



# OUTDOORS

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# OUTDOORS

*This is your guide to programs and events held within Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area – a national park based on collaboration and partnership.*

Dedicated staff, including many volunteers, of participating agencies and organizations provide avenues for you to explore and enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains.

## Questions on a particular program or event?

Look for the acronym at the end of the description (e.g., NPS = National Park Service) for the sponsoring park partner. Then turn to the **Directory on Page 37**.

**Directions and map** for program/event locations are also at the end of this booklet.



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

**KEEP HYDRATED** Carry and drink plenty of water. Recommend one quart for short walks and more for longer hikes.

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

**NEVER HIKE ALONE** The buddy system allows someone to go for help if needed.

**HELP PREVENT WILDFIRE** Avoid smoking on trails or in brush areas and do not build fires on the ground.

**POISON OAK** Staying on trails is the best way to avoid contact with this plant's leaves (clusters of three shiny leaflets) or its roots.

**TICKS** Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking since some ticks may carry diseases.

**SOUTHERN PACIFIC RATTLESNAKES** These snakes will not bother you if you stay away from them. If someone is bitten by one, do not make an incision or try to draw out venom. Instead, seek advanced medical attention and get the person to an emergency room.

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



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Santa Monica Mountains  
National Recreation Area

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(closed some holidays)  
**805-370-2301**

#### Online

www.nps.gov/samo  
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*Bottlenose Dolphin on the surf*  
Photo by A. Bevilacqua

# Winter Waters

"...at the doorstep of an entire ocean universe"



*Winter is one of the best times to be a surfer in Southern California. The water may be chilly, but the waves and conditions are often supreme. Strong storms that form in the Aleutian Sea off Alaska bring powerful waves to our coast through March. Also, gray whales are making their annual migration from the Arctic to Baja California.*



As a surfer, I not only get to enjoy the waves, but also witness some amazing wildlife moments: gray and humpback whales breach within a few feet from me. Birds that are difficult to see from shore fly right above my head. Pelicans glide just an inch or two off the water. Friendly bottlenose dolphins swim and surf right beside me. Curious sea lions also come up close and even a few leopard sharks have cruised right beneath my toes. These experiences and the views of the Channel Islands beyond remind me that we are literally at the doorstep of an entire ocean universe.

For those of us not so keen on getting into the cold water, there are numerous places to look out on the water from the shoreline. Find a bluff and grab your scope to do some whalewatching or catch ocean birds diving on an enormous school of fish. However, if you really want to see the action up close, put on a wetsuit and take the plunge!

– Ranger and Surfer Anthony Bevilacqua



*After seeing too many plastic bottles littered on our beaches, I set a goal to reduce my plastic consumption. Please join me in finding ways to protect our ocean universe.*

Images:  
Top - Brown Pelican, *Pelecanus occidentalis*  
Left - Gray Whale, *Eschrichtius robustus* by Ralph Lee Hopkins

# January



## Storytime at the Visitor Center

Every Thursday  
10:00am - 11:00am  
Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center

Come enjoy a few new stories each week and talk about what you can explore further while in the Santa Monica Mountains. For ages 5 and under. WNPA/NPS  
**INFO: 805-370-2301**

## Explore the Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

January 2, 2013  
Wednesday, 10am  
*Kick off the New Year with a hike to Inspiration Point.* Join a NPS ranger on this moderate, 1-mile roundtrip trek. Bring water and sunscreen. Meet by the fountain.



*So much to do and see this 2013 at the visitor center!* You can become a Junior Ranger, go on a scavenger hunt, check out the exhibits and more. Located in the heart of the Santa Monica Mountains at King Gillette Ranch, the center is open daily from 9am - 5pm. *See you soon!*

**THU 1/3 8:30am**  
*Point Mugu State Park*  
**Moderate Hikers** On this 9.5-mile, 1000' gain hike, we will pass an old windmill and continue on to Upper Sycamore Canyon, Hidden and Sin Nombre trails. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Meet at the Wendy Trailhead (Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa). Info: 818-981-4799. 5hrs SC

**SAT 1/5 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 1/5 8:30am**  
*Point Mugu State Park*  
**Trail Work on "Toe Stubber" Trail** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Meet at the Wendy Trailhead (Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa) for shuttle. Reservations required: 805-985-3728. 5.5hrs SMMTC

**SAT 1/5 8:45am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve*  
**Be a Habitat Restorationist for a Day** Help plant, weed, and water native plants. Gloves and tools provided; bring water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 1/5 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 1/5 10am**  
*Paramount 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

**SAT 1/5 10am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Franklin's Movie Magic** This site has been the backdrop for movies and TV shows since the 1930s. Go on location on an easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 1/6 8am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Bird Walk** Experienced and beginning birders can enjoy a leisurely walk while identifying birds by sight and sound. Bring binoculars, hat, water, snack, and optional scope and bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

**SUN 1/6 9am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Nature Trek** An invigorating moderately-difficult hike covers the canyon from top to bottom with history and habitat chat along the way. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 1/6 10am-2pm**  
*Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center*  
**Exhibit Opening - Michael Chas Williams** This Wichita tribal artist will exhibit his custom art of dreamcatchers. **The exhibit will run through April 7, 2013.** All ages welcome. Info 805-370-2301. NPS

**SUN 1/6 10am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Kids' Hands in Nature** Join us for an easy stroll to study the nature around us. Afterwards create art inspired by all the nature you have seen. For ages 3-8 years, children must be accompanied by an adult. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 1/6 10am**  
*Malibu Bluffs Park*  
**Bluffs Ramble to the Sea** Enjoy views of wildflowers, waves, beach, sea lions, and (hopefully) migrating whales. Info: 818-782-9346. 2hrs CNPS

**SUN 1/6 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all, led by a trained naturalist-educator. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 1/6 2pm, 3pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Sustainable Sundays - Tour and Scavenger Hunt** See box to the right

**TUE 1/8 8:30am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Moderate Hikers** Join an 8-mile hike, with a 1000' gain from DeAnza Park on Talepop and Phantom Trails. Bring water. Rain cancels. Info: 310-839-8235. 4hrs SC

**TUE 1/8 8:30am**  
*Paramount Ranch*  
**Easy-pace Hikers** Join a 5-mile, 400' gain hike around the old (and still active) movie set plus a side trip to the old Reagan Ranch. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-889-9924. 2.5hrs SC

**TUE 1/8 10am**  
*Headwaters Corner*  
**Senior Naturalist Program: Historic Calabasas** View historical artifacts, hear stories about a 100-year old house, and enjoy a rambling in the woods by a stream (for ages 50 plus). Meet at Masson House. Pre-registration required: 818-591-1701 x212. Fee. 2hrs MRT



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## Sustainable Sundays

Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center

### January 6

**2:00pm - 3:00pm**  
**Sustainable Sunday Tour**  
Get a behind the scenes tour for what makes this the first net-zero Visitor Center in the National Park Service.

