
Apria Healthcare Group	282
Dynacast	195
Del Taco	65
Applied Medical	

\*Department of Finance December 2017

\*\*Employment Development Department November 2017

\*\*\*Esri, December 2017



# CITY OF Lake Forest

## 2017 PROFILE

### TRANSPORTATION

Irvine Spectrum	3 Miles
Beaches	7 Miles
Inland Empire	28 Miles
Los Angeles	45 Miles
San Diego	77 Miles

### CORRIDORS

Interstate 5, 405 and 241 Toll Road

### DISTANCE TO AIRPORTS

John Wayne Orange County	11 Miles
Long Beach Airport	25 Miles
LA/Ontario International Airport	45 Miles
Los Angeles International Airport	50 Miles

### PORTS

Long Beach:	25 Miles
Los Angeles:	45 Miles

### LAKE FOREST PARKS AND AMENITIES

- 30 Neighborhood/Community Parks
- Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park
- Heritage Hill Historic Park
- Lake Forest Golf & Practice Center
- Serrano Creek and Aliso Creek Trails
- Ethies Skatepark of Lake Forest
- The Arbor on El Toro
- Foothill Ranch Towne Center

### EDUCATION PROFILE

Access to Saddleback Valley Unified School District, consisting of 26 Elementary Schools, 4 Intermediate Schools, 4 High Schools, a Continuation High School, an Independent Study High School, and one Special Edition School.

Total Public Schools located within Lake Forest	11
Total Private Schools located within Lake Forest	4

### NEARBY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

University of California, Irvine  
 California State University, Fullerton  
 Chapman University  
 Concordia University  
 Soka University  
 Saddleback Community College  
 Irvine Valley Community College

“An overwhelming majority of residents (91%) rate the quality of life in Lake Forest as excellent or good.”

-True North Research 2016

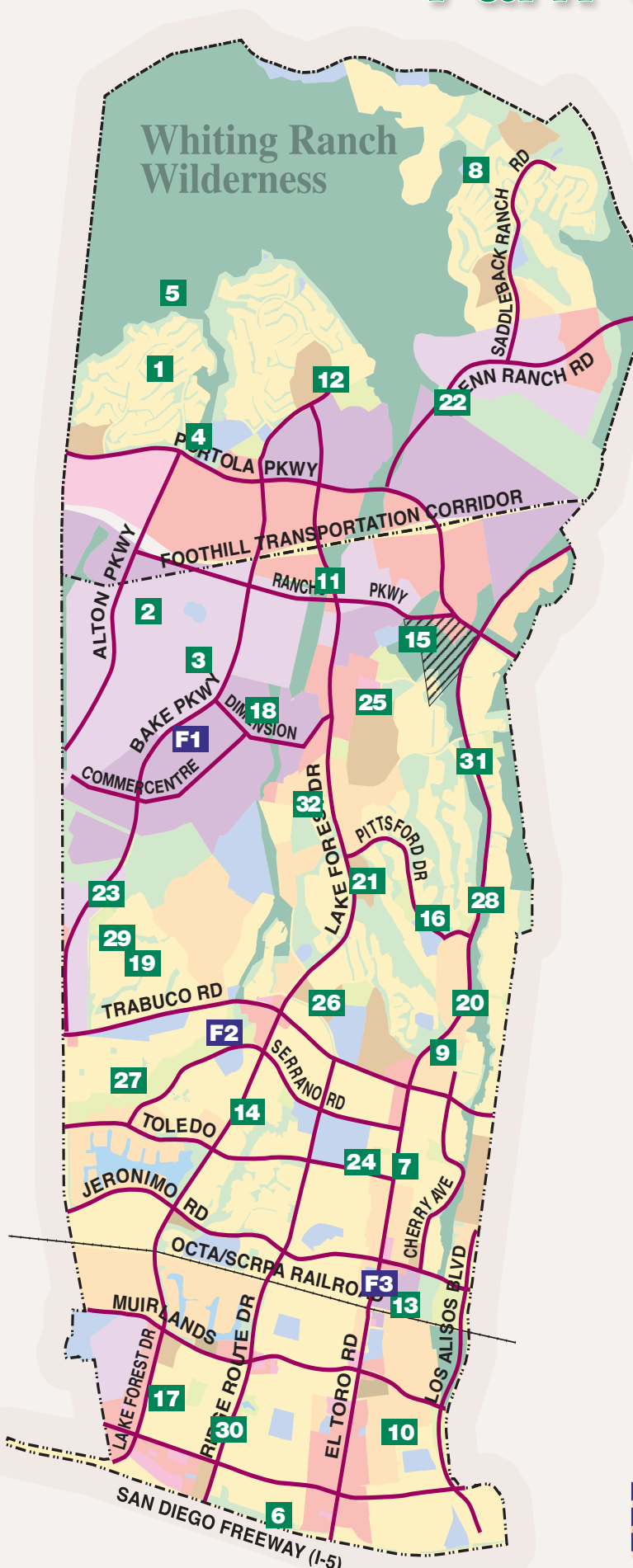
### EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (Population 25+)\*\*

Some College:	22.3%
Associates Degree:	8.6%
Bachelor's Degree:	31.0%
Professional Degree or Higher:	15.1%

