



Balloon Fiesta Park 2008 - 2009

Park Information Flyer

1. Site Information:

Balloon Fiesta Park is a 360-acre park City of Albuquerque Park. The park extends approximately 1 mile north of Alameda Blvd. and ½ mile south of Alameda Blvd. adjacent to the North Diversion Channel. Currently, approximately 94 acres are developed:

- Eastdale Little League fields
- New Mexico Golf Center (City operated golf training facility and pro shop and full service restaurant (Gardunos on the Green))
- Northern Launch Field (joint use balloon launch field and 23 game fields).

The park is located east of the Alameda-North Valley Neighborhoods, west of Wildflower Park and various industrial plants (e.g. Citibank, SUMCO, Honeywell, etc.). Other major landmarks in the park are the reclaimed Los Angeles Landfill and the Nazareth Landfill. *Use of these two areas is closely coordinated with the COA Environmental Health Department.*

To use Balloon Fiesta Park, the use is coordinated through the City Parks and Recreation Department, for more information call 311 or 768-2000.

In 2005, the Anderson Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum was completed. The museum is located directly north of Eastdale Little League and west of Balloon Museum Drive. For more information about the museum call 768-6020.

2. Access:

Currently, the primary southern vehicular access to the park is from Alameda Blvd NE and Balloon Museum Drive. From the north, vehicular access is from I-25 Frontage Road and Balloon Fiesta Parkway.

3. Ongoing Construction:

Development of Balloon Fiesta Park started in 1996. Every year various construction projects have been occurring to complete the development of the park. Construction at the park and events need to be closely coordinated. No major construction projects are scheduled for 2008.

4. Balloon Fiesta Park Hours of Operations:

- **Albuquerque Golf Training Center** is open from 7 AM to 10:30 PM. Winter hours may vary. The phone number is 857-8437.
- **Gardunos on the Green** is a full service restaurant, phone number: 797-9222.

- The **Northern Launch Field** is controlled access. When open, access to the field is from the north (I-25 to Southbound Frontage Road to Balloon Fiesta Parkway). Use of the park is scheduled through the Parks and Recreation Department.

5. Existing Leasing/ Licensing Information (Use of the park will require coordination and possible approval/ concurrence with these organizations):

- A. **Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta** (AIBF) has exclusive use of the entire park between August 1 and October 31st each year. They also lease the security building/residence located in the Old Nazareth Landfill/President's Compound area (*Area I*).
- B. **Eastdale Little League** leases the Eastdale Little League fields and a portion of the parking lot from February through September (depending on tournament play during the summer) each year (*Area B*).
- C. **Domain Horizon Limited Partnership** leases the southern parking lot along Alameda Boulevard year round (south of Eastdale Little League): *Area a: Joint Use Parking Area*. They have exclusive use of the 250 parking spaces (*Area A*).
- D. **Amtech Industries** leases *Area 9 – Northern Parking Area* for Toll Booth testing. This area may be available for parking on the weekends. Use of this area requires coordination with Amtech Industries.
- E. **AMAFCA** has granted a license to the City for the use of some of its property during the annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta Event. The AMAFCA licensed area includes portions of *Area G: Northern Parking Area* and other areas of the park.



Reservation Areas of the Park

(Please cross reference information with attached map):

Area A – Joint Use Parking Area: This area is leased to the Domain Horizon Limited Partnership (John Hancock Financial Center) as an exclusive use parking use. Possible use of this area is evaluated on a specific event basis. Use of this area requires City coordination with Eastdale League and Domain Horizon Limited Partnership.

Site Information:

- Landscaped and paved 250 space parking lot
- Access from Balloon Museum Drive or Horizon Blvd.

Area B - Eastdale Little League and Parking Lot (approx. 12 acres): This area is leased to Eastdale Little League. Use of this area will require additional coordination with the City. Possible use of this area is evaluated on a specific event basis. Use of this area requires City coordination with Eastdale League and possibly Domain Horizon Limited Partnership.

Site Information:

- 8 grassed little league fields
- A concession stand operated by Eastdale Little League
- Landscaped and paved 500 space parking lot
- Potable water and power are available at the site (for a fee). Portable restrooms and trash pickup would be required for use of the area.
- Access from Balloon Museum Drive or Horizon Blvd.

Area C – Albuquerque Golf Training Center/Southern Launch Field: (approx. 32 acres, 65 balloon launch spaces): This area is used as part of the Balloon Launch field during the annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta event.

