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Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area

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Santa Monica Mountains
National Recreation Area

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Got a smartphone?
Out on park trails?
Check out
http://whatsinvasive.com

Make geo-tagged observations and take photos to alert us on the spread of habitat-destroying invasive plants. Help the National Park Service, along with CENS (The Center for Embedded Networked Sensing) at UCLA, locate the "plant bullies" in the Santa Monica Mountains!

Be On The LOOKOUT

Otoño

SAT 10/1 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/1 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 10/1 9am
Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and shared-use etiquette. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: www.corbamtb.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

Hiking the Backbone Trail

October 1
Saturday, 2p-3:30p
National Park Service Visitor Center

Get the latest information about the Backbone Trail (BBT) from experienced Backbone Trail hike leaders. Learn a brief history and the future of the Trail. Receive guidance on hiking the BBT on your own or with a group.

Info: 805-370-2301

SAT 10/1 9:30am
Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
First Saturday Savor an autumn walk-about to a chaparral basin below craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 10/1 10am - 2pm
Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center
Free Cultural Program Enjoy an exhibit opening featuring the work of *Sam Banagas*, Luiseno Cahuilla Indian artist. Banagas uses surrealist painting and sketching techniques to explore a variety of Native traditions and legends. The exhibit will run through February 29, 2012. All ages welcome. NPS

SAT 10/1 10am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin's Movie Magic This site has been the backdrop for many movies and TV shows. Go on location with naturalist Diane on this easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 10/1 2pm - 3:30pm
NPS Visitor Center
Hiking the Backbone Trail
See box to left

SUN 10/2 8am
Topanga State Park
Audubon Bird Walk Buffs and beginners, enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, water, and snack (bird book optional). Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

Questions on a program/event? *Look for the acronym at the end of the description (e.g., CCD = Cold Creek Docents). Then use the* ***Directory on Page 2*** *to contact the sponsoring agency or organization.*

SUN 10/2 9:30am
Topanga State Park
37th Annual Docent Training
See box to right

SUN 10/2 10am
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Native Plants in Your Landscape An instructive introduction to the beauty of California native plants, reasons to include them in your garden landscape, and how to get started. The second session will be a field trip. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. $4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SUN 10/2 10am
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Las Maravillas del Otoño The Wonders of Fall
See box to right

SUN 10/2 10am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Kids' Hands at Franklin For ages 3-8 accompanied by an adult, join naturalist Lucy on a stroll and get inspired for your nature art project. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

TUE 10/4 8:30am
King Gillette Ranch
Easy-pace Hikers Enjoy valley and coast live oak savannah and grasslands on a 5-mile 400' gain hike. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-889-9924. 3hrs SC

TUE 10/4 9am
Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit
Moderate Hikers: Tapia Park to Paramount Ranch Join an 11-mile roundtrip 1400' gain hike by the site of many movies. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-454-4188. 5hrs SC

WED 10/5 9am
Paramount Ranch
Plein Air Landscape Painting Everyone interested in art is welcome to join in or watch artists painting. Bring your art materials and camera. Info: Ed 805-492-0464. 4hrs TOPAW

WED 10/5 10am
Temescal Gateway Park
Tykes on Trails Ages 2-5, learn about the wonders of nature. Meet in first parking lot on the left. Reservations required: www.cni-kids.org. Fee. 2hrs CNI

Topanga Canyon Docents

37th Annual Docent Training

Topanga State Park

October 2, 2011
Sunday at 9:30am

Learn the local history of the Santa Monica Mountains and how to share this gift with others. Four Saturday sessions will cover many topics–including Native Americans, plants, mammals, insects, reptiles, amphibians, and birds. Four Sunday Interpretive walks will be held. FEE. 6hrs each class.

Reservations required
info@tc-docents.org
310-710-0883
310-455-3143

LAS MARAVILLAS DEL OTOÑO

The Wonders of Fall
Bilingual Hike

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Sunday, October 2 10am
Los dias se hacen mas cortos y los arboles han cambiado su color. Venga a ver que otras cosas el Otoño nos trae. Gratis. Para direcciónes vea #23 (Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa) del mapa incluido al medio de este librito. Encuentrenos en el esacionamente principal. Información: 805-418-3160. 1.5hrs

The days are getting shorter and the trees are turning colors. Come see what other changes the fall season brings to our mountains by joining us on this bilingual exploration hike. Meet in the main parking lot. Info: 805-370-2301. 1.5hrs

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am
For groups of 10 or more. Reservations required: 310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am
For individuals and small groups (no reservations required).

Meet docent at the Gate House for a one-hour tour. Heavy rain cancels. FEE.

Temescal Canyon Association SUNDAY DAY HIKES

Join us for monthly 8-mile hikes. Meet at 9am at Temescal Gateway Park and return between 2pm and 3pm. 5-6hrs.
www.temcanyon.org

SAT 10/8, 10/15, & 10/22
Temescal Gateway Park
A Hands-on Workshop: Surviving & Thriving in the Wilderness Hands-on workshops will cover aboriginal fire making, shelter building, tracking, wild edibles, native tools and cordage, and much more. Take one or all three sessions. Each one will include on the trail experience, and hand crafted or take home tools for your survival kit. Call Lisa Ann Carrillo for workshop and registration details: 310-858-7272 x115.

SAT 10/8 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/8 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 10/8 8:45am
Santa Monica Mountains
La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration Meet in Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to go to work site. Bring lunch and water. Receive credit for community service. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 10/8 9am
Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles It's the ultimate discovery walk with naturalist Craig acting as guide with his many years observing the flora and fauna. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Meet at the Ranch House restrooms. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 10/8 9:30am
R.H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches - El Matador State Beach
Paint-Out All artists using any media, join us on the beach or on the bluffs. Enjoy views of waves and stunning rock formations. Info: www.allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

SAT 10/8 10am
Malibu Creek State Park
Hike into Movie History Join park ranger and film historian Mike Malone for a short hike to the location of the Welsh mining village from "How Green Was My Valley." Meet at the lower parking lot. Info: 805-370-2301. 1.5hrs NPS

SAT 10/8 – SUN 10/30
Weekends 12pm-4pm
Malibu Creek State Park Visitor Center
Historical Film Exhibit Exhibit to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of ***How Green Was My Valley.*** This film was awarded an Oscar for Best Picture of 1941. Exhibit will feature posters, photographs, and set drawings of the Welsh village built in the park when the site was known as Brent's Crag. Info: 818-889-6838.

