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**Garland Ranch Regional Park**

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT**

**General Information**

Garland Ranch Regional Park was established in December 1975 with the bargain-sale purchase of 540-acres from William Garland. Mr. Garland was a businessman from southern California who enjoyed the rural country-life of Carmel Valley and brought his family to his 'ranch' for weekend retreats and vacations. Shortly after the sale, Mr. Garland was killed in a crash while flying up to Monterey. The park is named in his memory.

Since then, the District has actively enlarged the park with fee purchases, donations, and bargain sales. Today the park encompasses 3,464-acres and will continue to grow in the future. The park is characterized by a steep and rugged landscape that forms the northern tip of the Santa Lucia Range. It is home to a variety of habitats, from the riparian forest at 200' elevation along the Carmel River to the grasslands of Snively's Ridge at 2030'. With over 50 miles of trails and abundant sunshine most of the year, it is a favorite perennial hiking and equestrian destination for residents and visitors alike. Bicyclists are only permitted on the 144-acre Cooper Ranch addition west of Lupine Loop and the Kahn Ranch Addition.

Throughout the park there are reminders of Carmel Valley's long and rich cultural history: Native Rumsen sites, farming and logging remains, hunting cabins and homestead ruins, livestock ponds and springs. Plant and animal diversity is also extensive and is well documented at the Garland Park Visitor Center. For a more formal introduction to the wonders of Garland Ranch Regional Park, hikes and activities are posted at the Visitor Center and online.

More information may be found at: [mprpd.org](http://mprpd.org)