

Glen Park:

Glen Park is one of those neighborhoods that just might have something for everyone: A quaint village atmosphere with easy freeway and downtown access, outdoor recreation, and unique mom-and-pop shops, saloons, restaurants and shops along its main commercial thoroughfare.

Once nicknamed “Little Switzerland” because it was mostly dairy farms (many transported from the Cow Hollow neighborhood in the 1870’s), Glen Park didn’t really start to be developed as a residential area until a streetcar made the area accessible to the rest of San Francisco. The surrounding hills make the neighborhood remote from other nearby neighborhoods. The streetcar, completed in 1892, connected Glen Park with downtown and residents soon flocked to the area, building homes along the winding streets that follow the contour of the hillside.

The main shopping area can be found on Diamond Street, where one can find independently and family-owned shops, restaurants and bars, a gourmet market, and the library. Chenery Street also offers shops, restaurants and pubs. At the corner of Elk Street and O’Shaughnessy Boulevard begins Glen Canyon Park, a 66-acre recreation area currently undergoing a multi-million dollar improvement plan by San Francisco Rec & Park. Here you can find a newly renovated Recreation Center, two tennis courts, two baseball fields, a playground, and Silver Tree Day Camp. Locals enjoy Glen Park Canyon as a natural area to walk their dogs, take the kids out to play, and to hike up the canyon, where trails will eventually connect with the new Twin Peaks Trail at Portola Drive.

Glen Park is bounded by 30th Street to the north, Diamond Heights Blvd. to the west, and San Jose Avenue/ 280 freeway to the east and south. At the southern edge of Glen Park, at the corner of Diamond and Bosworth streets, is the Glen Park BART station, which also serves as a stop for the major technology shuttle buses. Access to the 280 freeway running north and south is also located here. Glen Park is also served by the Muni bus lines 23, 35, 36, 44 and 52 as well as the J Church Muni Metro Line.

For recent statistics on home sales in Glen Park, click [Here](#).