SAT 10/8 3pm
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Hike with a Ranger, and Bring Your Dog! Join a ranger for a hike along the Satwiwa Loop Trail. Learn where dogs are permitted, "pet etiquette", safety issues, and how to improve our pets' relationships to the recreation area. Bring water for you and your pet, and doggie pick-up bags. Info: 805-370-2301. 1.5hrs NPS

SUN 10/9 8:30am
King Gillette Ranch
Aloft on the Pacific Flyway Heading south, a whole new bird-mix is passing through or settling in – which is which? We'll talk migration on this 1-mile accessible walk. Bring binoculars. Beginning birders welcome. $7 parking fee. Rain cancels. 2hrs NPS

SUN 10/9 8:45am
Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit
Weed War is Recruiting Weed Warriors for Coastweeks Bring lunch, water, and gloves. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-348-5910. Community service credit given. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 10/9 9am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Trek Learn about the canyon history and habitats on a moderately difficult hike. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 10/9 10am & 1pm
Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center
Free Cultural Program Potawatomi/Cherokee artist *Nadiya Littlewarrior* presents a workshop on making gourds. Her decorative gourds are world renowned. Visit her website at www.spiritvesselsstudio.com All ages welcome. No late arrivals please. 2hrs NPS

SUN 10/9 10am
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Native Plants in Your Landscape A previous session was an instructive introduction to the beauty of California native plants, reasons to include them in your garden landscape, and how to get started. This second session is a field trip. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. $4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SUN 10/9 5:30pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Exploring the Darkness Join naturalist Steve for this slow evening stroll to experience the smells, sounds, and sights of darkness. Requirements: flashlight, tolerance for darkness, and capacity for quiet observation. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon

Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Tue-Sat, 9:00am

View life as lived at the house in the 1930's, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon. 2.5 hours MLMD

Organized children's groups only (such as school groups, scouts, and sports groups).

Reservations required:
310-456-8432

Spirit of the Mountains
Big Photo Afternoon

Join us for an afternoon of three events at the *National Park Service Visitor Center*

Saturday, October 15

Opening Awards Ceremony 1:30p-2:15p
Meet the photographers and view their entries as we open the show and announce the winners of this year's contest. Photos will be on display through December 17, 2011.

Landscape Photography Lecture 2:30p-3:00p
Steve Sieren – Dramatic Landscape Photography

Photo Contest Critique 3:15p-4:15p
Steve Sieren conducts a critique of the entries in this year's photography contest.

Light refreshments will be served. INFO: 805-370-2301

MON 10/10 6pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Moonlit in the Park Enjoy a moderately strenuous hike with great views. It's that special time of day when the day gives way to the night in a seamless and magical transition. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

TUE 10/11 9am
Topanga State Park
Moderate Hikers: Santa Ynez Canyon to Trailer Canyon Join a 9-mile, 2000' gain hike on Santa Ynez Trail to Cathedral Rock. Meet at trailhead. PCH north 0.5 miles on Sunset Blvd, left 2.5 miles on Palisades Dr, left on Vereda de la Montura to the gate. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-202-0331. 5hrs SC

TUE 10/11 6pm
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. $4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

WED 10/12 10am
Temescal Gateway Park
Tykes on Trails Ages 2-5, learn about the wonders of nature. Meet in the first parking lot on the left. Reservations required: www.cni-kids.org. Fee. 2hrs CNI

WED 10/12 1pm
Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Insects and Arthropods Ages 5-7, see how insects hide and eat and their survival tricks. Pre-registration required. Fee. Info: www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x212. 1.5hrs MRT

SAT 10/15 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/15 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 10/15 8:45am
Malibu Creek State Park
Oak Woodland Restoration: Volunteers Needed Help plant and care for native oaks, shrubs, and grasses. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 10/15 9am
Zuma/Trancas Canyons - Zuma Canyon Trailhead
Lower Zuma Canyon Enjoy ocean and coastal views from up high on this 11-mile, 2800' gain loop hike. Bring water and lunch. Red flag alert cancels. Info: 310-474-0349. 6hrs SC

SAT 10/15 10am
King Gillette Ranch
Innovation in the Golden Era Join us on this walk through the Golden Era of the Silver Screen. Clarence Brown, renowned film director/producer, designed and created many film techniques and equipment on this property that are still used today. Meet at parking lot to left of bridge. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 10/15 1:30p-4:15p
National Park Service Visitor Center
Big Photo Afternoon
See box to left

SAT 10/15 3pm
King Gillette Ranch
Capture A Nature Moment Let naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer; teach you the tricks of nature photography. Meet at the parking lot to left of pond. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 10/15 4pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Return to Nature Naturalist Dora leads this meditative walk exploring sensory rich trails for colors, aromas, and sounds. Bring water. Best for ages 10 and up. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 10/15 6:30pm
Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Nighttime in Nature Ages 8-12, discover the nightlife of wildlife in the mountains. Enjoy a pizza dinner, an evening hike, and craft. Pre-registration required. Fee. Info: www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x212. 3hrs MRT

SUN 10/16 8am
Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 10/16 8:45am
Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Creek Restoration Help restore the 12-acre flood plain and creek channel. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Credit for community service. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 10/16 9:30am
Cold Creek Preserve - Preserve's Lower Gate
Autumn's Allure Enjoy the transformation of the seasons in an early fall hike. Bring water and a snack. 2hrs CCD

SUN 10/16 10am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
A Turtle's Race Around the Lake Learn about this canyon and the local ecosystem from naturalist Rebecca on a 1-mile walk. Wear appropriate shoes, a hat, and bring water. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 10/16 10am
Peter Strauss Ranch
Let's Move Outside Kids of all ages are encouraged to get physically active in the great outdoors. This ranger-led activity consists of a physical fitness obstacle course with prizes awarded at the end! Meet on the lawn. 1hr NPS

SUN 10/16 3pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Capture A Nature Moment Let naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer; teach you the tricks of nature photography. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

TUE 10/18 7:30pm
Temescal Gateway Park
Culture in the Canyon at Chautauqua Series Join us for another eclectic evening. Topics range from natural history to current events. Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

WED 10/19 10am
Temescal Gateway Park
Tykes on Trails Ages 2-5, learn about the wonders of nature. Meet in the first parking lot on the left. Reservations required: www.cni-kids.org. Fee. 2hrs CNI

WED 10/19 1pm
Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Reptiles and Amphibians Ages 5-7, what is the difference between a reptile and an amphibian? Pre-registration required. Info: 818-591-1701 x212 or www.mountainstrust.org. Fee. 1.5hrs MRT

THU 10/20 7pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nachochan Gathering Enrich your understanding of native cultures with an ensemble of songs, games, hands-on learning, and guest speakers. Bring a snack to share. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 10/22 8:30am
Caballero Canyon
Chaparral Chatter With shorter and cooler days, the last summer flowers are blooming. Bring hat, water, and sturdy boots. Info: 818-782-9346. 3hrs CNPS

SAT 10/22 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Rehab Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. Call for more info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/22 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

12th Annual *Cider at Circle X*

October 22, 2011
Saturday, 10a–4p
Circle X Ranch
Visit a site high in the Santa Monica Mountains. Drop by for cider, cookies, and candy at the Circle X Contact Station. Park staff will be available to provide trail information for self-guided exploration. NPS

Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains & Seashore

9th Annual **Art Exhibition & Sale**

Malibu Nature Preserve
(33905 Pacific Coast Hwy)

October 23, 2011
Sunday, 11am to 5pm
Spend an afternoon viewing original art by local artists. Enjoy a beautiful setting with ocean views. Refreshments served. (Artists donate 20% to *Nature Preserve of the Santa Monica Mountains*)

Info: Pat Ryan, 310-457-9130 or website listed on page 2

SAT 10/22 8:45am
Cold Creek Preserve
Cold Creek Preserve Habitat Restoration Day Help plant, weed, and water to restore the habitat for wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 10/22 9am-1pm
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Nature Adventure Days This program involves bird walks, activities, The Reptile Family, The Raptor Society, and other fun adventures! Hosted by the National Park Service and the Conejo Valley Audubon Society. Park in main lot. All ages are welcome. Info: 805-987-2721.