**3:00pm - 4:00pm**  
**Sustainable Sunday Scavenger Hunt** Grab your digital camera or cell phone for this hunt. Talk with a ranger about what you find and earn a "green" prize!

Meet by the fountain. NPS  
**INFO: 805-370-2301**



**FOLLOW the  
2013 BACKBONE TRAIL HIKERS!**

A group of 31 dedicated hikers have set their sights on completing the 65-mile Backbone Trail this winter – hiking every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday from January through April. That's 8 total day hikes! Maybe next year, this could be you? Follow their progress on Ranger Razsa's blog: [www.nps.gov/samo/backbonetrailblog.htm](http://www.nps.gov/samo/backbonetrailblog.htm)

**THU 1/10 10am**  
Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center  
**Storytime** See box on page 8

**SAT 1/12 8:30am**  
Santa Monica Mountains  
**Trail Work** Tools provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 1/12 8:30am**  
Santa Monica Mountains  
**Trail Work** For location, check [www.smmtc.org](http://www.smmtc.org). 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 1/12 9am**  
Santa Monica Mountains  
**Moderate Hikers: Santa Ynez Cyn to Eagle Rock (1957')** An 8-mile, 1500' gain hike includes Santa Ynez Cyn Trail and Musch Trail. Meet at trailhead (from PCH east on Sunset Blvd 0.5 mile, left on Palisades Drive 2.5 miles, left on Vereda de la Montura to gate). Bring water, food, and hiking shoes. Rain cancels. Info: 818-708-9535. 4hrs SC

**SAT 1/12 9am**  
Charmlee Wilderness Park  
**Winter Morning Hike** Winter is a good time to look for early wildflowers and migratory sparrows. Join naturalists for a leisurely walk to see what surprises the season may have brought us. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SAT 1/12 9:30am**  
Leo Carrillo State Park  
**Artist's Paint-Out** For all artists and any media, join us as we capture ocean and mountain vistas. Info: [www.allied-artists.com](http://www.allied-artists.com) or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

**SAT 1/12 9:30am**  
Headwaters Corner  
**Youth Naturalist Program: Endangered and Threatened Species** Ages 8–12, discover why species become threatened, endangered, or extinct. Participate in a walk, craft, and observe an endangered species. Pre-registration required: 818-591-1701 x212. Fee. 3hrs MRT

**SAT 1/12 10am**  
King Gillette Ranch  
**Innovation in the Golden Era** King Gillette Ranch was home to MGM Director, Clarence Brown. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking innovations and Hollywood parties on this easy walk. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 1/12 2pm**  
King Gillette Ranch  
**Capture a Nature Moment** Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 1/12 3pm**  
Temescal Gateway Park  
**A Walk into the Chumash World** On this easy 1-mile walk, discover how the Chumash have been able to create a sustainable way of life. Meet at front parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 1/13 8:30am**  
Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center  
**Winter Wonder-birds** Join us for a 1-mile accessible walk and look for new "snowbirds." Find out why they like us so much. Bring binoculars. Beginning birders welcome. Rain cancels. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs NPS

**SUN 1/13 8:45am**  
Santa Monica Mountains  
**A Weed War is Habitat Restoration** Help restore biodiversity. Bring lunch, water, and sturdy shoes; tools and gloves provided. Receive community service credit. Call for location. Reservations required: [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org) or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs CNPS/MRT/TP

**SUN 1/13 9am**  
Topanga State Park  
**Lemming Hike** Join us for the long tradition of a miserable (pleasant?) 7-mile hike with 1000' gain. Bring water and lunch. Car shuttle. Meet at end of Los Liones Dr (PCH north on Sunset Blvd 0.25 mile, left on Los Liones Dr). 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SUN 1/13 9:30am**  
Cold Creek Preserve -  
Lower Stunt High Trailhead  
**Crisp Winter Along the Stunt High Trail** Take in awesome views as you wend downhill on the north-facing slope of Saddle Peak. 2.5hrs CCD

**SUN 1/13 11am**  
Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center  
**Gardening with Nature** Tour the new garden with a ranger. Learn how using native plants can mean less work, saving money, and benefitting the environment! Meet at fountain. 1hr NPS

**SUN 1/13 1pm**  
Topanga State Park  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all, led by a trained naturalist-educator. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 1/13 2pm**  
Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Center  
**Capture A Nature Moment** Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**TUE 1/15 8:30am**  
Cold Creek Preserve -  
Lower Stunt High Trailhead  
**Easy-pace Hikers: Calabasas Peak** Join a 4-mile hike with 950' gain to the top for valley views, rock formations, and flowers. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

**THU 1/17 8:30am**  
Caballero Canyon -  
Lower Trailhead  
**Nike Missile Radar Site** Join us on a moderately-paced 8-mile, 1100' gain hike with great mountain and valley views. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC



**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**

**January 15 -  
February 26**

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**



National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

## Winter Sky Star Party

Saturday, January 19  
5pm - 8pm

Paramount Ranch

Join CLU Professor *Mike Shaw* and the National Park Service for a family-friendly astronomy presentation and a constellation tour. Viewing night sky objects through telescopes!

To warm things up, the *SAMO Band* will perform on the pavillion stage from 5:00pm to 5:30pm. FREE hot chocolate will be provided! Meet at main parking lot and bring a flashlight. Rain cancels.

Info: 805-370-2301

**THU 1/17 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
*Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Storytime** See box on page 8

**SAT 1/19 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Invasive Plant Removal** Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak and restore native habitat. Receive community service credit. Rain cancels. Reservations required: Jerry 818-406-1269. 5hrs SMMTC

**SAT 1/19 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 1/19 8:30am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Trail Work on Backbone** Tools provided. Bring water, lunch, work gloves, eye protection, sunscreen, and hat. Wear sturdy shoes, long sleeve shirt, and long pants. Meet at roadside parking on Piuma Rd (1 mile east of Las Virgenes Rd. Carpool to connector trail on Stunt Rd). RSVP: 310-452-4443. 5.5hrs SMMTC

**SAT 1/19 8:45am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Lost Oak Woodland Restoration** Join volunteers to plant and care for trees and native grasses. Receive training to become a volunteer supervisor. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear; gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 1/19 9am**  
*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Nature in Focus** A good photographer combines technique, composition, and being in the right place at the right time to take a memorable picture. We'll provide a stunning setting and help you along the way. Bring your camera. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 1/19 10am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Movie Walk** Join a docent for an easy 4-mile, 500' gain walk along mostly flat fire roads to film and TV sites. Bring daypack, 1 qt water, hat, sunscreen, and sweater. Meet at lower parking lot by restrooms. Rain cancels. 2.5hrs MCD

**SAT 1/19 11am**  
*Leo Carrillo State Park*  
**Build a Sand Snowman** Join rangers for a day at the beach to build "snowmen" out of sand. Learn about beach ecology and why we enjoy warmer temperatures in our Mediterranean ecosystem. 1.5hrs NPS/CSP

