



"We thank Annie and John Bidwell for having the foresight and generosity to give the park to our community, to Chico, for all to appreciate its beauty and splendor. And we feel the responsibility to carry on that vision, to protect this special place, to give it the tender loving care it deserves and to share it with the community ... we want to protect it for future generations to enjoy ... and grow in, and we want to share it with the wildlife whose home it is."

From the
Spirit of Bidwell Park

CARD Community Center



The main office has facilities for recreational programs and reservable multi-purpose rooms. The Creekside Rose Garden is reservable for special events. More information at chicorec.com or (530) 895-4711.

Gateway Science Museum



Gateway Science Museum is operated by CSU, Chico and inspires the exploration of science and natural history in this region and beyond. More information at csuchico.edu/gateway or (530) 898-4121.

Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park

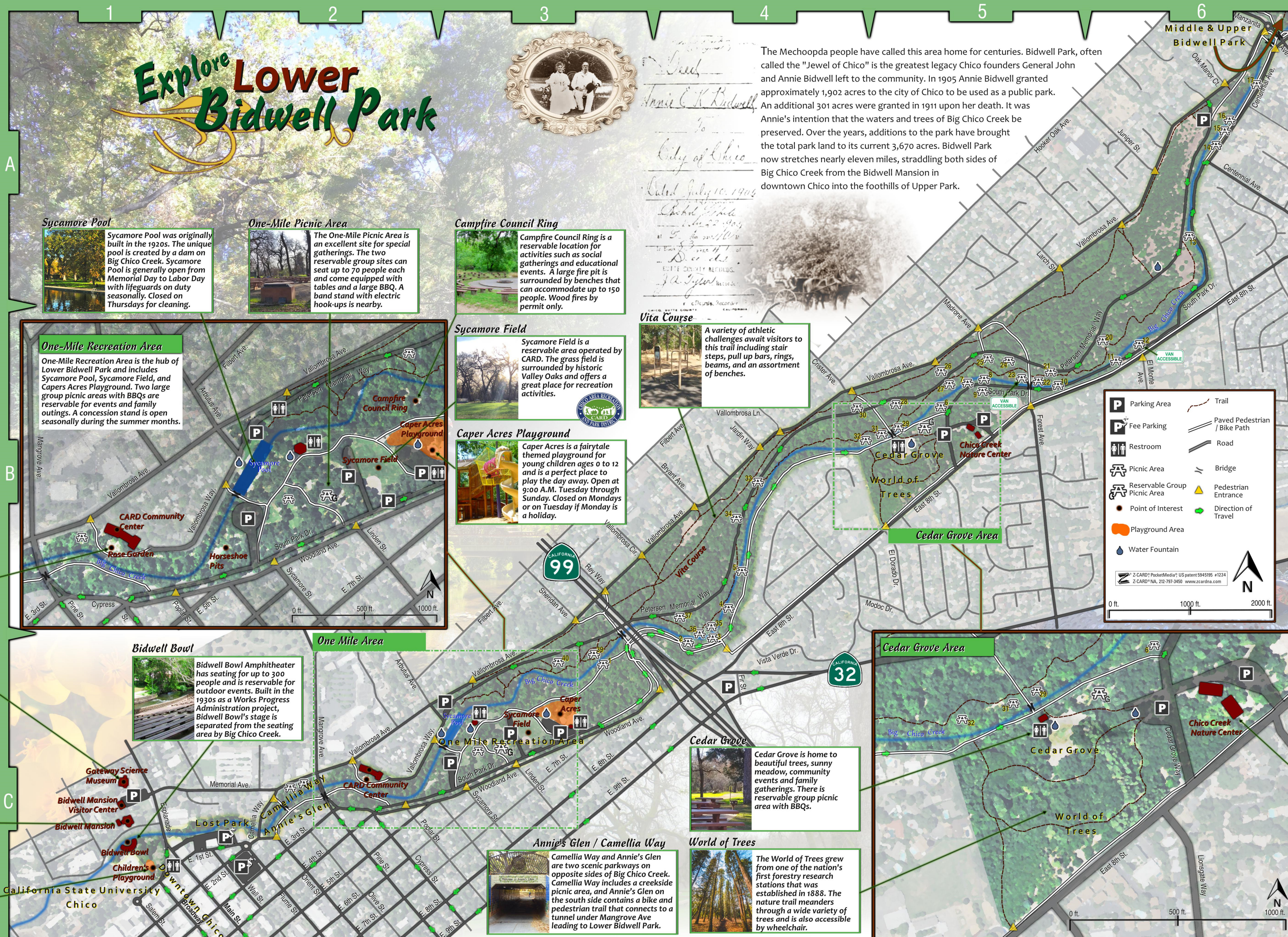


Bidwell Mansion, the home of John and Annie Bidwell, was completed in 1868. Tours of the mansion and a visitor center are features. More information at www.parks.ca.gov or (530) 895-6144.

Children's Playground



Children's Playground was donated to the City of Chico in 1911 by Annie Bidwell. The scenic park area rests at the corner of CSU, Chico and Downtown Chico. There is a children's playground, large grassy area, and practice disc-golf baskets.



Bidwell Park Regulations & Advisements

Bidwell Park is full of fun and adventure! Help keep the park safe & beautiful. Please be familiar with the following important information.

Hours & Access:
Bidwell Park is open to the public from 5 AM to 11PM daily unless otherwise posted. Vehicle access varies based on season, location, and wet weather. For detailed vehicle access info and gate schedules visit www.chico.ca.us (Bidwell Park on drop-down menu) or call (530) 896-7800.

Be prepared!
Be sure to have everything you need to stay safe and comfortable including water, sun protection, and appropriate clothes & shoes. Watch for hazards! You may also encounter poison oak, ticks, rattlesnakes, large wildlife, swift water, or steep drop-offs. Avoid danger by staying on designated trails and explore with a friend.

- Prohibited in Bidwell Park:**
- Alcohol
 - Glass
 - All Smoking & Vaping
 - Camping
 - Campfires and BBQs outside of designated areas