SAT 10/22 9:30am
Runyon Canyon Park
Geology Walk Geologist-led walk covering over 100 million years of history. Meet at the north entrance to the park (Mulholland Dr. & Desmond Estates Rd). 2hrs FORC

SAT 10/22 10am-4pm
Circle X Ranch
12th Annual Cider at Circle X
See box to left

SUN 10/23 8:30am
Malibu Lagoon State Park
Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 10/23 10am
Malibu Lagoon State Park
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 10/23
10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm
Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center
Free Cultural Program
Material culture expert *Tim King* will explain and demonstrate methods of hunting, toolmaking, and other survival skills that the Chumash developed while living in the greater Ventura County area. All ages welcome. NPS

SUN 10/23 10am
Malibu Bluffs Park
Bluffs Ramble to the Sea Ramble 2 miles around the coastal park on trails with views of mountains and sea; walk on the beach; return to the Bluffs and look for dolphins and whales. Meet in the parking lot. 2hrs CNPS

SUN 10/23 11am-5pm
9th Annual Art Exhibit
See box to left

SUN 10/23 2pm
Paramount Ranch
Movie Magic Learn the secrets that turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk behind the scenes to discover the illusions and history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

TUE 10/25 9am
Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers Join a 9-mile roundtrip, 1800′ gain hike on Bienveneda/Leacock Trail to Peak 2036. Meet at end of Bienveneda Ave 0.5 miles west of Temescal Cyn Rd on Sunset Blvd, 1 mile north on Bienveneda. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-839-8235. 5hrs SC

TUE 10/25 7pm
Headwaters Corner
Gourd Society Meeting
Join an ongoing workshop of gourd artists. Experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP

WED 10/26 10am
Temescal Gateway Park
Tykes on Trails Ages 2-5, learn about the wonders of nature. Meet in the first parking lot on the left. Reservations required: www.cni-kids.org. Fee. 2hrs CNI

WED 10/26 1pm
Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Mammals Ages 5-7, look for signs that small mammals have visited here. We may see deer, bunnies, and squirrels. Pre-registration required. Fee. Info: www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x212. 1.5hrs MRT

FRI 10/28 10am
Solstice Canyon
Solstice Secrets For young explorers that love nature, take an easy ranger-led hike near a stream and discover the changes that autumn brings. 1hr NPS

SAT 10/29 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Rehab Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. Call for more info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/29 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

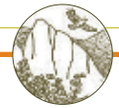
SAT 10/29 8:45am
Solstice Canyon
Canyon and Ridge Hike Visit historic Roberts Ranch House ruins then hike the Sostomo Trail for more views and stream action. Bring water, lunch, and sun protection. Rain cancels. Info: 818-708-9535. 4hrs SC

SAT 10/29 9am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Rambles It's the ultimate discovery walk with naturalist Craig acting as guide with his many years observing the flora and fauna. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 10/29 10am
Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek
Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at the lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 10/29 6pm
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Creatures Creeping As the sun goes down, the night comes alive. Look and listen for coyotes, scorpions, owls, and other creepy things on an easy, 1-mile walk. Bring binoculars and a flashlight. Rain cancels. Meet at main parking lot. 2hrs NPS

SUN 10/30 5pm
Temescal Gateway Park
Sunset Stroll Enjoy a guided walk on our first autumn night hike. Meet in first parking lot. Reservations required: www.cni-kids.org. Fee. 2hrs CNI



Annual
Cold Creek Docents
Naturalist Training

Have some natural science background and interest? Lead nature hikes with ages 8–12 at UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve. Learn Santa Monica Mountains' plants, animals, early Chumash/Tongva culture, rocks, soil, and interpretive techniques. Make cool teaching tools. Fee.

Info: 818-591-9363

Environmental Educator Training

Like working with students grades K–12? Enjoy being outside interpreting nature? Want to be part of a local community of life-long learners and educators?

Let the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains train you to become an Environmental Educator this fall.

INFORMATION
rcdsmm.org/education
rcdsmm.edu@gmail.com
818-597-8627 x103

November

TUE 11/1 9am
Solstice Canyon
Moderate Hikers: Deer Valley Hike Join a 7-mile round-trip, 2000′ gain hike to Deer Valley for ocean views. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 818-708-9535. 4hrs SC

WED 11/2 10am
Temescal Gateway Park
Tykes on Trails Ages 2-5, learn about the wonders of nature. Meet in the first parking lot on the left. Reservations required: www.cni-kids.org. Fee. 2hrs CNI

WED 11/2 1pm
Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Native American Culture Ages 5-7, learn how Native Americans survived without stores and what they used as toys. Pre-registration required. Fee. Info: www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x212. 1.5hrs MRT

THU 11/3 8:30am
Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Thursday Hikers Join a moderately paced 8-mile, 1500′ gain hike to Saddle Peak passing through Cold Creek Preserve, one of the few perennial water systems in the area, which contains rare local species. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

SAT 11/5 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/5 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 11/5 8:45am
Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Creek Restoration Help plant, water and weed. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Receive credit for community service. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 11/5 9am
Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and shared-use etiquette. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: www.corbamtb.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 11/5 9am
Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Nature Rambles It's the ultimate discovery walk with naturalist Craig acting as guide with his many years observing the flora and fauna. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. Meet at the Ranch House restrooms. 2hrs MRCA

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Questions ***on a program/event?*** *Look for the acronym at the end of the description (e.g., CCD = Cold Creek Docents). Then use the* ***Directory on Page 2*** *to contact the sponsoring agency or organization.*

2011 Backbone Festival Hikes

Join us on the 14th year of this annual event. On the first three Saturdays and Sundays in November and the first weekend in December, the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter will lead a hike on a portion of the 70-mile Santa Monica Mountains Backbone Trail.