**SAT 1/19 1pm**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Stroll Through the Seasons** Enjoy a walk through the native plant garden, where we will observe the changes plants and animals undergo in preparation for the upcoming season. Meet inside visitor center. 0.5hr MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 1/19 2pm**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**A Walk into the Chumash World** Discover how the Chumash used the natural resources of their environment for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on an easy 1-mile walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 1/19 5pm**  
*Paramount Ranch*  
**Winter Sky Star Party** See box to the left

**SUN 1/20 8am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Birdwalk** Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Info: Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS



**SUN 1/20 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
*Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Native Plants, Native Uses** Join us for an easy to moderate 1-mile hike with 300' gain and learn about traditional Native American, as well as contemporary uses, for our local plants. Bring water and sunblock; wear appropriate clothing and shoes. 2hrs WNPA

**SUN 1/20 1pm**  
*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Native Ways** On this easy stroll, learn how everyday useful items were created from the surrounding environment. Enjoy hands-on experience with tools, musical instruments, and basketry. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 1/20 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all, led by a trained naturalist-educator. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

### Free Cultural Program

Sunday, January 20  
10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Join Potawatomi/Cherokee artist, *Nadiya Littlewarrior*, for a workshop on making decorative gourd necklaces.

All ages welcome. Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE





**Vulture Verses:  
Love Poems for  
the Unloved**

**Monday, January 21  
10am - 10:45am**

Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center

Great family fun for all ages. Join children's author and naturalist **Diane Lang** as she reads her book *Vulture Verses* and shows off her collection of less-loved animals. WNPA

**Info: 805-370-2302**



**SUN 1/20 2pm**  
Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center  
**King Gillette Ranch History Tour** Join a ranger for a stroll through the grounds of King Gillette Ranch and learn about the history of the site. Meet by fountain. Rain cancels. 1hr NPS

**MON 1/21 10am**  
Solstice Canyon  
**Ecopsychology** Reconnect with nature on this ecology based hike with a ranger. Explore the natural resources and connect with fellow participants through restoration work. Meet in main parking lot. 805-418-3176. 2hrs NPS

**MON 1/21 10am**  
Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center  
**Vulture Verses** See box to the left

**MON 1/21 3pm**  
Satwiwa Native American  
Indian Culture Center  
**Porch Talk with a Ranger** Share your park experiences with a ranger while enjoying a cup of cocoa on the porch. A talk will be given on the ways plants and animals adapt to warm and cool temperatures in the park. All ages welcome. 1hr NPS

**TUE 1/22 8:30am**  
Zuma/Trancas Canyons -  
Newton Canyon Trailhead  
**Easy-pace Hikers** Follow the Backbone Trail on the 5-mile, 1000' gain hike through oak woodlands and chaparral with ocean views. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-828-6670. 3hrs SC

**TUE 1/22 9:15am**  
Santa Monica Mountains  
**Moderate Hikers: Nicholas Flat Peak (1530')** Join this 7-mile, 1500' gain hike from the Nature Trust Preserve to Nicholas Flat to see early wildflowers and ocean views. Park at Malibu Nature Preserve, 33905 PCH. Parking fee. Bring lunch, water, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-457-9783. 4hrs SC

**TUE 1/22 10am**  
Headwaters Corner  
**Senior Naturalist Program: Botanical Wonders** Trees revealing history and microscopes revealing the secret mechanisms of pollination (for ages 50 plus). Meet at Masson House. Pre-registration required: 818-591-1701 x212. Fee. 2hrs MRT

**TUE 1/22 7pm**  
Headwaters Corner  
**Gourd Society Meeting** Join an ongoing workshop of gourd artists to experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP

**THU 1/24 8:30am**  
Malibu Creek State Park  
**Moderate Hikers** Join an 8-mile, 1000' gain hike including Lookout Trail with great views, Century Lake, and Reagan picnic area. Meet at Cornell & Mulholland dirt parking area on east side of street just south of Mulholland Hwy. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

**THU 1/24 10am**  
Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center  
**Storytime** See box on the next page.

**FRI 1/25 5:30pm**  
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa  
**Howl at the Moon** Join a ranger for a hike during the full moon to look and listen for nightlife, including coyotes, owls, and scorpions. Bring a flashlight. Rain cancels. All ages welcome. Meet at parking lot. 2hrs NPS

**SAT 1/26 8:30am**  
Santa Monica Mountains  
**Trail Work on Coyote Trail** Tools are provided. Bring water, lunch, work gloves, eye protection, sunscreen, and hat; wear sturdy shoes, long sleeve shirt, and long pants. Meet at the Wendy Trailhead (Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa) for shuttle. Reservations required: 818-406-1269. 5.5hrs SMMTC

**SAT 1/26 8:30am**  
Santa Monica Mountains  
**Trail Work** Tools provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 1/26 8:30am**  
Santa Monica Mountains  
**La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration** Meet in Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to carpool to work site. Bring water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 1/26 10am**  
Malibu Creek State Park  
**Welcome to Malibu Creek** Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

**SAT 1/26 2pm**  
Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center  
**Hike to Inspiration Point** Join a ranger on a moderate, 1-mile roundtrip hike for a view of the Las Virgenes Valley. Bring water, sunscreen, and wear appropriate clothing. Meet at fountain. 1hr NPS

**SAT 1/26 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 1/27 8:30am**  
Malibu Lagoon State Beach  
**Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching** Experts and beginners, adults and teens are all welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-779-0966. 2-3hrs SMBAS

**SUN 1/27 8:30am**  
Topanga State Park  
**Lower Topanga Park Restoration** Join volunteers to plant and care for native plants. Receive community service credit. All ages welcome; no experience necessary. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SUN 1/27 1pm**  
Topanga State Park  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all, this walk is led by a trained naturalist-educator. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 1/27 6pm**  
Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Center  
**Full Moon Hike** Enjoy a moderately strenuous hike exploring nature by moonlight with great views. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**TUE 1/29 8:30am**  
Caballero Canyon -  
Upper Trailhead  
**Easy-pace Hikers: Top of Reseda to Cathedral Rock** Join a 5-mile, 300' gain hike along dirt Mulholland and fire roads through the chaparral of Topanga State Park. Bring water, snacks, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

**TUE 1/29 9am**  
Topanga State Park  
**Moderate Hikers: Trippet Ranch to Temescal Peak** Join an 8-mile, 900' gain hike with views from the valley to the ocean. Enjoy interesting geological formations at Eagle Rock and Cathedral Rock. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-202-0331. 4hrs SC

**THU 1/31 10am**  
Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center  
**Storytime** See box on the next page.

