

Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa



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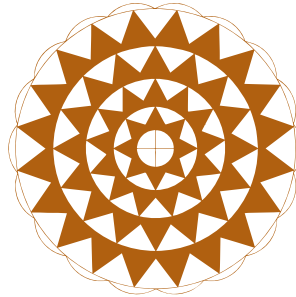
Welcome to the western edge of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. This site was home to the Chumash, Spanish Rancho El Conejo as well as modern ranching and farming operations.

SATWIWA

For many years, the Santa Monica Mountains sustained the Chumash and Tongva/Gabrielino cultures. Sycamore Canyon, which runs through Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa and Point Mugu State Park, was part of a Chumash trade route. Satwiwa, which means “the bluffs,” was the name of a nearby Chumash village. To reflect this heritage, *Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center and Natural Area* was established. A Native American guest host or a park ranger is on hand to answer questions from 9am to 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Native American workshops, programs, and art shows occur throughout the year. Call for information on accessibility parking.

RANCHO SIERRA VISTA

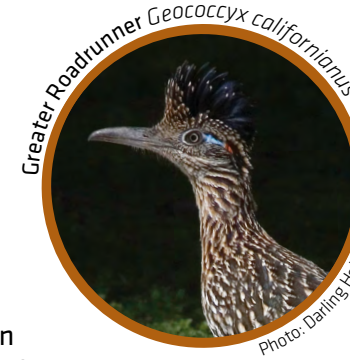
Local ranching history began in 1803 when former soldiers, Jose Polanco and Ignacio Rodriguez, were granted Rancho El Conejo by the King of Spain. Through the years, this 48,672-acre land grant was subdivided



and sold to various landowners. Modern ranching began here in 1937 when Carl Beal christened the area *Rancho Sierra Vista*. He constructed most of the current ranch buildings, his house, and barbecue pit in Sycamore Canyon. Richard Danielson, the last private land owner, and his family farmed and ranched here for 32 years. The National Park Service purchased the property in 1980. The western boundary of present day Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa reflects the original land grant of the Rancho El Conejo.

THINGS TO DO

The May 2013 *Springs Fire* burned much of Point Mugu State Park and portions of Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa. Whether recreating on foot, bike or horse, you can look for signs of recovery from the effects of this wildfire. Keep an eye out for large mammals such as deer and coyotes that take refuge in the areas of unburned vegetation. Spring is the best time to look for “Fire Followers,” plants that only grow after a recent fire. In time, the scent of sage and a rainbow of native flowers will dot the landscape once again.



Greater Roadrunner *Geococcyx californianus*
Photo: Darlings Holt

INFORMATION & SAFETY

NATURAL AND CULTURAL FEATURES including rocks, plants, and animals are protected by law and may not be collected or disturbed. Weapons, nets, and traps are not allowed in parklands. Do not climb on structures.

BE PREPARED by taking water, food, flashlight and first-aid supplies. Learn to recognize and be alert for ticks, bees, rattlesnakes, and poison oak.

WATER that comes from streams is not safe to drink due to possible contamination or the presence of the giardia protozoan.

FIRE is a year-round concern. Fires and barbecues are prohibited. During times of high fire danger, smoking and all fires are not permitted. Smoking is not permitted in Point Mugu State Park.

TRAIL CLOSURES will be in effect during and following extreme weather or hazardous conditions.

MULTI-USE TRAIL ETIQUETTE **Hikers** must yield to equestrians. **Equestrians** should communicate with passing hikers and bicyclists. Horses should not graze or leave the trail. Please remove manure from parking areas. **Bicyclists** must ride courteously and yield to hikers and equestrians; speed limit is 15 mph. *Bicyclists and equestrians are allowed on designated trails only. Look for the use changes posted at the trail junctions.*

PETS must be on a leash, no longer than 6 feet, at all times. For the health and consideration of others, please clean up after your pet. Pets are not permitted in the backcountry of Point Mugu State Park except on paved roads.

CAMPING is restricted to the Point Mugu State Park campgrounds only.