Site Information:

- Golf driving range
- Championship putting course and chipping course
- Golf Pro Shop
- Gardunos on the Green (full service restaurant and banquet facility)
- Paved parking lot for approximately 510 cars.
- Access from Balloon Museum Drive
- Power, night lighting, gas, water and some sewer services are available (for a fee). Portable restrooms may be required for use of this area.

Area D - Northern Launch Field (46 acres, 130 balloon launch sites, 23 game fields):

Access to this area is controlled. This area is used as part of the Balloon Launch field during the annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta event. The area is comprised of large grass panels (4 to 6 game fields group together) and paved access roads. The game fields are 320 feet by 180 feet with spectator spaces in between the fields).

Information about Northern Launch Field (Areas D1 through D7):

D1 – One Game Field: This area is comprised of a game field and a milled parking area with some utilities available. Use of this area may require fencing and access control. Utility availability needs to be evaluated prior to each proposed event. A fee for use of utilities will be charged. Four balloon launch sites.

D2 - Four game fields, 24 balloon launch sites (approx. 400 feet by 760 feet)

D3 - Six game fields, 36 balloon launch sites (approx. 590 feet by 700 feet)

D4 - Two game fields, 6 balloon launch sites (approx. 760 feet by 200 feet)

D5 - Two game fields, this area is an irregularly shaped

D6 - Six game fields, 40 balloon launch sites (approx. 850 feet by 590 feet)

D7 - One game field, – irregularly shaped area

General Site Information:

- Areas are adjacent to milled surface parking lots (Areas E and G)
- Access is from Balloon Fiesta Parkway
- No utility services are currently provided on the field (e.g. water, sewer, power). Portable restrooms may be required for use of this area.

Area E – Vendor Concourse Area (vendors row area: approx. 1,720 feet long by 160 feet wide): This area is used for vending during AIBF Event. Multiple electrical and water hookups are available. This area is used for vending during the AIBF Event. Utility availability needs to be evaluated for each proposed event and use may be possible (for a fee). City coordination with AIBF is required for use of this area. Existing utilities will need to be protected.

Site Information:

- Milled asphalt walking surface
- This area is oiled in August of each year and is not available for use August, September and October.
- Space for 172 10-foot wide vendor tents
- Adjacent parking areas for vendors
- Adjacent to milled surface parking lots (Area F)
- Access from Balloon Fiesta Parkway

Area F – Eastern Parking Area (approx. 1,450 feet by 500 feet – 16.6 acres): Undeveloped area (mostly milled asphalt surface with no landscaping). The area is accessible from Balloon Fiesta Parkway. Water and power are not available for this area. Portable restrooms and trash pickup would be required for use of the area.

Area G - Northern Parking Area (approx. 1400 feet by 500 feet): Undeveloped area (mostly milled asphalt surface), accessible from Balloon Fiesta Parkway. Water and power are not available for this area. Portable restrooms and trash pickup would be required for use of the area.

Area H - North Camino Parking Area (approx. 300 feet by 400 feet): Undeveloped area accessible from Balloon Fiesta Parkway. Water and power are not available for this area. Portable restrooms and trash pickup would be required for use of the area.

Area I - Nazareth Landfill/ President's Compound (approx. 400 feet by 400 feet): Use of this area is evaluated on a case-by-case basis. This area is used for recreational vehicle parking (120 spaces) during the annual AIBF Event. Multiple electrical and water hookups are available. The area is milled asphalt with some landscaping along the edge of the berm. City coordination with AIBF is required for use of this area. Existing utilities will need to be evaluated prior to use and will need to be protected during use. Utilities are availability, though use is evaluated on a case-by-case basis and a fee will be charged for usage. A resident Police Officer lives on site in this area. Vehicular area to this area is from San Diego Blvd.

Area J – Sumitomo Parking (approx. 900 feet by 450 feet – 9.2 acres): Undeveloped area (mostly milled asphalt surface). No utilities are available. Vehicular area to this area is from San Diego Blvd.

Area K – Southern President Compound (triangular area, approx. 600 feet by 400 feet): Undeveloped area (mostly milled asphalt surface). No utilities are available. Vehicular area to this area is from San Diego Blvd. Limited utilities are available.

2008 – 2009 LIMITED USE RESERVATION AREAS: Areas of the park where use is generally not allowed.

Los Angeles Landfill: Limited controlled use due to construction in the area and existing environmental improvements.

Museum Area Parking: Use of this area is coordinated through the Anderson Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum (768-6020).

Natural Area: Current use is not allowed due to park designation (neighborhood buffer and wildlife area).

Transition Area: Current use is not allowed due to lack of access and site condition.