November 5 Saturday, 9am
Circle X Ranch - Mishe Mokwa Trailhead
Mishe Mokwa to 6 Peaks
Strenuous 9-mile, 2700′ gain hike to reach six easy peaks (2800′ to 3111′) in one day. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 562-618-1129. 5hrs

November 6 Sunday, 9am
Zuma/Trancas Canyons - Newton Canyon Trailhead
Corral Canyon to Kanan Road
Easy 7-mile hike on scenic trail. Car shuttle. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-559-3126. 4hrs

November 12 Saturday, 9am
Santa Monica Mountains
Hondo Canyon to Saddle Peak
Moderately strenuous 10-mile roundtrip, 2000′ gain hike with lunch at the peak. Meet at the trailhead on Old Topanga Canyon Road, at a turn-out 0.5-mile from Topanga Canyon Blvd. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-202-0331. 5hrs

November 13 Sunday, 9am
Point Mugu State Park - Ray Miller Trailhead
Ray Miller Trail Loop
Moderate 8-mile, 1400′ gain loop hike at the western end of the Backbone Trail into La Jolla Canyon. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 818-773-4601. 4hrs

November 19 Saturday, 9am
Topanga State Park - Dead Horse Trailhead
Dead Horse Trail to Eagle Rock
Moderate 8-mile roundtrip, 1200′ gain hike. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-820-8021. 4hrs

November 20 Sunday, 9am
Zuma/Trancas Canyons - Newton Canyon Trailhead
Kanan Dume Road to Trancas Canyon
Moderately paced 8-mile, 1700′ gain hike past Newton Canyon Falls to a streamside lunch. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs

December 4 Sunday, 9am
Santa Monica Mountains
Tapia Park to Mesa Peak
Moderate 7-mile roundtrip, 1800′ gain hike to Mesa Peak (1844′) for spectacular ocean views. Meet on shoulder of Piuma Road at intersection with Malibu Canyon Road. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-839-8235. 4hrs

Want more info on the Backbone Trail? nps.gov/samo/planyourvisit/backbonetrail.htm

Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am
For groups of 10 or more. Reservations required: 310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am
For individuals and small groups (no reservations required).

Meet docent at the Gate House for a one-hour tour. Heavy rain cancels. FEE.

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Adamson House Docent Training

Learn how to share Malibu's fascinating history with the public and how to conduct guided tours of the historic Adamson House. Group or individual training available. FEE.

Reservations required:
310-456-8432

SAT 11/5 9:30am
Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
First Saturday Savor an autumn walk-about along a streamside trail, through oak woodlands to a gently rolling chaparral basin below craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 11/5 10am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin's Movie Magic This site has been the backdrop for many movies and TV shows. Go on location with naturalist Diane on this easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 11/5 6:30pm
Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Astronomy Ages 8-12 use telescopes to learn about the night sky. A guest speaker will guide us through stars, planets, nebulae, and constellations. Bring a shoebox for a physics experiment. Pre-registration required. Fee. Info: www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x212. 3hrs MRT

SUN 11/6 8am
Topanga State Park
Audubon Bird Walk Buffs and beginners, enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, water, and snack (bird book optional). Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 11/6 8:45am
Cold Creek Preserve
Cold Creek Preserve Habitat Restoration Day Help plant, weed, and water to restore the habitat many animals depend on for food and shelter. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 11/6 9am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Trek Learn about the canyon history and habitats on a moderately difficult hike. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 11/6
10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm
Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center
Free Cultural Program
Kumeyaay ethnobotanist *Richard Bugbee* presents a workshop on Native uses for plants. All ages welcome. NPS

TUE 11/8 8:30am
Zuma/Trancas Canyons - Newton Canyon Trailhead
Easy-pace Hikers to Latigo on Backbone Trail Hike 5 miles with 1000' gain on scenic trail through oak woodlands and chaparral with ocean views. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-889-9924. 2.5hrs SC

TUE 11/8 9am
Circle X Ranch - Mishe Mokwa Trailhead
Moderate Hikers Hike a 9-mile, 1500' gain hike on scenic trails past Balanced Rock, Split Rock, and Echo Cliffs. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-202-0331. 5hrs SC

WED 11/9 10am
Temescal Gateway Park
Tykes on Trails Ages 2-5, learn about the wonders of nature. Meet in the first parking lot on the left. Reservations required: www.cni-kids.org. Fee. 2hrs CNI

WED 11/9 1pm
Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Trees and Plants Ages 5-7, learn how plants grow and how they help all living things. You will take a plant home. Pre-registration required. Fee. Info: www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x212. 1.5hrs MRT

WED 11/9 7pm
National Park Service Visitor Center
GPS 101 - After Dark After work, attend this special night lecture program by park ranger Mike Theune. He will teach you about GPS technology and how to use it in the park to have fun. 1.5hrs NPS

THU 11/10 6pm
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. $4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 11/12 TBA
Santa Monica Mountains
GPS 102 Join park ranger Mike Theune to practice what was covered in GPS 101. Info on location and time will be announced during GPS 101. If interested in only attending the 102 program, send an email to: mike_theune@nps.gov 1.5hrs NPS

SAT 11/12 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/12 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 11/12 8:45am
Santa Monica Mountains
La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration Meet in Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to go to work site. Bring lunch and water. Receive credit for community service. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 11/12 9:30am
Peter Strauss Ranch
Paint-Out All artists using any media, see the turning of sycamore leaves, drywash creekbeds, and mountain views. Info: www.allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

SAT 11/12 3pm
Franklin Canyon- Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Return to Nature Naturalist Dora leads this meditative walk exploring sensory rich trails for colors, aromas, and sounds. Bring water. Best for ages 10 and up. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 11/12 4:30pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Moonlit in the Park Enjoy a moderately strenuous hike with great views. It's that special time of day when the day gives way to the night in a seamless and magical transition. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

DRAWING FROM NATURE: Interested in seeing articles on plants and animals in the Santa Monica Mountains, with illustrations by children ages 5–12?

Produced by the UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve, this science and art series was published in L.A. Times *Kids Reading Room Page* from 2001 through 2006 and can be found at: **http://stuntranch.ucnrs.org/newsforkids.html**

For info on the Reserve: http://stuntranch.ucnrs.org

SUN 11/13 8:30am
King Gillette Ranch
New Birds in the Neighborhood Arriving in droves, what's the draw? Discover the benefits of a Mediterranean ecosystem on this 1-mile accessible walk. Bring binoculars. Beginning birders welcome. $7 parking fee. Rain cancels. 2hrs NPS

Culture in the Canyon at the Chautauqua Series

November 15, Tuesday at 7:30pm
Temescal Gateway Park

MASTER'S PHOTOGRAPHY

Join co-authors Matthew Jaffe and Tom Gamache on a visual tour of the Santa Monica Mountains from their book "Range on the Edge", and enjoy a sampling and preview of Tom's December 8th workshop (page 26). Meet at Woodland Hall. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 11/13 8:45am
Santa Monica Mountains
Weed War is Recruiting Volunteers Help remove the pesky weeds invading restoration sites. Bring lunch and water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 11/13 4pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Exploring the Darkness Join naturalist Steve for this slow evening stroll to experience the smells, sounds, and sights of darkness. Requirements: flashlight, tolerance for darkness, and capacity for quiet observation. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

TUE 11/15 9am
Santa Monica Mountains
Moderate Hikers: Hondo Cyn-Fossil Ridge Join an 8-mile, 2000'gain hike on the Backbone trail to lunch on Fossil Ridge. Meet at trailhead (take Old Topanga Cyn Rd 0.5 mile from Topanga Cyn Blvd; very limited parking on street). Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-202-0331. 4hrs SC

TUE 11/15 7:30pm
Temescal Gateway Park
Master's Photography
See box to left

WED 11/16 9am
Peter Strauss Ranch
Plein Air Landscape Painting Everyone interested in art is welcome to join in or watch artists painting. Bring your art materials and camera. Info: Ed 805-492-0464. 4hrs TOPAW

WED 11/16 10am
Temescal Gateway Park
Tykes on Trails Ages 2-5, learn about the wonders of nature. Meet in the first parking lot on the left. Reservations required: www.cni-kids.org. Fee. 2hrs CNI

