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# When will the Great Park open?

## Ask Us Anything

**Q.**When will the Great Park open?

**A.**The park's opening date, or opening schedule, has not been set or approved, said Great Park Manager of Communications Marsha Burgess. She did say that the first park feature, the orange passenger balloon, will launch this July.

On Jan. 25, Ken Smith's design team presented a recommended phasing plan to the Great Park Board. The plan suggested grading and installing utilities for the whole park up front.

Then, the design team recommended that projects to be built in Phase 1 include the Trabuco Entry gate; the Bosque, a natural area of grass and woods encompassing three small parks with playgrounds; a sports park with baseball, softball and soccer fields; and a visitors center.

The Great Park Corp. Board will recommend to the City Council when and how the park should open.

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