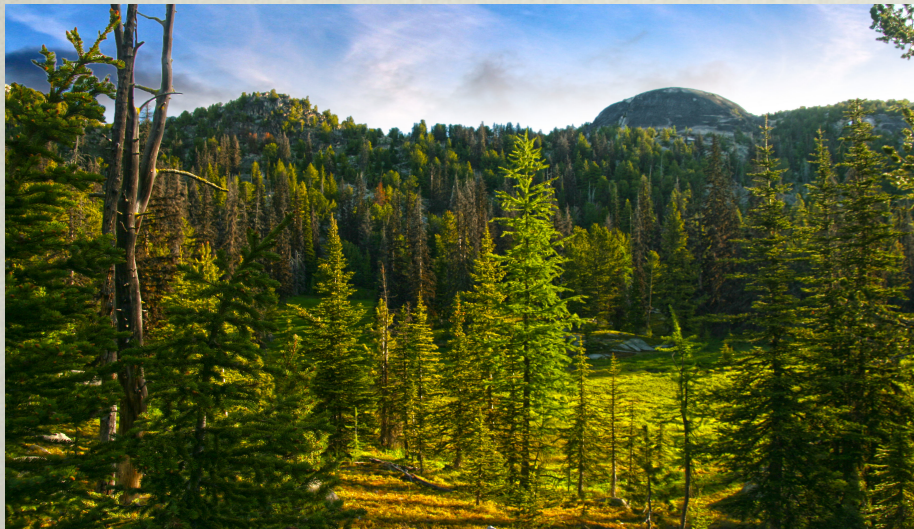


# **Sundry Uses of Parks:**

**Morphing Our Cultural  
Concepts of Nature**

# Nature: A Socially & Culturally Constructed Concept



# The Romanticization of Nature

## ❖ 19<sup>th</sup> Century Romanticism



[www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)



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# Parks: Multifaceted Landscapes

(<http://chicano-park.com/met-mural2.jpg>)



# Sonoma County Regional Parks

A variety of parks for everyone!

❖ Walking Trails

❖ Hiking Trails

❖ Swimming

❖ Biking



# Community Engagement

## ❖ Educational Programs



# Latino Community Engagement

- ❖ 24% of Sonoma County's Population
- ❖ Identified as an emerging population by Sonoma County Department of Health Services
- ❖ Ethnic enclaves in Sonoma County



# Different Concepts of Nature

- ❖ A Place to “get away”
- ❖ Solitude
- ❖ Away From Cities





# Cultural Differences In Park Usage

- ❖ Walking (82% activity of choice)
- ❖ Socialize (50% carne asada)
- ❖ Use Playgrounds (47%)
- ❖ Play Sports
- ❖ 92% rated parks as very important.



# Let's Work Together!!

## Collaborations & Partnerships



# “The only constant in nature is change.” Heraclitus

- ❖ Nature is everywhere and we are part of it.
- ❖ What is healthy for the planet is healthy for your family.