 - Excessive Noise
 - Harming or removal of wildlife, vegetation, rocks, artifacts, etc.

Trail Safety & Etiquette:
Please stay on designated trails and roads for safety and to prevent resource damage. Tread lightly!

During wet conditions, trails are closed to bicycles and horses to reduce erosion. Upper Park Road is open for bike and equestrian use during wet conditions.

Trail safety and courtesy are Bidwell Park standards. Please yield to other users as appropriate.

Bicycles must observe all California vehicular codes including one-way streets. Bicycle riding is not allowed in Caper Acres, on the Sycamore Pool deck, and on the Yahi Trail. Bike helmets must be worn at all time on unpaved roads and trails.

Motorized vehicles are only allowed on designated roads and in established parking areas.

Horses must cross at designated creek crossings and are not allowed in the One-Mile or Five-Mile-Recreation Areas.



Dogs:
Lower Park: Dogs may be off leash from 5:30 AM until 8:30 AM and must remain under voice control. At all other times, dogs must be on leash.

Upper Park: Dogs may be off leash on the north side of Upper Park Road and must remain under voice control. Dogs must be on leash in all areas on and south of Upper Park Road.

Dogs are prohibited from harassing or harming wildlife or people.

Swimming Areas: Dogs are not allowed in Sycamore Pool, on the pool deck, or the surrounding grass area in Lower Park. Dogs are also not allowed in any other named swimming hole in Bidwell Park.

Fishing:
Fishing is subject to current CA Fish & Wildlife Code. Fishing is prohibited from any bridge over Big Chico Creek or the bank of any swimming pool or named swimming area in Bidwell Park.

Horseshoe Lake is catch & release for ages 14 and over. Under 14 is catch and keep. Persons over 14 must have a valid fishing license.

For detailed information on all City of Chico Bidwell Park regulations, contact the City of Chico Parks Division:
Phone: 530-896-7800
Road & Trail Conditions Hotline: 530-896-7899
Email: parkinfo@chicoca.gov
Website: www.chico.ca.us
Facebook: www.fb.com/cityofchicoparks

Chico Creek Nature Center (CCNC) is operated by CARD and is the official visitor center for Bidwell Park. The Nature Center is a hub for fun, education and wonder — all inspired by the outdoors! The CCNC hosts a variety of programs for children, adults, and families. More information at www.chicorec.com or (530) 891-4671.

