Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

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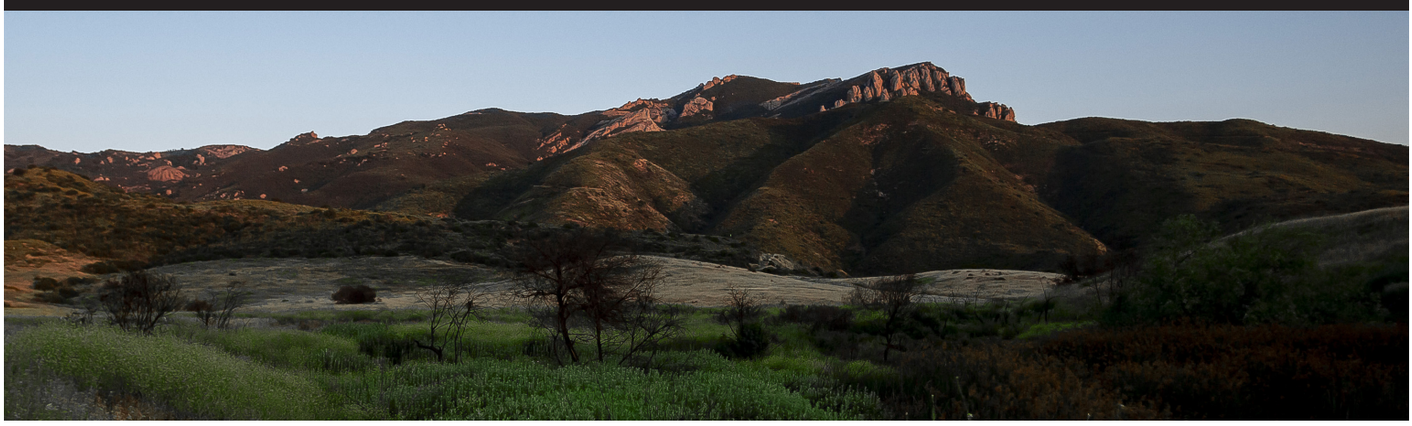


A Sacred Place

Two threads of local history intertwine to establish the identity of Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa. Ranch structures and introduced grasses represent centuries of the ranching era, while native plants reflect an environment that Chumash Indians lived in for thousands of years.

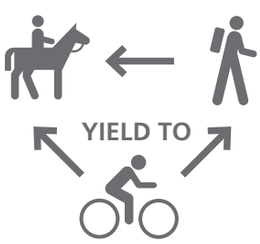
The gentle slopes offer trails that picnickers, hikers, bikers, and equestrians enjoy during every season. Big Sycamore Canyon Trail descends from Satwiwa to the Pacific Ocean along a historic Chumash trade route.

The Satwiwa Loop Trail is designated for hikers only, and meanders through an area considered sacred by the Chumash. Keep an eye out for deer and coyote in the coastal sage scrub, hawks and falcons soaring overhead, and sweeping views of Boney Mountain and Sycamore Canyon. Follow all trail guidelines by only biking or horseback riding on designated trails.

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa features the Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center. Native Americans, representing Native cultures from throughout the United States, lead workshops, presentations, and art shows throughout the year. Call for information on accessible parking: 805-370-2301.

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 horseback, be on the lookout for signs of plants, soil, and animals recovering from the effects of this wildfire.

Information and Safety



TRAIL ETIQUETTE improves everyone's trail experience. Hikers must yield to equestrians. Equestrians need to communicate with passing hikers and bicyclists. Horses are not allowed to graze or leave the trail. Remove manure from parking areas.

BICYCLISTS must ride courteously and yield to hikers and equestrians. Maximum speed is 15 mph or slower to protect visitor safety. Everyone: if listening to music, wear earbuds. Bicyclists may wear only one earbud.

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

BE PREPARED by bringing water, food, map or some type of navigation device, a headlamp, and first-aid supplies on your hikes. Be alert for ticks, bees, rattlesnakes, and poison oak. Wear sturdy footwear, e.g. hiking boots or shoes with good tread. Cell phone reception is largely non-existent in much of this area.

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

WILDFIRE is a year-round concern. Smoking and fires of any kind are not permitted on the trail. For current restrictions and fire danger level, visit www.nps.gov/samo.

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

PETS must be under control and on a leash, not to exceed six feet, at all times. Pick up after your pet. Pets are not allowed on backcountry trails in Point Mugu State Park.

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

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

The main parking area is open from 8:00 a.m. – sunset.