SAT 11/19 8:30am
Caballero Canyon
Chaparral Chatter Enjoy "springtime" as the first blooming shrubs will be flowering to start the season. Bring water, hat, sun block, and sturdy boots. Info: 818-881-3521. 3hrs CNPS

SAT 11/19 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/19 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 11/19 8:45am
Malibu Creek State Park
Oak Woodland Restoration: Volunteers Needed Help plant and care for native oaks, shrubs, and grasses. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 11/19 9am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Rambles It's the ultimate discovery walk with naturalist Craig acting as guide with his many years observing the flora and fauna. Magnifiers and binoculars recommended. 2hrs MRCA

Photo: *Late Summer Reflections* by Herbert Petermann
Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest 2010 Winner – 1st Place, *Scenic Shots*

SAT 11/19 9am
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Colors of the Mountains
Join a ranger and learn how our rare ecosystem has adapted to wildfire by seeing the fall colors of green, brown, and fire! Then hear what you can do to protect yourself from potential wildfire threats. Meet in the main parking lot. 1.5hrs NPS

SAT 11/19 10am
King Gillette Ranch
Innovation in the Golden Era Join us on this walk through the Golden Era of the Silver Screen. Clarence Brown, renowned film director/producer, designed and created many film techniques and equipment on this property that are still used today. Meet at parking lot to left of bridge. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 11/19 2pm
King Gillette Ranch
Capture A Nature Moment Let naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer; teach you the tricks of nature photography. Meet at the parking lot to left of pond. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 11/20 8am
Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

SUN 11/20 9:30am
Cold Creek Preserve - Preserve's Lower Gate
Autumn Canyon Walk See the subtle changes in nature as autumn arrives. See rocky grottoes, gurgling marshes, and oak woodlands. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 11/20 10am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
A Turtle's Race Around the Lake Learn about this canyon and the local ecosystem from naturalist Rebecca on a 1-mile walk. Wear appropriate shoes, a hat, and bring water. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 11/20
10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm
Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center
Free Cultural Program Come make a dreamcatcher with Witchita tribal artist *Michael Williams*! Basic materials provided at no cost. Additional materials including beads, feathers, and leather can be purchased for a fee of $.50 to $1.50 in cash. All ages welcome. Info: 805-370-2301. NPS

SUN 11/20 2pm
Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Capture A Nature Moment Let naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer; teach you the tricks of nature photography. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

MON 11/21 2pm
Paramount Ranch
Autumn Colors Join a park ranger for an easy walk to look for fall colors in unexpected places. We may find leaves, lichens, galls, and maybe some autumn flowers. 1.5hrs NPS

TUE 11/22 7pm
Headwaters Corner
Gourd Society Meeting Join an ongoing workshop of gourd artists. Experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP

FRI 11/25 2pm
Peter Strauss Ranch
Let's Move Outside Come shake off your turkey dinner! Kids of all ages are encouraged to get physically active in the great outdoors. This ranger-led activity consists of a physical fitness obstacle course, with prizes awarded at the end! Meet on the lawn. 1hr NPS

LET'S MOVE!
AMERICA'S MOVE TO RAISE A HEALTHIER GENERATION OF KIDS

FRI 11/25, SAT 11/26, and SUN 11/27 11a-4p
Malibu Lagoon State Beach
A Thanksgiving Welcome Enjoy extended hours during the Thanksgiving weekend: 1-hour tours Friday and Saturday. Also, ½-hour tours on Sunday with prepaid reservations: 310-456-8432. MLMD

SAT 11/26 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/26 10am
Solstice Canyon
Family Walk Join us for a hike as we give thanks to nature. Reservations required: www.cni-kids.org. Fee. 2hrs CNI

SAT 11/26 10am
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa - Wendy Trailhead
Remembering Anza and the Settling of the West Join a ranger for an easy 2-mile hike along the Juan Bautista de Anza Recreation Trail, and learn about the 1774 and 1776 Anza Expeditions' contributions to the settling of the West. 2.5hrs NPS

SUN 11/27 8:30am
Malibu Lagoon State Park
Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 11/27 10am
Cold Creek Preserve - Stunt High Trail
Cold Creek Ramble Follow a creekside trail to observe signs of autumn (colors) and winter (wildflowers). Bring water and snack. 2hrs CNPS

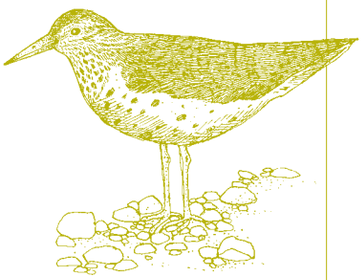
SUN 11/27 10am
Rocky Oaks
Take a Hike! Never been hiking before or just getting started? Join a ranger for a short 1.25-mile hike and learn what is needed to get started. Identify ticks, poison oak, and other safety hazards. 2hrs NPS

SUN 11/27 10am
Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at the lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SUN 11/27 10am
Malibu Lagoon State Park
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

TUE 11/29 9:30am
Point Mugu State Park - Ray Miller Trailhead
Moderate Hikers: La Jolla Valley Join an 8-mile roundtrip, 1300' gain hike with views of mountains/sea on the way to Mugu Peak (1266'). Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-457-9783. 4hrs SC

WED 11/30 10am
Temescal Gateway Park
Tykes on Trails Ages 2-5, learn about the wonders of nature. Meet in the first parking lot on the left. Reservations required: www.cni-kids.org. Fee. 2hrs CNI



A Children's Tour of the Adamson House, Malibu Lagoon Museum, and Malibu Lagoon

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tue-Sat, 9:00am

View life as lived at the house in the 1930's, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon. 2.5 hours MLMD

Organized children's groups only (such as school groups, scouts, and sports groups).

Reservations required:
310-456-8432

December

SAT 12/3 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 12/3 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 12/3 9am
Malibu Creek State Park
Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and shared-use etiquette. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: www.corbamtb.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 12/3 9:30am
Cold Creek Preserve – Lower Stunt High Trailhead
First Saturday Stroll along a streamside trail, through oak woodlands to a chaparral basin surrounded by craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

SAT 12/3 10am
Franklin Canyon-Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Franklin's Movie Magic This site has been the backdrop for many movies and TV shows. Go on location with naturalist Diane on this easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 12/4 8am
Topanga State Park
Audubon Bird Walk Buffs and beginners, enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring binoculars, hat, water, and snack (bird book optional). Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 12/4 8:45am
Topanga State Park
Lower Topanga Creek Restoration Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Receive credit for community service. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 12/4 9am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Nature Trek Learn about the canyon history and habitats on a moderately difficult hike. Bring water. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 12/4 10am
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Las Maravillas del Invierno
The Wonders of Winter
See box to right

SUN 12/4 2pm-5pm
Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Get Your Holiday On!
See box to right

Satwiwa Winter Solstice

Guest Artist Show & Sale

Sunday, December 4, 10am–3pm
Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Join us for a day full of hand-crafted art, music, storytelling, and family fun. Purchase unique Native American art for the holidays and meet local artists. Eric Alvarado will be honoring us with his flute music throughout the day.