# February



## Storytime at the Visitor Center

Every Thursday  
10:00am - 11:00am  
Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center

Come enjoy a few new stories each week and talk about what you can explore further while in the Santa Monica Mountains. For ages 5 and under. WNPA/NPS

INFO: 805-370-2301

**SAT 2/2 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 2/2 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** For location, check [www.smmtc.org](http://www.smmtc.org). 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 2/2 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 2/2 10am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Franklin's Movie Magic** This site has been the backdrop for movies and TV shows since the 1930s. Go on location on an easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 2/3 8am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Bird Walk** Experienced and beginning birders can enjoy a leisurely walk while identifying birds by sight and sound. Bring binoculars, hat, water, snack, and optional scope and bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

**SUN 2/3 9am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Nature Trek** An invigorating moderately-difficult hike covers the canyon from top to bottom with history and habitat chat along the way. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 2/3 10am & 1pm**  
*Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center*  
**Free Cultural Workshop - Steve Garcia** See box to the right

**SUN 2/3 10am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Hunting for Nature's Treasures** What treasures will you find in the canyon? Join us on a hunt full of surprises and fun to find nature's special treats. For ages 3-8 years, children must be accompanied by an adult. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 2/3 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all, led by a trained naturalist-educator. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 2/3 2pm, 3pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Sustainable Sundays - Tour and Scavenger Hunt** See box to the right

**TUE 2/5 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Easy-pace Hikers: Las Virgenes Canyon** On this 5-mile hike with 700' gain through former ranchland, visit riparian, grasslands, and oak woodland communities. Meet at Victory trailhead (from Valley Circle Blvd, turn west onto Victory Blvd to fee parking area). Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-828-6670. 3hrs SC

**TUE 2/5 9am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Moderate Hikers: Bienveneda-Leacock Trail to Will Rogers** Join an 8-mile, 1600' gain hike. Meet at end of Bienveneda Ave (Sunset Blvd 0.5 mile west of Temescal Cyn Rd, then north 1 mile on Bienveneda and park on street). Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-454-4188. 4hrs SC

**TUE 2/5 10am**  
*Headwaters Corner*  
**Senior Naturalist Program: Threatened and Endangered Species** Friends of the Island Fox will tell us how they helped keep the little Island Fox from going extinct, turning a small population of animals into a thriving community. For ages 50 plus. Meet at Masson House. Pre-registration required: 818-591-1701 x212. Fee. 2hrs MRT

**WED 2/6 10am**  
*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Plein Air Painting** Beginners and advanced are welcome. Bring your own materials. For more info, call 805-494-1700 or call coordinator Pat at 805-583-8044. 3hrs TOPAW

**THU 2/7 8:30am**  
*Zuma/Trancas Canyons*  
**Newton Canyon Backbone Trail** Join a moderately paced 8-mile, 1400' gain hike through Newton Canyon on scenic Backbone Trail through oak woodlands and chaparral. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

**THU 2/7 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Storytime** See box to the left

## Free Cultural Workshop

**Sunday, February 3**  
**10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm**

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center



Tongva/Yaqui/Mescalero artist **Steve Garcia**, will be hosting a leather shield painting workshop.



All ages welcome. Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**SAT 2/9 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 2/9 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** For location, check [www.smmtc.org](http://www.smmtc.org). 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 2/9 8:30am**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Mountain Bike Volunteer & Orientation Day** See box on page 18

**SAT 2/9 8:45am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve*  
**Be a Habitat Restorationist for a Day** Help plant, weed, and water native plants. Gloves and tools provided; bring water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org) or 818-591-1701 x203. 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

## Sustainable Sundays

Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center

**February 3**  
**2:00pm - 3:00pm**

**Sustainable Sunday Tour**  
Get a behind-the-scenes tour for what makes this the first net-zero Visitor Center in the National Park Service.

**3:00pm - 4:00pm**  
**Sustainable Sunday Scavenger Hunt** Grab your digital camera or cell phone for this hunt. Talk with a ranger about what you find and earn a "green" prize!

Meet by the fountain. NPS

INFO: 805-370-2301



## Mountain Bike Volunteer & Orientation Day

**Saturday, February 9, 8:30am**  
**King Gillette Ranch**

Learn about the MBU, meet patrollers and agency leads (training begins 2/16). Bring your bike and meet in the auditorium.

**Info: [www.mountainbikeunit.com](http://www.mountainbikeunit.com)**

Sponsored by Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority, California State Parks, and the National Park Service

**SAT 2/9 9:30am**  
*Headwaters Corner*  
**Youth Naturalist Program: Birds** Ages 8–12 will learn why birds migrate thousands of miles. A guest speaker brings a live bird of prey. Registration required: 818-591-1701 x212. Fee. 3hrs MRT

**SAT 2/9 9:30am**  
*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Artist's Paint-Out** Join us as we paint Boney Ridge, a reed-lined pond, plus sweeping meadow and mountain vistas. All artists, any media welcome. Info: [www.allied-artists.com](http://www.allied-artists.com) or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

**SAT 2/9 10am**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Innovation in the Golden Era** King Gillette Ranch was home to MGM Director, Clarence Brown, who made movies on this still popular filming location. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking innovations and Hollywood parties on this easy walk. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 2/9 2pm**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Capture A Nature Moment** Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 2/10 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
*Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Love Birds** As Valentine's Day draws near, we'll see who's pairing up. Bring binoculars and join us on a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginning birders welcome. Rain cancels. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs NPS

**SUN 2/10 8:45am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**A Weed War is Habitat Restoration** Help restore biodiversity. Bring lunch, water, and sturdy shoes; tools and gloves provided. Receive community service credit. Call for site location. Reservations required: [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org) or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs CNPS/MRT/TP

**SUN 2/10 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all, led by a trained naturalist-educator. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 2/10 2pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
*Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Gardening with Nature** Tour the new garden with a ranger. Learn how using native plants can mean less work, saving money, and benefitting the environment. Meet at fountain. 1hr NPS

**SUN 2/10 2pm**  
*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Capture A Nature Moment** Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**TUE 2/12 8:30am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve -*  
*Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**Easy-pace Hikers** Join a 6-mile hike with 1000' gain through a beautiful riparian canyon with sandstone outcroppings. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

**TUE 2/12 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
*Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Tiny Tot Trek** Join a ranger for a fun-filled hike with your toddler while learning about the plants and animals. Bring a snack. Meet in parking lot. Reservations required: 805-370-2301. Rain cancels. 2hrs NPS

**THU 2/14 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
*Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Storytime** See box on page 16

**THU 2/14 5pm**  
*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Valentine's Day Sunset Hike** Join a ranger for an easy hike to enjoy the romantic scenery as you look and listen for evening wildlife to come alive. Bring binoculars and a flashlight. Meet at main parking lot. Rain cancels. 1.5hrs NPS

**SAT 2/16 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 2/16 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** For location, check [www.smmtc.org](http://www.smmtc.org). 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 2/16 8:45am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Lost Oak Woodland Restoration** Help plant and care for trees and native grasses. Train to become a volunteer supervisor. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear; gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org). 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 2/16 11am**  
*Leo Carrillo State Beach*  
**Build a Sand Snowman** Join rangers for a day at the beach to build "snowmen" out of sand. Learn about beach ecology and why we enjoy warmer temperatures. 1.5hrs NPS/CSF