Please call the visitor center at 805-370-2301 for hours.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
26876 Mulholland Hwy
Calabasas CA 91302
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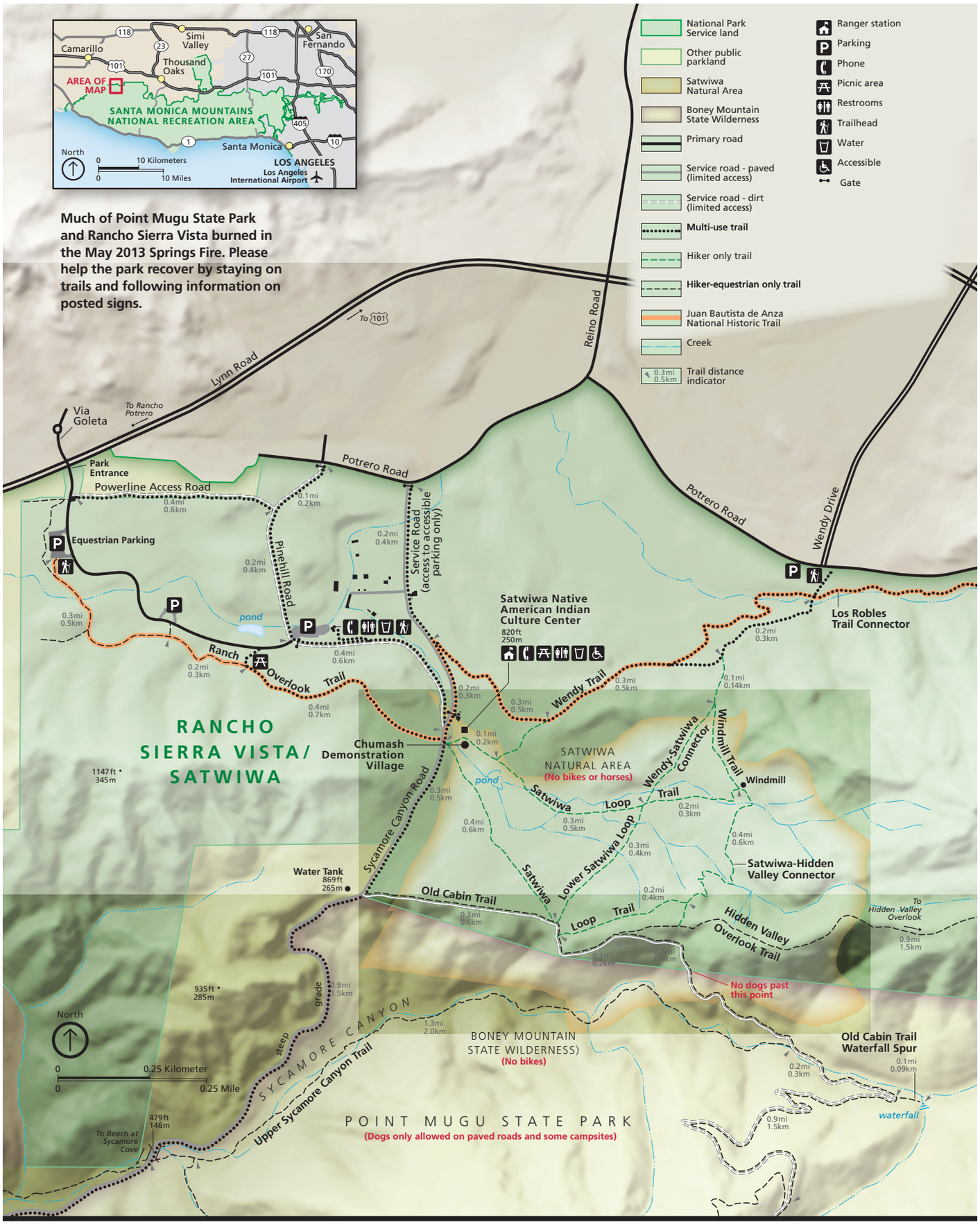
EMERGENCIES
Call 911. For a ranger, call Santa Monica Dispatch at 805-370-2399.



Big Sycamore Canyon Trail ■ *8.0 miles one way*— 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. Pets are not allowed after the pavement ends.

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 half-mile-long connector trail provides access to the Los Robles multi-use trail across Potrero Road.

Trail to the Waterfall ■ *1.8 miles one way; no bikes or pets*—From Big Sycamore Canyon Trail, travel east on Old Cabin Trail. This trail will descend into a canyon as you enter 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 trail on the left. Follow this narrow trail for 100 yards to the waterfall. Dogs are not allowed on backcountry trails in Point Mugu State Park.

Juan Bautista de Anza Historic Trail ● *2.4 miles*—The Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail preserves the story of the Anza expedition and trail, which extends 1,200 miles from Nogales, Arizona, to San Francisco. While the historic trail extends well beyond the national recreation area, part of the trail crosses Rancho Sierra Vista. The route enters at Wendy Trail, continues over Ranch Overlook Trail, and exits at the park entrance. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/juba.

● Easy ■ Moderate ♦ Strenuous