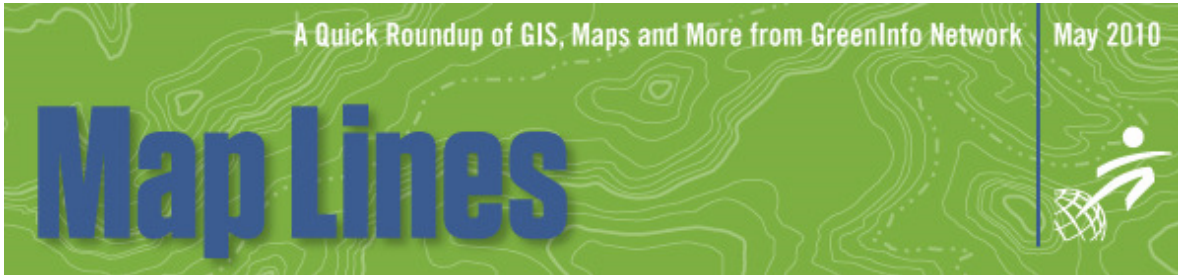


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*Special MapLines Edition*

Dear Friend,

[ParkInfo.org](#), our public parks web portal, has just undergone a major and exciting makeover and we wanted to let you know about it, with this special edition of MapLines!

The new ParkInfo features outstanding and fast-drawing new cartography, based on our custom basemap of California streets and topography, updated parks data and a full screen function, allowing users to really see the state's landscape. It also has a new banner that better conveys the range of information in ParkInfo. As always, the protected areas data in ParkInfo comes through our [CPAD](#) inventory, which is powered by [ESRI](#) GIS software.

ParkInfo is mirrored on the California Dept. of Parks and Recreation's [FindRecreation](#) web site which increases its reach ([let us know](#) if you're interested in having the ParkInfo functions built into your web site - it's easier than you might think!).

**New: WEB MAP CARTOGRAPHY**

The new ParkInfo MapView has streets, parks, high definition shaded relief and even contour lines when you're zoomed in - all of this cartography is custom-made by GreenInfo. In MapView, we no longer use other mapping services that contain less accurate parks data and a blizzard of labels and other features that make it hard to find parks and open space.

The new map was created in partnership with [Lars Ahlzen](#), who shared with us his process for rendering beautiful maps with [Mapnik](#). Streets come from the outstanding [Open Street Map](#), and have been given custom symbolization by GreenInfo. The hillshade is from [USGS](#) 10-meter Digital Elevation Models. A zoom-based labeling system helps keep just enough information in front of you at all levels, without overwhelming the map. A final MapView version will be installed in June, integrating currently separate layers.

Basic ParkInfo regional view

**parkinfo.org**

FINDING YOUR PUBLIC PARKS

What are you looking for?

What:  Park  Campground  Trail

Search:  Near My Address  Park Name  City or Place  Zip

Mission Viejo

Search results: [Print this list](#)

**Abanico Open Space** | Zoom to »  
 Open to the Public 64.2 acres  
 Owner: [Mission Viejo, City of](#)  
 ID: 12146 County: Orange  
[Driving/Transit Directions](#) | [Bird's Eye View \(Bing\)](#)

**Aegean Hills Park** | Zoom to »  
 Open to the Public 0.3 acres  
 Owner: [Mission Viejo, City of](#)  
 ID: 9876 County: Orange  
[Driving/Transit Directions](#) | [Bird's Eye View \(Bing\)](#)

**Alicia Park** | Zoom to »  
 Open to the Public 14.9 acres  
 Owner: [Mission Viejo, City of](#)  
 ID: 3836 County: Orange  
[Driving/Transit Directions](#) | [Bird's Eye View \(Bing\)](#)

**Aliso Creek Greenbelt** | Zoom to »  
 Open to the Public 45.9 acres  
 Owner: [Orange, County of](#)  
 ID: 5852 County: Orange  
[Driving/Transit Directions](#) | [Bird's Eye View \(Bing\)](#)

**Aliso Creek Greenbelt** | Zoom to »  
 Open to the Public 215.5 acres  
 Owner: [Orange, County of](#)  
 ID: 15865 County: Orange

Map View | Satellite View | 3D Earth View

parks  trails  campgrounds

**Cleveland National Forest**  
 77,475 acres

Owner: [United States Forest Service](#)  
 Park Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/rs/cleveland/>  
 Access: Open to the Public  
 County: Riverside  
 ID: 5620  
[Driving/Transit Directions](#) | [Bird's Eye View \(Bing\)](#)

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## New: FULL SCREEN OPTION

The new ParkInfo site also lets viewers choose to browse a full-window map, hiding the search options and the site banner. This full-screen view is an outstanding option for those who enjoy browsing the incredible protected areas landscape of California.

Full screen view, fully zoomed in MapView



## New: UPDATED PARKS

The new site also uses the very latest [CPAD](#) protected areas data, which will be released later in May.

## WHAT'S NEXT:

- New data - GreenInfo is discussing with California State Parks options for showing activity based information in ParkInfo
- ParkInfo API - we are exploring ways to make available our new MapView for other users, as an API
- ParkInfo Mobile - coming soon to an AppStore near you? We're just starting to look into this ([let us know](#) if you'd like to help!)
- Other functions - elevation gradients of trails, export of search results to email or other messaging, and other improvements are being considered for development

## GIVE US FEEDBACK:

We welcome your [input](#) on how we can make ParkInfo better!

Thanks to Jennifer Strahan, GreenInfo's Interactive Solutions Manager for managing this huge new update! She was assisted by Rhonda Friberg, and by Jason Jones and John Kelly with the CPAD data updates. Maegan Leslie Torres did most of great cartographic design for the MapView. We also greatly appreciate the (anonymous) individual donor whose support made all this possible!

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