



Trails and destinations from Pinnacles Campground

Bench Trail

To get to the Bench Trail and other hiking destinations from the campground, hike past loops E and F toward the group sites. Bench Trail will turn into a footpath at site 79.

This flat, easy trail follows the monument's main road and leads to the South Wilderness Trail (0.6 mi), Peaks View Picnic Area (1.0 mi), Bear Gulch Trail (1.3 mi), and Old Pinnacles Trail (2.4 mi).

Be prepared for your hike. Carry and drink plenty of water, use flashlights in the caves, and check your park map and guide for trail mileages and descriptions.

South Wilderness Trail

This level trail is a good choice for hikers who are looking to get away from the park's more popular trails. You can hike three miles to the park boundary, or simply meander through the grove of valley oaks near the trailhead.

Bear Gulch Day Use Area

Trails to Bear Gulch Cave, the reservoir, and the High Peaks begin at Bear Gulch. Bear Gulch Nature Center is open seasonally, depending on staffing.

Old Pinnacles Trail

This hike is flat, but can be strenuous if you choose to follow it all the way to Balconies Cave and the surrounding rock formations. Be sure to bring a flashlight and plenty of drinking water. In rainy weather, be prepared for unbridged stream crossings.

Recycle

Recycling bins are located throughout the campground. Please use them conscientiously.



Carry and drink plenty of **water**

Carry a **flashlight**

Obey posted **speed limits**

Watch for **rattlesnakes**

Wear sturdy, no-slip **footwear**

Do not feed **wildlife**

Watch for **poison oak**