

Did Dr. Lee donate land for the park? I remember him from the 1960's. Is that why the grove is so named?

The shortest answer first. Yes, the redwood grove at the Orchard Glen picnic area is named for the Lee family.

Dr. Lee did not donate the land that became most of Foothills Park; however, it was sold to the city for a very reasonable price (1,000 acres at 1,000 per acre). The city bought the land for Foothills Park in 1958 and dedicated it as a park in 1965 (the interpretive center used to be Dr. Lee's barn. Part of the reason Mr. Lee sold the land to the city was to have it maintained as open space and to remain undeveloped; this property has been operated as open space (it will never be turned into a housing development or other built up use) ever since.