**SAT 2/16 1pm**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Stroll Through the Seasons** Enjoy a walk through the native plant garden and observe the changes plants and animals undergo in preparation for the upcoming season. Meet inside visitor center. 0.5hr MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 2/16 1pm**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Weaving Our Way through King Gillette Ranch** Fill your heart and hands with Chumash weaving culture, technique, and materials. Some hands on activities. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 2/16 2pm**  
*Paramount Ranch*  
**Majestic Oaks** How old is an oak tree? How do they survive for so long? What can these majestic oaks that have lived and thrived for centuries teach us? Find out on this moderate 3-mile hike. Rain cancels. Meet in main parking lot. 2.5hrs NPS



## 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.

**SAT 2/16 3pm**  
*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**A Walk into the Chumash World** On this easy 1-mile walk, discover how the Chumash have been able to create a sustainable way of life. Meet at front parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 2/17 8am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Birdwalk** Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Info: Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

Film History and Trivia

Sunday, February 17  
10am and 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center

Join author  
**Harry Medved**  
for a 1.5 hour lecture  
on movie history  
in the mountains.

After each lecture,  
enjoy opportunities  
for movie trivia  
and a book signing!

Reservations required:  
**805-370-2301**

Free Cultural Program

Sunday, February 17  
10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Join Chumash Native, **Thomas Lopez**, for  
unique ancestral stories. He will also discuss  
and perform native songs and language.

All ages welcome. Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SUN 2/17 8am  
*Headwaters Corner*  
**The 16th Annual Great American Backyard Bird Count** Beginners and experts are invited to join the count. Information is sent to Cornell University where population trends help promote conservation efforts. Bring binoculars. Refreshments will be provided. FEE. Pre-register with Susan: 818-591-1701 x212. 2hrs MRT

SUN 2/17 9:30am  
*Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**Burgeoning Spring** Enjoy awe-some views of oak woodlands, grasslands, chaparral, and Cold Creek on the north-facing slope of Saddle Peak. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 2/17 10am  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Native Plants, Native Uses** Join us for an easy to moderate 1-mile hike with 300' gain and learn about traditional Native American, as well as contemporary uses, for our local plants. Bring water and sunblock; wear appropriate clothing and shoes. 2hrs WNPA

SUN 2/17 1pm  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Native Ways** On this easy stroll, learn how everyday useful items were created from the surrounding environment. Enjoy hands-on experience with tools, musical instruments, and basketry. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 2/17 1pm  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all, led by a trained naturalist-educator. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

SUN 2/17 2pm  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**King Gillette Ranch History Tour** Join a ranger for a stroll through the grounds of King Gillette Ranch and learn about the history of the site. Meet by fountain. Rain cancels. 1hr NPS

MON 2/18 2pm  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Hike to Inspiration Point** Join a ranger on a moderate, 1-mile roundtrip hike for a view of the Las Virgenes Valley. Bring water, sunscreen, and wear appropriate clothing. Meet at fountain. 1hr NPS

MON 2/18 3pm  
*Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center*  
**Porch Talk with a Ranger** Share your park experiences while enjoying a warm cup of cocoa on the porch. Learn about animals and places to visit in the park. All ages welcome. 1hr NPS

TUE 2/19 7:30pm  
**Culture in the Canyon at Chautauqua Series.** Join us for the first 2013 Chautauqua Series program. From scientific lectures to cultural artistry, each month brings a new topic and speaker. For more information, check out *LAMountains.com*. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

WED 2/20 10am  
*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Plein Air Painting** Beginners and advanced are welcome. Bring your own materials. For more info, call 805-494-1700 or call coordinator, Pat, at 805-583-8044. 3hrs TOPAW

THU 2/21 10am  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Storytime** See box on page 16

FRI 2/22 6pm  
*Solstice Canyon*  
**Creatures of the Night** Take a 2-mile loop hike with a ranger and discover what animals come out at dusk. If we are lucky, we'll spot some scorpions or hear the coyotes howl. Bring a flashlight. Meet in main parking lot. 2hrs NPS

SAT 2/23 8:30am  
*Cheeseboro/ Palo Comado Canyons*  
**Rambling Raptors, Hovering Hawks** Wide open views, tall perches, and rising thermals give good looks at buteos, accipiters, and falcons. What are they looking for? Bring binoculars for this 2-3 mile hike. Beginning birders are welcome. Rain cancels. Meet at main parking lot. 2.5hrs NPS

SAT 2/23 8:30am  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 2/23 8:30am  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** For location, check *www.smmtc.org*. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 2/23 8:30am  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Invasive Plant Removal** Help remove invasive Spanish Broom from Saddle Peak and restore native habitat. Receive community service credit. Rain cancels. Reservations required: Jerry, 818-406-1269. 5hrs SMMTC

SAT 2/23 8:30am  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration** Meet in Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to carpool to work site. Bring water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: *volunteer@treepeople.org* or 818-591-1701 x203. 4hrs MRT/ CNPS/TP

SAT 2/23 9am  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Nature in Focus** A good photographer combines technique, composition, and being in the right place at the right time to take a memorable picture. We'll provide a stunning setting and help you along the way. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/ SMMC

Volunteer Restoration Workday

Saturday, February 23  
9am-12:30pm  
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

Learn about the diversity of native wetlands and grasslands while participating in habitat restoration.

Help improve habitat by removing non-native weeds and planting natives. Bring water, gloves, and sturdy footwear. Snacks provided. Meet by restrooms in Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa main parking lot.

Contact Erin\_Avina@nps.gov or call 805-370-2354 for details.



## Oscar Party/Film Hike

**Saturday, February 23**  
 10am – 11am  
 Paramount Ranch

Celebrate the Oscars with an easy-paced film history walk. Discover behind-the-scenes secrets that turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Learn tricks of the illusions that were used in the launch of motion pictures. NPS

**For more info: 805-370-2301**



**SAT 2/23 2pm**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**A Walk into the Chumash World** Discover how the Chumash have used the natural resources of their environment for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 2/24 8:30am**  
*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*  
**Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching** Experts and beginners, adults and teens are all welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-779-0966. 2-3hrs SMBAS

**SUN 2/24 8:30am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Lower Topanga Park Restoration** Join volunteers to plant and care for native plants. Receive community service credit. All ages welcome; no experience necessary. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SUN 2/24 10am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Welcome to Malibu Creek** Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

**SUN 2/24 10am**  
*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

**SUN 2/24 10am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Plant Walk** Discover early blooming shrubs and wildflowers on an easy-paced walk on the Musch Trail. Meet near the pond. Info: 818-782-9346. 2hrs CNPS

**SUN 2/24 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all, led by a trained naturalist-educator. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**MON 2/25 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

**MON 2/25 7pm**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Full Moon Hike** Enjoy a moderately strenuous hike exploring nature by moonlight with great views. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**TUE 2/26 8:30am**  
*Caballero Canyon - Upper Trailhead*  
**Easy-pace Hikers: Nike Missile Radar Site** Join us on a moderately-paced 5-mile, 600' gain hike along old dirt Mulholland to Cold War Nike site. Enjoy great mountain and valley views. Bring water, snacks, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