\*\*Esri, December 2017







## CITY PARKS

	Acres	Barbecues	Baseball	Basketball	Multi-Use Fields	Outdoor Exercise Equipment	Picnic	Playground	Restrooms	Soccer	Tennis Court	Walking Path
<b>1 Alton Park</b> 18992 Alton Parkway	2.3	4	1 <sub>hc</sub>				9 1 <sub>s</sub>	1				
<b>2 Baker Ranch Community Park</b>	8	2	1	1	1		2	1	1	1		
<b>3 Barker Ranch Dog Park</b> 26500 Baffin Bay Drive	0.5											
<b>4 Borrego Park</b> 26982 Cabriole	11	5	1 <sub>fc</sub>				11	1	1	1		1
<b>5 Borrego Overlook Park</b> 21 Viaggio Lane	1.6	3					5	1				
<b>6 Cavanaugh Mini Park</b> 23782 Cavanaugh Road	0.2		1 <sub>hc</sub>				1	1				
<b>7 Cherry Park</b> 22651 Cherry Avenue	4.5	3	1 <sub>hc</sub>				9 1 <sub>s</sub>	1				
<b>8 Concourse Park</b>	7	2	1 <sub>hc</sub>				1 4 2 <sub>s</sub>	2	1			1
<b>9 Darrin Park</b> 22461 Cherry Avenue	3.1	6	1 <sub>hc</sub>				11 1 <sub>s</sub>	1				
<b>10 El Toro Park</b>	10	2					1 7 1 <sub>s</sub>	1	1		2 <sub>L</sub>	
<b>11 Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest</b> 20028 Lake Forest Drive	5.3						3	1				
<b>12 Foothill Ranch Community Park</b>	15.5		2	1 <sub>fc</sub>			9	2	1	1	2	1
<b>13 Heroes Park</b> 25420 Jeronimo Road	12.4	1	4 <sub>L</sub>	1 <sub>L</sub>			2	1				
<b>14 Lake Forest Park</b> 24000 Serrano Road	2.3							1				
<b>15 Lake Forest Sports Park/ Recreation Center</b>	86	8	5 L	2 L	3 L	1	8 s	2	2	5 L		1
<b>16 Montbury Park</b> 21962 Montbury Drive	3.5	1					2					
<b>17 Mountain View Park</b>	5.3	2	1	1 <sub>fc</sub> 1 <sub>hc</sub>		1	9 1 <sub>s</sub>	2	1		2 <sub>L</sub>	
<b>18 Nature Park</b> 26215 Dimension Drive	4.5						7 1 <sub>s</sub>					1
<b>19 Peachwood Park</b> 21132 Peachwood	2.7						5 1 <sub>s</sub>	1				
<b>20 Pebble Creek Park</b> 26441 Pebble Creek Road	1.9						1	1				
<b>21 Pittsford Park</b>	10	2					8 1 <sub>s</sub>	2	1		2	1
<b>22 Portola Hills Park (Future Site)</b>	5											
<b>23 Rancho Serrano Park</b> 20842 Paseo Sombra	5.1	3					7			1		
<b>24 Ranchwood Park</b> 22500 Killy Street	1.9		1 <sub>hc</sub>				1					
<b>25 Regency Park</b> Regency Lane & Osterman Road	5									1		
<b>26 Ringgate Park</b>	5	1	1 <sub>fc</sub>				7 1 <sub>s</sub>	3	1		1	
<b>27 Serrano Creek Park</b>	44	3					13 1 <sub>s</sub>	1	1			1
<b>28 Sundowner Park</b> 22041 Sundowners Lane	0.8	1					2	1				
<b>29 Tamarisk Park</b> 22001 Tamarisk	11.2		1	1 <sub>fc</sub>			11	1	1			
<b>30 Village Pond Park</b> 23102 Ridge Route Drive	4.7						3					
<b>31 Vintage Park</b> 21000 Vintage Street	4.8	5	1 <sub>fc</sub> 1 <sub>hc</sub>				11	1				
<b>32 Whispering Hills Park (Future Site)</b>												

- park shelter available for reservation
- gymnasium
- roller rinks

- fc** full court
- hc** half court
- L** lights
- s** shelter

## OTHER FACILITIES

<b>F1 City Hall /Community Center</b>	25550 Commercentre #100	461-3400
<b>F2 Heritage Hill Historical Park</b>	25151 Serrano Road	923-2230
<b>F3 Lake Forest Golf</b>	23308 Cherry Avenue	859-1455

# About

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Come Together Naturally*

Located in the heart of South Orange County, Lake Forest has the charm of a small community with the convenience of a large metropolitan city. Formerly known as El Toro, the City incorporated on December 20, 1991 and includes the master-planned communities of Foothill Ranch and Portola Hills.

Lake Forest is surrounded by natural attractions and offers beautiful communities set against the Saddleback Mountains. Careful planning has resulted in preservation of the City's rich heritage, revitalized commercial centers for shopping and business, and dedicated open space for recreation and relaxation.

With a budget philosophy that embodies fiscal responsibility and long-term sustainability, the City lives within its means and continues to make investments to improve the overall quality of life for the community.

