



Morongo Valley Recreation Facilities Summary (2025)

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1. OVERVIEW

The Morongo Valley Community Services District (MVCSD) owns and operates Covington Park, the primary public recreation facility serving residents of Morongo Valley. The park provides essential spaces for recreation, community gatherings, and cultural programming, while supporting partnerships that promote youth engagement, wellness, and recovery.

2. FACILITIES AND AMENITIES

Covington Park offers a wide range of amenities for all ages, including:

- Three playgrounds designed for different age groups
- Skate park
- Hiking trails connecting to surrounding desert terrain
- Community building featuring:
 - Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)
 - Mesquite Room
 - Storage room
 - Art Colony space for local artists and workshops
- Second storage building for District and event equipment
- Snack shack and baseball field on adjacent park property
- District maintenance yard adjacent to the park, housing large equipment such as the tractor and tools

3. MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

All park and facility maintenance is managed by District staff, who oversee landscaping, cleaning, equipment repairs, and event setup.

The District also maintains an agreement with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Work Release Program, providing inmate work crews to assist with general park maintenance and

beautification efforts. This partnership supplements staff work and supports community reintegration programs.

Tree maintenance within Covington Park is handled by certified tree professionals to ensure safety, compliance, and long-term health of the park's landscape. The District is currently developing a formal maintenance plan and annual tree service schedule to guide future pruning, safety inspections, and arbor care across the park.

The District's maintenance yard provides essential storage and workspace for vehicles, tools, and heavy equipment that support these ongoing operations.

4. CURRENT AND PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS (2025)

MVCSD continues to invest in park infrastructure and safety upgrades. Current and planned projects include:

- Converting one community room into a fitness gym for fire department personnel and staff wellness
- Installing a security system with multiple Ring cameras for enhanced safety and monitoring
- Developing a formal tree maintenance and service plan to preserve the park's mature landscape
- Exploring accessibility upgrades and facility enhancements to support expanded public use

5. COMMUNITY USE AND PROGRAMS

Covington Park serves as a central gathering place for recreation, events, and partnerships. The District actively collaborates with local organizations to provide diverse programs and community engagement opportunities, including:

- Morongo Valley Youth Softball League
- Judo program offering martial arts training
- Narcotics Anonymous meetings supporting recovery and wellness
- Morongo Valley Art Colony workshops and exhibits
- Annual community events such as the Splash Bash, Halloween Extravaganza (hosted by the MVYSL), and Tree Lighting Celebration
- Facility rentals for private and public events

6. CONCLUSION

The Morongo Valley Community Services District remains committed to maintaining Covington Park as a safe, vibrant, and inclusive space for recreation, community connection, and cultural enrichment. While the District does not currently maintain a formal Parks Master Plan or adopted Recreation Element, this summary reflects MVCSD's active management, strategic planning, and dedication to long-term community benefit.