**TUE 2/26 7pm**  
*Headwaters Corner*  
**Gourd Society Meeting** Join an ongoing workshop of gourd artists to experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP

**THU 2/28 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Storytime** See box on page 25

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

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*

View life as lived at the house in the 1930s, 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: 310-317-8379 or 310-456-8432**



March

**SAT 3/2 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 3/2 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** For location, check [www.smmtc.org](http://www.smmtc.org). 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 3/2 9:30am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**First Saturday** Stroll through oak woodlands to a chaparral basin. 2hrs CCD

**SAT 3/2 10am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Franklin's Movie Magic** This site has been the backdrop for movies and TV shows since the 1930s. Go on location on an easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 3/3 8am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Bird Walk** Experienced and beginning birders can enjoy a leisurely walk while identifying birds by sight and sound. Bring binoculars, hat, water, snack, and optional scope and bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

**SUN 3/3 10am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Kids' Hands in Nature** Join us for an easy stroll to study the nature around us. Afterwards create art inspired by the nature you've seen. For ages 3-8 years, children must be accompanied by an adult. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 3/3 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all, led by a trained naturalist-educator. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 3/3 2pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**King Gillette Ranch History Tour** Join a ranger for a stroll through the grounds of King Gillette Ranch and learn about the history of the site. Meet by fountain. Rain cancels. 1hr NPS

**THU 3/7 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Storytime** See box to the right

**SAT 3/9 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 3/9 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** For location, check [www.smmtc.org](http://www.smmtc.org). 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 3/9 8:45am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve*  
**Be a Habitat Restorationist for a Day** Help plant, weed, and water native plants. Gloves and tools provided; bring water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org) or 818-591-1701 x203. 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 3/9 9:30am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Hiking and Yoga** Combine the aerobics of hiking with the stretching and meditative qualities of yoga. Learn about the parks natural and cultural resources. Bring a yoga mat. Meet at lower parking lot. Rain cancels. 2.5hrs MCD

**SAT 3/9 9:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Artist's Paint Out at Point Dume Headlands** Join us as we paint brilliant yellow coreopsis, coastal vistas of Santa Monica Bay, or Zuma Beach. All artists, any media are welcome. Info: [www.allied-artists.com](http://www.allied-artists.com) or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

**SAT 3/9 10am**  
*Circle X Ranch - Sandstone Peak Trailhead*  
**Hike to Sandstone Peak** Join a ranger on this strenuous 3-mile roundtrip hike to the highest point in the Santa Monica Mountains. Learn about the history of the mountains through its geological features. Bring water, a lunch to eat at the top, sunscreen, and sturdy shoes. 3hrs NPS

**SAT 3/9 10am**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Innovation in the Golden Era** King Gillette Ranch was home to MGM Director, Clarence Brown, who made movies on this still popular filming location. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking innovations and Hollywood parties on this easy walk. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 3/9 2pm**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Capture a Nature Moment** Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 3/10 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Birdsong** Hear the many songs of spring as our feathered friends tune up for nesting season, on this 1-mile accessible walk. Bring binoculars. Beginning birders welcome. Rain cancels. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs NPS

**SUN 3/10 8:45am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**A Weed War is Habitat Restoration** Help restore biodiversity. Bring lunch, water, and sturdy shoes; tools and gloves provided. Receive community service credit. Call for site location. Reservations required: [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org) or 818-348-5910. 3.5hrs CNPS/MRT/TP

**Storytime**  
 at the Visitor Center  
 Every Thursday  
 10:00am - 11:00am  
 Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center  
 Come enjoy a few new stories each week and talk about what you can explore further while in the Santa Monica Mountains. For ages 5 and under. WNPA/NPS  
 INFO: 805-370-2301

**SUN 3/10 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Wildflower and Fungus Forays** Enjoy a day on the trails of oak woodlands and coastal sage hillsides. Weather will decide where we go. Call 818-348-5910 for recorded message. Bring water. 2hrs CNPS

**SUN 3/10 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all, led by a trained naturalist-educator. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 3/10 2pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Gardening with Nature** Tour the Visitor Center's garden with a ranger. Learn how using native plants can mean less work, saving money, and benefiting the environment. Meet at fountain. 1hr NPS

**EXCURSIÓN BILINGÜE**

*Bilingual Hike* Rocky Oaks

**Sabado, Marzo 2 10:30am**  
 Disfrute nuestro parques y lo que ofrecen durante la estación fresca del invierno. Acompañenos en una excursión bilingüe con un guarda-parque y aprenda sobre los efectos local de la flora y fauna. Para direcciones vea #33 (Rocky Oaks) del mapa incluido al final de esta libro. Encuentremos en el estacionamiento principal. Traigan su comida para un picnic después de la excursión. ¡Estudiantes de español bienvenidos! 1 hora. Información: Razsa Cruz, 805-418-3163.

**Saturday, March 2 10:30am**  
 Enjoy our parks and what they have to offer during the cool winter season. Join us on a ranger-led bilingual hike and learn about the local flora and fauna's effects during this chilly season. Bring lunch for a post-hike picnic. Spanish learners welcome! Meet in main parking lot. 1 hour. Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**SUN 3/10 2pm**

*Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Capture A Nature Moment**  
 Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**THU 3/14 8:30am**

*Solstice Canyon*  
**Moderate Hikers** Join a 7-8 mile 1600' gain hike on Rising Sun Trail to Tropical Terrace, then Sostomo Trail, Deer Valley Loop, and down Solstice Canyon to start. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

**THU 3/14 10am**

*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Storytime** See box on page 25

**Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshops for Canines**

**Saturday, March 16**  
**Sunday, March 17**  
*Headwaters Corner*  
 8am-5pm\*

Your dog will learn to avoid rattlesnakes and warn you when one is nearby. FEE. MRT

**Pre-registration & appointment required:**  
 www.mountainstrust.org  
 818-591-1701 x2.

\*30 minute program per dog

**SAT 3/16 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 3/16 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** For location, check www.smmtc.org. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 3/16 8:45am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Lost Oak Woodland Restoration** Join volunteers to plant and care for trees and native grasses. Receive training to become a volunteer supervisor. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear; gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 4hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 3/16 10am**

*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Tiny Tot Trek** Join a ranger for a fun-filled hike with your toddler while learning about the plants and animals. Bring a snack and wear appropriate clothing. Meet in parking lot. Reservations required: 805-370-2301. Rain cancels. 2hrs NPS



**SAT 3/16 3pm**

*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**A Walk into the Chumash World** On this easy 1-mile walk, discover how the Chumash have been able to create a sustainable way of life. Meet at front parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 3/16 4pm**

*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Stroll Through the Seasons** Enjoy a gentle walk through the native plant garden, where we will observe the changes plants and animals undergo in preparation for the upcoming season. Meet inside visitor center. 0.5hr MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 3/16 6:30pm**

