Walking Tour of Pacific Grove Parks

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Start: Coastal Recreation Trail at Ocean View Blvd. & 7th Avenue, Andy Jacobson Park  
1. Andy Jacobson Park is planted primarily with native plants, resembling a lush backyard garden. It is rugged and natural in appearance with boulders and small trees. A bronze plaque mounted on a large granite boulder reads, "In Memory of Andy Jacobson, County Supervisor 1992 - 1995." The park offers a short trail that branches to enjoy the expansive views of Monterey Bay. Continue walking along the Coastal Recreation Trail to 8th Street.  
2. Berwick Park is a one-acre park on the coastal side of Ocean View Boulevard that offers spectacular views of the bay. The park has a well-maintained lawn area with gentle topography, flowers and bushes, and a view of the sea with rocky outcrops and native vegetation. There is a plaque dedicated to Edward Berwick, the first mayor of Pacific Grove. Continue along the Coastal Recreation Trail taking note of the Monterey Pines Grove. At the end of the road take the stairs up to Ocean View Boulevard.  
3. Greenwood Park is full a block bounded by Ocean View Boulevard, Central Avenue, 12th Street and 13th Street. It has a natural landscape character and large eucalyptus trees. The park provides a modestly steepine area with a seaweed with a distinct bottom. There is a footbridge across the seaweed that was constructed in 1988 as the Eagle Scout Project of Eric Hendron. Take the trail in the park up to Central Avenue. Turn right and follow Central Avenue to Jewel Park.  
4. Jewel Park is a small block bounded by Park Place and Central Avenue and has been named after Dr. Y. Jewell, a 19th century resident of Pacific Grove. The park's urban character is established by a well-maintained lawn, sycamore trees, and topiary topography, a small building area and a gazebo for weddings or outdoor performances. The city's library and natural history museum border Jewel Park. Continue along Central Avenue and continue to Emeline Dyke Open Space – adjacent to Chautauqua Hall between 6th & 7th Streets.  
5. Emeline Dyke Open Space is landscaped as an urban garden with flowering plants, benches and tables, and a gazebo. It was purchased by the city in 1990 to enhance Chautauqua Hall. Miss. Dyke was the first woman to serve on the Pacific Grove City Council and fought tirelessly to keep Pacific Grove as California's last and only dry town – a battle not lost until 1956. Continue along Central Avenue to California Avenue.  
6. California Park is located on California Avenue between Central and Jewel Avenues (behind the Past Office). It contains an open-space tree-lined area, ball fields, ADA compliant playground and climbing equipment for older children, a baseball field, a playground with a small boat dedicated to volunteer firefighter Tommy Stillwell, picnic tables and restrooms. The park is popular site for children's birthday parties. Walk north through California Park and cross Jewel Avenue to Chappie Park.  
7. Chape Park is a very small landscaped area with a bench and a pathway located at Jewel Avenue between Ocean View Boulevard and Ingles Avenue. It is named after Lucile Chase, an early resident of Pacific Grove.  
8. Lovers Point Park is located at the foot of 17th Street. It is a landscaped community park of 4.4 acres used for picnicking, fishing, swimming, water sports, and surfing. The park has a large lawn area, beach volleyball court, children's swimming pool, sand beaches, richly overgrown, a concrete picnic structure, restaurant and snack bar. A plaque is dedicated to Dr. Julia Pard, who became the first woman mayor of Pacific Grove in 1931. Since 1905, Lovers Point Park has been the site of the annual Pacific Grove Tree Lighting. Continue west along Ocean View Boulevard, following the Shoreline Pathway walking to Perkins Park.  
9. Perkins Park (Part of Shoreline Park) is the section of Shoreline Park between California Avenue and Lovers Point Park. It was named for local resident Hayes Perkins, who retired to Pacific Grove in the late 1930s at age 50 and decided to beautify the area. He single-handedly planted and cared for the rare carpet of flowering pink ice plant along the Pacific Grove shoreline. Continue along the Shoreline Park trail to Esplanade Park. Walk down the park to Del Monte Avenue.  
10. Esplanade Park is located on Esplanade Street between Ocean View and Del Monte Boulevards. It consists of rolling topography and several Monterey cypress trees. A picnic table was added in an Eagle Scout project by Michael Johnson, and there are several benches.  
11. Next west on Del Monte Avenue to Asilomar Avenue, then left to the entrance of Point Pinos Lighthouse Reserve.  
12. Point Pinos Lighthouse Reserve is 3.3 acres of shoreline and open space. Point Pinos Lighthouse was lit in 1855 to guide ships to the Pacific coast of California. It is the oldest continually operating lighthouse on the West Coast of the United States and its light is open to the public 1:30 p.m. Wednesday through Monday. Walk up Asilomar Ave. to Lighthouse Ave.; turn left at Railroad Way. Take Railroad Way to Right-of-Way, then continue to Pico Avenue.  
13. Southern Pacific Railroad Right-of-Way. This grassy, tree-lined open space area was part of the route of the Del Monte Express, which was built by the Southern Pacific Railroad and provided service from San Francisco to Pacific Grove from around 1869 until 1911. Today, the area is used by Pacific and provides an open trail for walking and jogging. There is a replica of the original train stop at the Seaside Avenue end of the Right-of-Way. Walk up to Grove Ave. turn left at Grove Ave to Short St., then right on Short to Ridge Road and the Monarch Grove Sanctuary.  
14. The Monarch Grove Sanctuary was purchased by the City of Pacific Grove in 1990 and is protected in open space by both the City of Monterey Bay city, as well as the State of California. The Monarch Grove Sanctuary is open to the public throughout the spring season. The city park is open from sunrise to sunset and is free for all visitors. The best time to see the monarchs is from August to late October, when a sunset is shining bright on their leaves and when the temperatures are cooler and modest. Walk back to Ridge Road and turn right to Short St. In George Washington Park picnic area the trail visible from Short St. through the para to Shoreline Ave.  
15. George Washington Park is approximately 20 acres, the largest of Pacific Grove's city parks. It extends from Short Street to Shoreline Avenue between Indian and Acker Streets. Most of the park is used for lawns and for a variety of activities, including the popular softball field and the city's most important wildlife. Continue west along Ocean View Boulevard, following the Shoreline Pathway walking to Perkins Park.  
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