Info: 805-370-2301
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

TUE 12/6 8:30am
Caballero Canyon - Upper Trailhead
Easy-pace Hikers to Nike Site Enjoy views of San Fernando Valley and Encino Reservoir on a 5-mile, 600' gain hike along old dirt Mulholland. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 661-255-8873. 3hrs SC

TUE 12/6 9am
Malibu Creek State Park - Tapia Unit
Moderate Hikers: Tapia Park to Paramount Ranch Join an 11-mile roundtrip, 1400' gain hike by the site of many movies. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-454-4188. 5hrs SC

WED 12/7 10am
Temescal Gateway Park
Tykes on Trails Ages 2-5, learn about the wonders of nature. Meet in the first parking lot on the left. Reservations required: www.cni-kids.org. Fee. 2hrs CNI

WED 12/7 10am
Peter Strauss Ranch
Plein Air Landscape Painting Everyone interested in art is welcome to join in or watch artists painting. Bring your art materials and camera. Info: Pat 805-583-8044. 4hrs TOPAW

THU 12/8 8:30am
Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons
Thursday Hikers Hike over grasslands along an old ranch road on a 9-10 mile hike to Shepherds' Flat. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 5hrs SC

LAS MARAVILLAS DEL INVIERNO

The Wonders of Winter
Bilingual Hike

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Sunday, December 4 10am
Los dias se hacen mas cortos y los arboles han cambiado su color. Venga a ver que otras cosas el Otoño nos trae. Gratis. Para direcciónes vea #23 (Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa) del mapa incluido al medio de este librito. Encuentrenos en el esacionamente principal. Información: 805-418-3160. 1.5hrs

The days are getting shorter and the trees are turning colors. Come see what other changes the fall season brings to our mountains by joining us on this bilingual exploration hike. Meet in the main parking lot. Info: 805-370-2301. 1.5hrs

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Historic Adamson House

at Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Get Your Holiday On!

Three days of special Sunday afternoon tours: 12/4, 12/18, and 12/25. Half-hour tours available from 2pm-5pm. Reservations required (prepaid for 12/25 tours). FEE.

Christmas Holiday Evening Tours

Fridays in December
Special evening tours of the festively decorated Historic Adamson House. 7pm and 8pm. 1/2-hour tours. Reservations required. FEE.

Garden Tours

Tuesdays at 10am For groups of 10 or more.
Fridays at 10am For individuals and small groups.
Meet docent at the Gate House for a 1 hour tour.
Reservation required for groups of 10 or more. FEE.

For reservations: **310-456-8432**

8th Annual Photography Workshop in the Santa Monica Mountains

Wandering Around Outdoors Photography Workshops *presents*

The MASTERS PROGRAM plus bonus DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY BOOT CAMP

December 8–11, 2011

Thursday to Sunday – noon to noon

Join photographer **Tom Gamache**, co-author of the acclaimed book "RANGE ON THE EDGE – The Santa Monica Mountains," and photography instructor **Van Webster** for this art-based digital photography workshop. Explore the principles of landscape imagery used for centuries by the masters of painting and photography. Learn more about your camera and practice new visual skills.

See Tom's photographic work and further workshop details: **www.tomgamache.com**

Sponsored by National Park Service and UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve.

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SAT 12/10 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 12/10 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 12/10 8:45am
Cold Creek Preserve
Cold Creek Preserve Habitat Restoration Day Help plant, weed, and water to restore the habitat many animals depend on for food and shelter. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 12/10 9:30am
Headwaters Corner
Youth Naturalist Program: Outdoor Survival Ages 8-12, learn what to do if you get lost while hiking and how to stay safe until help arrives. Info: www.mountainstrust.org or 818-591-1701 x212. Bring a compass. Pre-registration required. Fee. 3hrs MRT

SAT 12/10 9:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Paint Out All artists using any media, view wildlife corridor with rolling hills, valley oaks, and canyon bottoms. Meet at Ahmanson Ranch House (25345 Mureau Rd. 101 fwy exit Las Virgenes Rd, north to Mureau Rd. Left for 2 miles to house. Info: www.allied-artists.com or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

SAT 12/10 10am
Circle X Ranch - Sandstone Peak Trailhead
Hike to the Top! Join a ranger on this strenuous hike to the highest point in the Santa Monica Mountains, and learn about the explosive volcanology of the area. Bring water, lunch, and sunscreen. 4hrs NPS

SAT 12/10 2pm
King Gillette Ranch
Capture A Nature Moment Let naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer; teach you the tricks of nature photography. Meet at the parking lot to left of pond. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 12/10 3pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Return to Nature Naturalist Dora leads this meditative walk exploring sensory rich trails for colors, aromas, and sounds. Bring water. Best for ages 10 and up. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 12/10 5pm
Charmlee Wilderness Park
Full Moon Hike Enjoy the mountains, meadow and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. $4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SUN 12/11 8:30am
King Gillette Ranch
Do Birds Get Cold? How do birds keep warm? Find out on this 1-mile accessible walk. Bring binoculars and warm clothes. Beginning birders welcome. $7 parking fee. Rain cancels. 2hrs NPS

SUN 12/11 8:45am
Malibu Creek State Park
Weed War is Recruiting Help tend the CNPS Commemorative Oak Grove where 20th Century Fox warehouse and heavy equipment were once stored. Bring lunch, water, and gloves. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 12/11 10am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
A Turtle's Race Around the Lake Learn about this canyon and the local ecosystem from naturalist Rebecca on a 1-mile walk. Wear appropriate shoes, a hat, and bring water. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 12/11 10am
Cold Creek Preserve - Preserve's Lower Gate
Easing into Winter Savor subtle landscape changes as winter moves into chaparral canyon woodlands. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 12/11 2pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Capture A Nature Moment Let naturalist Joanne, an experienced photographer; teach you the tricks of nature photography. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 12/11 3pm
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Exploring the Darkness Join naturalist Steve for this slow evening stroll to experience the smells, sounds, and sights of darkness. Requirements: flashlight, tolerance for darkness, and capacity for quiet observation. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

TUE 12/13 8:30am
Topanga State Park
Easy-pace Hikers to Eagle Rock Hike 5 miles with 700' gain on Musch Trail to see early winter flowers and the 360 degree view from Eagle Rock. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 805-532-2485. 3hrs SC

TUE 12/13 9am
Will Rogers State Historic Park
Moderate Hikers: Backbone Trail to Oak Tree Join an 8-mile roundtrip, 1600' gain hike past Inspiration Point and across Chicken Ridge Bridge. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-477-9664. 4hrs SC

WED 12/14 10am
Temescal Gateway Park
Tykes on Trails Ages 2-5, learn about the wonders of nature. Meet in the first parking lot on the left. Reservations required: www.cni-kids.org. Fee. 2hrs CNI

SAT 12/17 8:30am
Caballero Canyon
Chaparral Chatter By now the first rains of the season have brought out the flowering shrubs and green seedlings cover the ground. Bring water, hat, sunblock, and sturdy boots. Info: 818-782-9346. 3hrs CNPS

SAT 12/17 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 12/17 8:30am
Santa Monica Mountains
Trail Work No experience necessary. For more info or a current schedule: 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 12/17 8:45am
Malibu Creek State Park
Oak Woodland Restoration: Volunteers Needed Help plant and care for native oaks, shrubs, and grasses. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 12/17 3:30pm
Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch
Winter Solstice Hike Join a moderate hike, discuss seasonal changes, and learn about stars. Meet at Franklin Ranch restrooms. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 12/18 8am
Malibu Creek State Park
Birdwalk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

VOLUNTEERS WANTED
Charmlee Wilderness Park

Help us introduce children to nature!
Info: 310-457-7247

Charmlee Wilderness Park is owned and operated by the City of Malibu.