*Headwaters Corner*  
**Youth Naturalist Program: Astronomy** Ages 8-12 will learn about the night sky with telescopes. A guest speaker will guide them through the stars, planets, nebulae, and constellations. Registration required: 818-591-1701 x212. Fee. 3hrs MRT

**SUN 3/17 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 3/17 8:30am**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Lower Topanga Park Restoration** Join volunteers to plant and care for native plants. Receive community service credit. All ages welcome; no experience necessary. Bring water, snack, and sturdy footwear. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SUN 3/17 9:30am**

*Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**Springing into the Heart of the Stunt High Trail** Views of oak woodlands, grasslands, chaparral, and Cold Creek on the north-facing slope of Saddle Peak. 2.5hrs CCD

**SUN 3/17 10a, 2p, 3p**

*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Go for the Green! and Sustainable Sundays - Tour and Scavenger Hunt** See box to the right

**SUN 3/17 1pm**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Native Ways** On this easy stroll, learn how everyday useful items were created from the surrounding environment. Enjoy hands-on experience with tools, musical instruments, and basketry. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 3/17 1pm**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all, led by a trained naturalist-educator. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**TUE 3/19 10am**

*Headwaters Corner*  
**Senior Naturalist Program: Birds** Learn about bird migration, behaviors, anatomy, eyesight, and what they eat. We'll then go birding to see who is a resident and who is a traveling bird. Bring binoculars and a camera. A live hawk and owl may visit. For ages 50 plus. Meet at Masson House. Pre-registration required: 818-591-1701 x212. Fee. 2hrs MRT

**TUE 3/19 7:30pm**

*Culture in the Canyon at Chautauqua Series.* Join us for another eclectic evening. From scientific lectures to cultural artistry, each month brings a new topic and speaker. Check out LAMountains.com for more information. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**THU 3/21 10am**

*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Storytime** See box on page 25

**SAT 3/23 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools provided. Bring gloves, water, and lunch. Reservations required: 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 3/23 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** For location, check www.smmtc.org. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 3/23 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Invasive Plant Removal** Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak and restore native habitat. Receive community service credit. Rain cancels. Reservations required: Jerry 818-406-1269. 5hrs SMMTC

**Go for the Green! Sustainable Sundays**

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

March 17, 2012

**10:00am - noon**

**Native Plants, Native Uses**  
 Join us for an easy to moderate 1-mile hike with 300' gain. Learn about traditional Native American, as well as contemporary uses, for our local plants. Bring water and sunblock; wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Meet inside the Visitor Center. WNPA

**2:00pm - 3:00pm**

**Sustainable Sunday Tour**  
 Get a behind-the-scenes tour for what makes this the first net-zero Visitor Center in the National Park Service. Meet by the fountain. NPS

**3:00pm - 4:00pm**

**Sustainable Sunday Scavenger Hunt** Grab your digital camera or cell phone for this hunt. Talk with a ranger about what you find and earn a "green" prize! Meet by the fountain. NPS

**INFO: 805-370-2301**

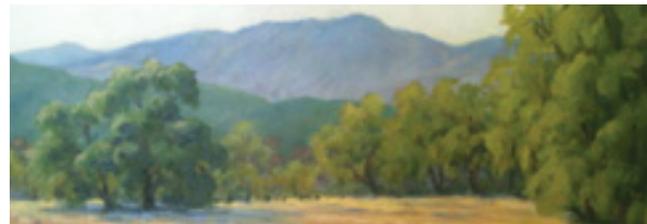
**SAT 3/23 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration** Meet in Peter Strauss Ranch parking lot to carpool to work site. Bring water, snack, and sturdy shoes. Gloves and tools provided. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 4hrs MRT/ CNPS/TP

**SAT 3/23 9am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Nature in Focus** A good photographer combines technique, composition, and being in the right place to take a memorable picture. We'll provide a stunning setting and help you along the way. Bring your camera. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 3/23 2pm**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**A Walk into the Chumash World** Discover how Chumash Indians have used the natural resources of their environment for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 3/23 7pm**  
*Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Spring Equinox Hike** Hike up a moderate trail to viewpoint overlook, identify plants, discuss seasonal changes, and identify planets and constellations. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 3/24 8:30am**  
*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*  
**Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching** Experts and beginners, adults and teens are all welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-779-0966. 2-3hrs SMBAS



**Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains & Seashore Art Exhibit**

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

Sunday, March 24, from 11am to 5pm

Spend a relaxing afternoon viewing original art by local artists featuring paintings of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Sponsored by Allied Artists and National Park Service.

Info: 310-291-8502 or www.allied-artists.com

**SUN 3/24 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Art Exhibit** See box to the left

**SUN 3/24 10am**  
*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

**SUN 3/24 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all, led by a trained naturalist-educator. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**TUE 3/26 7pm**  
*Headwaters Corner*  
**Gourd Society Meeting** Join an ongoing workshop of gourd artists to experience new techniques and ideas. Beginners welcome. Gourds available. Info: Dorie 818-702-8020. 2hrs SFVGP

**WED 3/27 7pm**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Full Moon Hike** Enjoy a moderately strenuous hike exploring nature by moonlight with great views. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**WED 3/27 7:30pm**  
*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

**THU 3/28 8:30am**  
*Caballero Canyon - Lower Trailhead*  
**Moderate Hikers** Join an 8-10-mile, 1000' gain hike in northern Topanga State Park. Great mountain and valley views. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

**THU 3/28 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Storytime** See box on page 25

**FRI 3/29 5:30pm**  
*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Campfire with the Creatures of the Night** Enjoy a campfire with a ranger and discover what animals come out at dusk. Bring a flashlight, your own s'mores, and a warm blanket or jacket. Meet at the fire ring by the Culture Center. 1hr NPS

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

**SAT 3/30 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** For location, check www.smmtc.org. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 3/30 10am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Welcome to Malibu Creek** Join a docent for a walk along the creek and through a valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

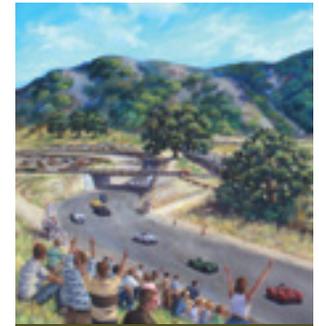
**SAT 3/30 2pm**  
*Paramount Ranch*  
**Lecture Series - Mulholland, Miller, and Motor Sports** See box to the right

**SAT 3/30 2pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Hike to Inspiration Point** Join a ranger on a moderate, 1-mile roundtrip hike for a view of the Las Virgenes Valley. Bring water, sunscreen, and wear appropriate clothing. Meet at fountain. 1hr NPS

**SUN 3/31 10am & 1pm**  
*Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center*  
**Free Cultural Program** Tongva artist, Julia Bogany, presents a workshop on how to make a Tule reed bird doll. All ages welcome. NPS

