Discover Wildcat Canyon

Year opened: 1936
Acres: 2,789
Highlights: Hiking, biking, equestrian riding, picnicking, surviving structures from Works Progress Administration work projects completed in the 1930s.
Did you know? This park originally included today’s Tilden Regional Park, which was split off in 1937 and renamed in honor of Charles Lee Tilden, the Park District’s first general manager.

HISTORY
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