SUN 12/18 8:45am
Santa Monica Mountains
La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration Meet in Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to go to work site. Bring lunch and water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 12/18 10am
Solstice Canyon
Canyon Ramble Winter wildflowers may be blooming under the colorful sycamores along the creekside trail in a spectacular canyon. Bring water and snack. 2hrs CNPS

SUN 12/18 2pm
Paramount Ranch
Movie Magic Learn the secrets that turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk behind the scenes to discover illusions and history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SUN 12/18 2pm-5pm
Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Get Your Holiday On!
Enjoy the second of three special Sunday afternoon tours at the gaily decorated Historic Adamson House. FEE. Make your reservations for one of the half-hour tours available from 2pm-5pm. Reservations required: 310-456-8432 MLMD

TUE 12/20 9:15am
Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead
Moderate Hikers: Saddle Peak Join an 8-mile roundtrip, 1800′ gain hike for vistas from Saddle Peak. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 562-618-1129. 4hrs SC

WED 12/21 10am
Peter Strauss Ranch
Plein Air Landscape Painting Everyone interested in art is welcome to join in or watch artists painting. Bring your art materials and camera. Info: Pat 805-583-8044. 4hrs TOPAW

SAT 12/24 8am
Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr
Christmas Bird Hike Celebrate the holiday by joining naturalist Paul for a leisurely stroll in the park. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 12/25 8:30am
Malibu Lagoon State Park
Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 12/25 10am
Malibu Lagoon State Park
Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents Special short walk for children and families. Binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 12/25 2pm-5pm
Malibu Lagoon State Beach
Get Your Holiday On!
Enjoy a special Sunday afternoon tour at the gaily decorated Historic Adamson House. FEE. You will need a prepaid reservation in order to join one of the half-hour tours available from 2pm-5pm. Call 310-456-8432. MLMD

TUE 12/27 9:15am
Leo Carrillo State Park
Moderate Hikers: Nicholas Flat Join an 8-mile roundtrip, 1800′ gain hike on a scenic trail with ocean views to Nicholas Flat. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-274-7987. 4hrs SC

Did you know?
A new visitor center for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is opening in 2012!

Interested in helping out at this new interagency visitor center? Join a dynamic team of volunteers for National Park Service, Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority, and California State Parks.

Call 805-370-2317 for information.

VOLUNTEER!

WED 12/28 10am
Temescal Gateway Park
Tykes on Trails Ages 2-5, learn about the wonders of nature. Meet in the first parking lot on the left. Reservations required: www.cni-kids.org. Fee. 2hrs CNI

WED 12/28 2pm
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Storytime with a Ranger Gather on the porch of the Satwiwa Native American Culture Center for storytime with Ranger Julie! All ages welcome. 1hr NPS

SAT 12/31 10am
Malibu Creek State Park
Welcome to Malibu Creek Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at the lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

Hiking & Safety Tips

Waiting for Breakfast by Nancy Lehrer
Spirit of the Mountains Photo Contest 2010 Winner – Best in Show

TICKS
Ticks are plentiful and some may carry diseases. Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC RATTLESNAKES
These snakes make the mountains their home. Stay away from them, and they won't bother you. In the event of a rattlesnake bite, DO NOT make an incision or try to draw out venom. Splint the extremity and transport victim to an emergency room.

FOOTWEAR
Wear sturdy footwear – hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

POISON OAK
Poison oak can be identified by its clusters of three shiny leaflets. The best way to avoid it is to stay on trails.

NEVER HIKE ALONE
Use the buddy system. That allows someone to go for help if you encounter trouble.

HELP PREVENT WILDFIRE
Do not smoke on trails or in brush areas. Do not build fires on the ground.

KEEP HYDRATED
Carry and drink plenty of water. One quart for short walks, more for longer hikes.

NOTE
Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, please help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails. Be considerate of other trail users and respect private land.

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Circle X Ranch	Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS
Cold Creek Preserve	Open daily by reservation only for group and individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant and bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-1701. CCD/MRT
Coldwater Canyon Park	TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT 2pm to 4pm. TP
Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA
Leo Carrillo State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, fishing, hiking, and surfing. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP
Malibu Creek State Park	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Crafts and games for children on first and third SAT of month 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Day-use parking fee. CSP/MCD
Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House	Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 12 or more. TUE: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS
Paramount Ranch	Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS
Peter Strauss Ranch	Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS
Point Mugu State Park	Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa	Hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open SAT and SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS
Rocky Oaks	Hiking and equestrian trails, picnic area. NPS
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Visitor Center	Open daily from 9am to 5pm and closed some holidays. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and other national parks. Exhibits and bookstore. NPS
Temescal Gateway Park	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA
Topanga State Park	Hiking, picnicking, equestrian and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCD
Will Rogers State Historic Park	Open 8am to sunset. Guided tour of ranch house available TUE thru SUN at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (ranch house closed on MON). Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. Parking fee. CSP/WRD
UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve	Environmental research and education. K–12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR

Directions

1 ***Arroyo Sequit** 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy and go 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.

2 **Caballero Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Reseda Blvd, turn south.
Lower Trailhead: 1.9 miles south just past the fountains on left side.
Upper Trailhead: Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. 3.1 miles south at the end of Reseda Blvd near dirt Mulholland.

3 **California State Parks Headquarters** Ventura Fwy (101) to Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to Malibu Creek State Park entrance on left.

4 ***Castro Crest** Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).

5 **Charmlee Wilderness Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on the left side of road.

6 ***Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons** Ventura Fwy (101) to Chesebro Rd exit. Turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Chesebro Rd. Go north 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow road to parking lot.

7 ***Circle X Ranch** Pacific Coast Hwy to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland; go 5.4 miles to Circle X Ranch contact station.
Sandstone Peak Trailhead: 1 mile north of Circle X Ranch contact station on Yerba Buena Rd. Parking lot is on left.
Mishe Mokwa Trailhead: 1.75 miles north of the Circle X contact station along Yerba Buena Road. Parking lot is on right.

8 **Cold Creek Preserve & Stunt Ranch Reserve Area** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile. At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Continue for 5 miles to Stunt Rd.
Lower Stunt High Trailhead: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1 mile to pullout on right.
Preserve's Lower Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1.2 miles to pullout on right. Permit required for walk-in visitation. Preserve's Upper Gate: Turn left on Stunt Rd. 3.3 miles to pullout on left. Permit required for walk-in visitation.
Top of Stunt Rd: Intersection of Schueren, Saddle Peak and Stunt Rds.