**SUN 3/31 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all, led by a trained naturalist-educator. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 3/31 2pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Bunny Hop: Let's Move Outside** This ranger-led activity consists of a physical fitness obstacle course with prizes awarded at the end. Bring a picnic and your bunny ears. Meet at fountain. 1hr NPS



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LECTURE SERIES

**Mulholland, Miller, and Motor Sports**

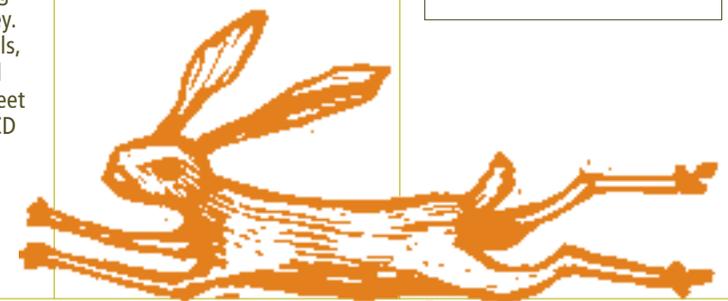
March 30 Saturday, 2pm to 3:30pm  
 Paramount Ranch

Ever wonder how two men, a racetrack, and cars have shaped your national park experience?

Learn the story of how they continue to influence our story and how we visit the mountains.

Meet at the bulletin board.

Info: 805-370-2301



## Regularly Scheduled Activities

<b>Circle X Ranch</b>	Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS
<b>Cold Creek Preserve</b>	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
<b>Coldwater Canyon Park</b>	TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT 2pm to 4pm. TP
<b>Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr</b>	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA
<b>Leo Carrillo State Park</b>	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, fishing, hiking, and surfing. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP
<b>Malibu Creek State Park</b>	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
<b>Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House</b>	Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 10 or more. TUE: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS
<b>Paramount Ranch</b>	Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS
<b>Peter Strauss Ranch</b>	Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS
<b>Point Mugu State Park</b>	Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling, and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP
<b>Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa</b>	Hiking, bicycling, and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open SAT and SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS
<b>Rocky Oaks</b>	Hiking, equestrian trails, and picnic area. NPS
<b>Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center</b>	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/MRCA/CSP
<b>Temescal Gateway Park</b>	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA
<b>Topanga State Park</b>	Hiking, picnicking, equestrian, and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCD
<b>Will Rogers State Historic Park</b>	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
<b>UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve</b>	Environmental research and education. K-12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR

## Directions

- 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.
- 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.
- California State Parks Angeles District 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.
- Castro Crest** Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Coldwater Canyon Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.
- 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 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.

**18 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.

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

**20 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.

**21 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.

**22 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.

**23 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.

**24 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.

**25 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.

**26 Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch** From 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. Go 0.1 mile and turn right into entrance of King Gillette Ranch. The visitor center is the first building on your right.

*Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center* See #22.

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

*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 Lions Trailhead:** From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Lions 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.

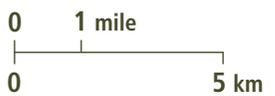
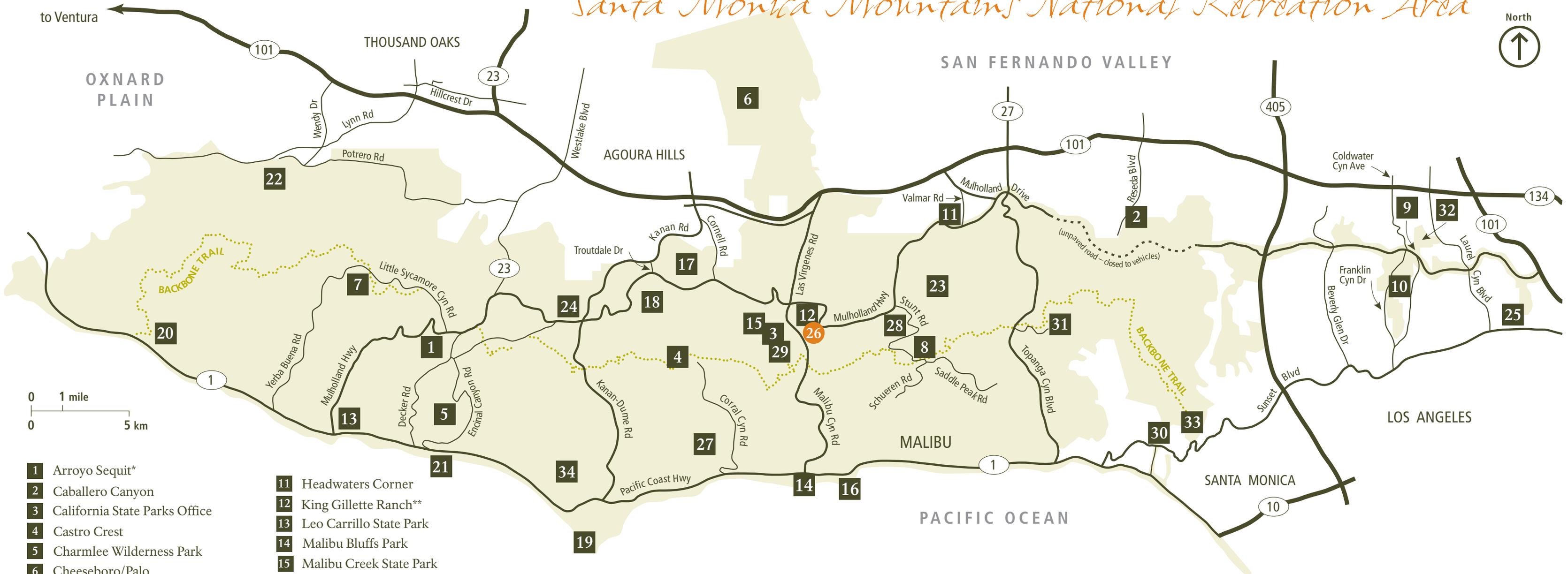
**33 Will Rogers State Historic Park**  
1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.

**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.*

# Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area



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| <b>4</b> Castro Crest   | <b>14</b> Malibu Bluffs Park        | <b>24</b> Rocky Oaks*                        | <b>29</b> Tapia Park   | <b>33</b> Will Rogers State Historic Park |
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| <b>7</b> Circle X Ranch*                                      | <b>17</b> Paramount Ranch*          |  |  |   |
| <b>8</b> Cold Creek Preserve                                  | <b>18</b> Peter Strauss Ranch*      |  |  |   |
| <b>9</b> Coldwater Canyon Park                                | <b>19</b> Point Dume State Preserve |  |  |   |
| <b>10</b> Franklin Canyon Ranch/Sooky Goldman Nature Center** | <b>20</b> Point Mugu State Park     |  |  |   |

\*Site map available at [www.nps.gov/samo](http://www.nps.gov/samo)  
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 Find the acronym (i.e. NPS) at the end of the description  
 and then contact the agency or organization below.

# Directory of Park Partners

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