

It's a timeless magic wonderland. The park has been a fun area for more than 100 years, a quiet wooded haven for San Franciscans who need to get away from the stone, steel and cement and traffic-jammed streets. The 1,000-acre strip of lush green rolls from Stanyan Street to the shores of the Pacific.

Hike, jog and bike trails circle through the beautiful scenery. For the sports enthusiast, a nine-hole golf course beckons, as well as fields for football, soccer, baseball and lawn bowling. A riding academy offers horseback experiences. There's also a spacious greenhouse exhibiting hundreds of exotic trees and plants from all over the world. A prime tourist attraction for photo and video shooting is the Japanese Tea Garden, with traditional arched walking bridge in an idyllic setting of exotic plants and flowers. Nearby is the California Academy of Sciences, featuring a planetarium and hundreds of historic artifacts and hands-on activities for kids between age two and 92.

At the deYoung Museum of Fine Art are collections of paintings and sculpture from both traditional and contemporary artists. There's a traditional carousel and a family of rare American buffalo roaming their own large field.

No matter where or when you go to Golden Gate Park, you'll find tons of fun activities and scenic attractions to enjoy. For more info, go to www.golden-gate-park.com