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### **Wet Weather & Trails**

Chico, CA, 10/25/2010. As the rainy season approaches, the City of Chico Park Division would like to remind park users of the issues and concerns around trail use in wet weather. Bidwell Park trails are vulnerable and compromised after small amounts of rain. The degree to which trails are affected is based on soil composition, soil depth and slope of the trail. Erosion, compaction, runoff, habitat destruction, ruts and widening of trails are examples of the damage done annually in the park from trail usage during and after rains.

After rain events, park staff performs daily soil monitoring using several measurement tools to assess trail conditions throughout Middle and Upper Park. Trails are closed to horse riders and bikes when threshold moisture values and observations are met in Middle and Upper Park. Equestrian riders, mountain bikers and hikers are encouraged to consult the Bidwell Park Trail & Road Closure Hotline at 896-7899; trailhead signs, or the City website at [www.ci.chico.ca.us](http://www.ci.chico.ca.us) for trail closures.

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The Parks, Open Spaces, Greenways, and Preserves Division is within the General Services Department, and is responsible for maintaining and operating City parks, open space, and recreation areas including Bidwell Park, Children's Playground, Depot Park, City Plaza, Lindo Channel, Little Chico Creek Greenway, Teichert Ponds, and other preserves. Park Division programs include: Maintenance, Ranger, Lifeguard, and Volunteer Programs.

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If you would like more information about this topic, please contact the Park Rangers at 530/896-7800.

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