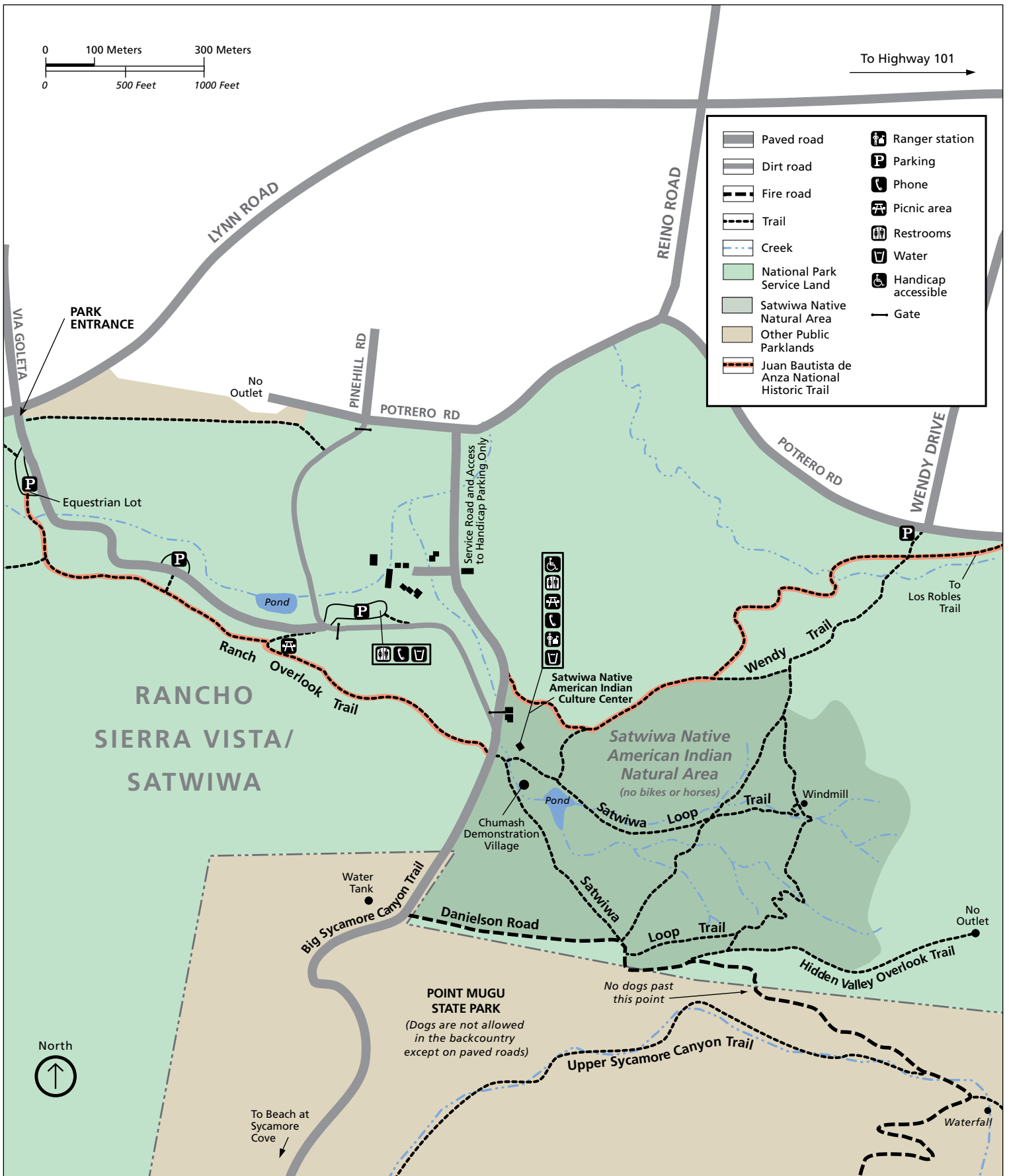
For More Information
Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
26876 Mulholland Hwy
Calabasas CA 91302
805-370-2301
www.nps.gov/samo

Site Location
**Rancho Sierra Vista/
Satwiwa** Main entrance
is at intersection of Lynn
Road and Via Goleta.
Newbury Park CA 91320

EMERGENCIES

Call **911**. For a ranger, call Angeles Dispatch at **661-723-3620**.

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Directions to main parking lot (open 8am to sunset): Ventura Freeway (101) to Lynn Rd exit. Go south on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park entrance is on the left. **Directions to Wendy Trailhead:** Ventura Freeway (101) to Wendy Dr exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd.

TRAILS

● Easy | ■ Moderate

Big Sycamore Canyon Trail ■ 8 miles—Enjoy this trek from Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa through Big Sycamore Canyon in Point Mugu State Park to the ocean. This is a multi-use trail. Please exercise extreme caution when traveling on the steep hill which leads from Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa into Point Mugu State Park. Be alert for occasional authorized vehicles on the road.

Satwiwa Loop Trail ● 1.5 miles; no bikes, no equestrians—Stroll through grasslands and chaparral of the Satwiwa Native American Indian Natural Area. The Natural Area was set aside for the preservation and celebration of Native American cultures.

Wendy Trail ● 1.2 miles—This multi-use trail provides access to Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa from the Wendy Drive Trailhead. A 1/2-mile long connector trail provides access to the Los Robles multi-use trail across Potrero Road.

Trail to the Waterfall ■ 1.5 miles one way; no bikes—From the Big Sycamore Canyon Trail, travel east on the Danielson Road. This trail will descend into a canyon as you enter the Boney Mountain State Wilderness. After you cross over a streambed, the trail ascends and then makes a sharp right turn. At this junction, take the narrow trail on the left. Follow this narrow trail for 100 yards to the waterfall.

Juan Bautista de Anza Historic Trail ● 1.2 miles—This 1,200-mile trail extends from Nogales, AZ to San Francisco, CA. Soldiers, families, and cattle played a role in this 18th century journey to settle and colonize Alta California in the name of the Spanish Crown. Today visitors can hike a segment of this historic trail while on the Wendy trail. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/juba

Much of Point Mugu State Park and Rancho Sierra Vista burned in the May 2013 Springs Fire. Please help the park recover by staying on trails and following information on posted signs.