



A Golf Course Is NOT A Park.

John McLaren Park is an enchanted bit of wilderness in the City, offering a welcome respite from the rush of urban life.

Over half of McLaren Park's 317 acres have been developed for a variety of activities, including golf, soccer, baseball, tennis and basketball. Plus there are numerous playgrounds, picnic areas, an amphitheater and a large off-leash dog area.

Now, a large and relatively untamed region of western McLaren Park is being considered for the installation of a new 18-hole disc golf course.

Disc golf will have a devastating effect on the natural areas of the park. Many trees will be removed immediately and countless others will slowly be killed. Ground cover will be trampled into lifeless dirt. Nesting & feeding areas for the birds will be destroyed. Other animal habitats will be damaged. The peaceful character of the newly installed Philosophers Way trail network will be shattered.

The plans call for 18 large cement pads placed throughout the park (the "tees"), and 54 settings for the chain-metal baskets (the "holes"). Numerous paths will be carved into the natural landscape and dozens of unsightly metal & mesh screens will be installed to "protect" the more fragile trees.

Though hikers and other park goers will technically still have access to this unique natural area, over time the course will come to be used exclusively by players because other park users do not feel safe with discs flying past them at highway speeds.



Please, help us keep the wild wonder of McLaren available for all. Join us in our fight to Save McLaren Park!



How Can You Help?

1. Sign our petition

Go to www.savemclarenpark.org and download our petition form. There's room for 5 signatures on each sheet, so please ask friends to sign too. Instructions for where to mail or drop off the signatures are on the bottom of each form.

2. Write letters to city officials

Letters are the most important way for your views to be heard by city officials. A signed letter sent through the U.S. Mail is most significant way to impress the recipient. email or by fax is also acceptable.

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5. Copy to us: info@savemclarenpark.org

All addresses, sample letters and more can be found at www.savemclarenpark.org.

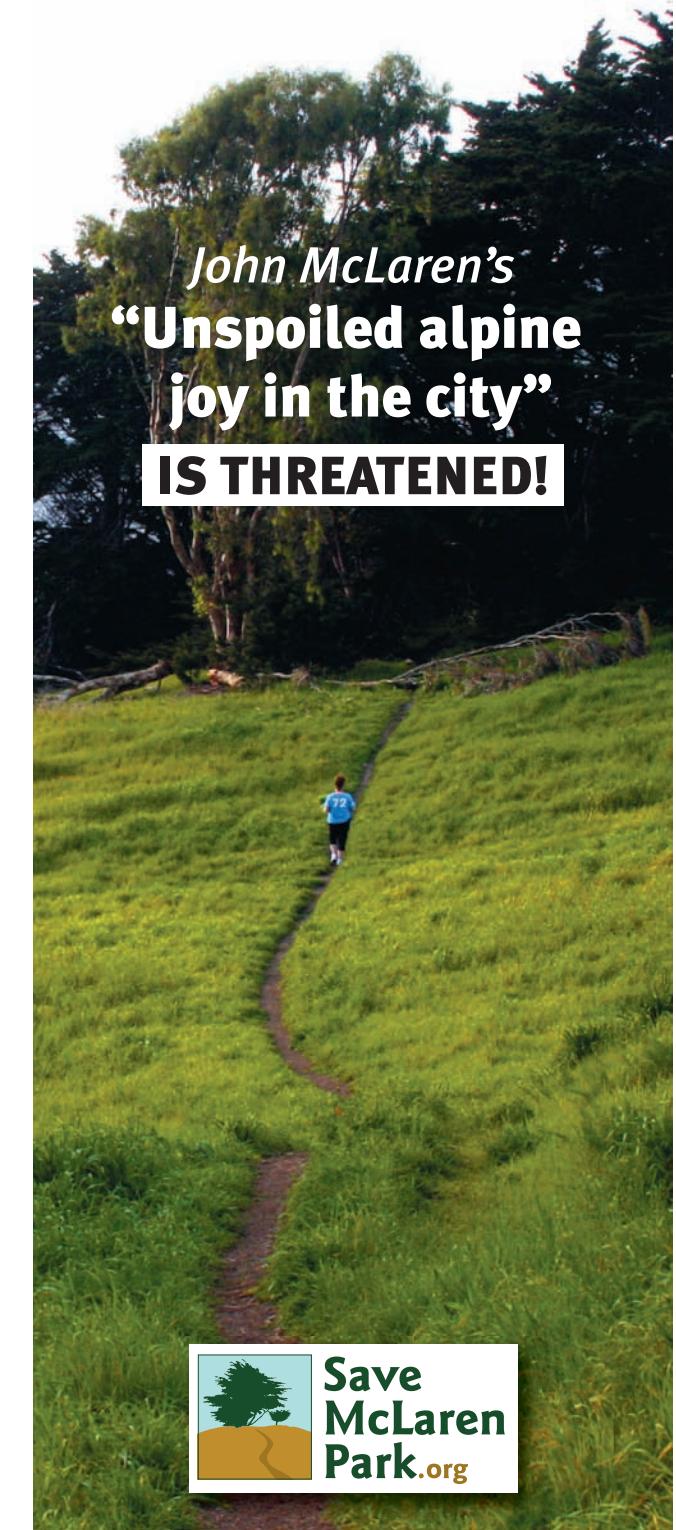
3. Become an Outreach Volunteer

» Get a Save McLaren Park outreach packet that includes: fliers, petitions, letter-writing instructions, map of the disc course, and photos of environmental damage. We will give you talking points and advice on how to be an outreach volunteer. It's easy!

» Make phone calls, and walk your neighborhood or an event to educate people about the issue.

» Get signatures and encourage people to write letters to city officials.

Contact Melanie@savemclarenpark.org. or go to www.savemclarenpark.org for more information.



PROPOSED DISC GOLF COURSE

McLaren Park, San Francisco



"Before & After" pictures of the environmental damage caused by disc golf in Golden Gate Park. See more photos at SaveMcLarenPark.org



Arborist's report on tree damage in Golden Gate Park caused by disc golf:

- » On young Monterey pine trees, gouges to the bark from the disks may increase the susceptibility of the tree to red turpentine beetle. These pines will eventually die.
- » The more trees are hit by discs, the greater the damage. One nick, gouge of lost twig will not adversely impact a tree or shrub, but thousands of nicks, gouges of lost twigs will.
- » Trees with thin bark will continue to be damaged by the discs. The gouges in the trunk will eventually result in the death of branches and/or the entire tree.



We need your help!
Join us in our effort to save McLaren Park
from the destructive effects of disc golf.