9 **Coldwater Canyon Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.

10 **Franklin Canyon**
Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr (Upper Franklin Canyon): From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cyn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Coldwater Canyon Park), turn right on Franklin Cyn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Park in lot on left next to nature center. (To go to *Franklin Canyon Ranch:* continue south on the reservoir road and Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn left on Lake Dr.)
Franklin Canyon Ranch (Lower Franklin Canyon): From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr by veering left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canyon Dr. Go 1 mile and turn right on Lake Dr. Park at main lot at end of road. (To go to *Sooky Goldman Nature Center:* continue north on Franklin Canyon Dr, past Lake Dr. Turn right at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Continue to parking lot on right.)

11 **Headwaters Corner** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Mulholland Dr/Valley Circle. Go south on Mulholland Dr to Valmar Rd. Turn right on Valmar Rd. Continue south and veer right on Mulholland Hwy. Signed entrance will be on right.

12 **King Gillette Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Park entrance is 0.1 mile on right.

13 **Leo Carrillo State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Mulholland Highway.
Nicholas Flat Trailhead: From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn north on Decker Road. Travel about 2 miles and turn left on Decker School Road (not Decker School Lane). Follow road to the end.

14 **Malibu Bluffs Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road.

15 **Malibu Creek State Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance on left.
Tapia Unit: Entrance is 1 mile south of entrance to Malibu Creek State Park.
Reagan Ranch: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 3 miles to parking area on left (just past Mulholland Hwy).
Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road: Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go south 5 miles to parking lot on right.

16 **Malibu Lagoon State Beach** Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway at Cross Creek Rd.
Adamson House: 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy opposite Serra Rd.

17 ***National Park Service Visitor Center/Headquarters for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area** 401 West Hillcrest Dr, Thousand Oaks. Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd. North on Lynn Rd. Turn east (right) on Hillcrest Dr. Left on McCloud Ave. Turn into first driveway on your right. Follow road to the end. The visitor center is located in first building nearest road.

18 ***Paramount Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 2.5 miles, entrance is on right side of the road.

19 ***Peter Strauss Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate to go into the ranch area.

20 **Point Dume State Preserve** Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu. Turn south and follow road to parking lot.

21 **Point Mugu State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of the Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground.
Ray Miller Trailhead: 1.6 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along Pacific Coast Hwy.

22 **R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches** Pacific Coast Hwy near Encinal Canyon Rd.
El Matador State Beach: On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.5 mile east of Encinal Canyon Rd.
La Piedra State Beach: On Pacific Coast Hwy 0.1 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.
El Pescador State Beach: On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.4 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.

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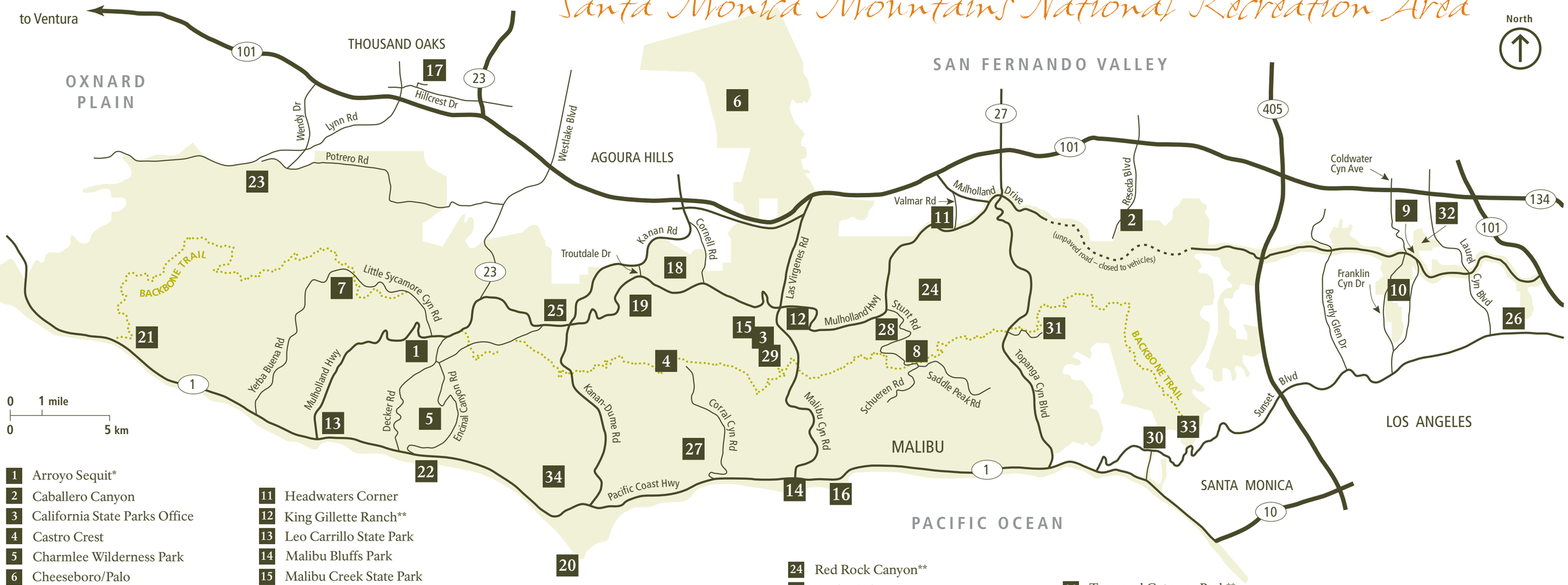

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23 *Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa
Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd exit. South on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park entrance is on the left.
Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center: Walk 0.3 mile up gravel road from the parking area to brown wooden building.
Wendy Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr. exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd.

24 Red Rock Canyon Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on the right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas Peak Fire Road into canyon.

25 *Rocky Oaks Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot.

26 Runyon Canyon Park Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street. North Entrance 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canyon Blvd on Mulholland Dr.

27 *Solstice Canyon From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd. Drive 0.25 mile to park entrance on left.

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center See #23.

Sooky Goldman Nature Center
See #10.

28 Stunt Ranch Reserve See #8.

29 Tapia Park See #15.

30 Temescal Gateway Park From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Temescal Canyon Rd. Cross Sunset Blvd.

31 Topanga State Park South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd to park entrance.
Dead Horse Trailhead: From Topanga Canyon Blvd, turn East on Entrada Rd. Parking lot is 900' on left.
Los Liones Trailhead: From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Liones Dr. Follow road to the end.

32 Wilacre Park Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off of Laurel Canyon Blvd.

33 Will Rogers State Historic Park
1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.

34 *Zuma/Trancas Canyons
Zuma Ridge Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive until it ends.
Zuma Canyon Trailhead: Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive. Turn right on Rainsford Place. Turn left on Bonsall Drive. Parking lot at end of road.
Newton Canyon Trailhead: Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan past Mulholland Hwy. Paved pullout is about 1.75 miles south of Mulholland on right, just north of Tunnel 1.

Note: To check the degree of handicap accessibility to a site, please contact the sponsoring agency or National Park Service for information.

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