

# Explore

And You Will Find

# A World

Rich in Biodiversity

# And Continuing Cultural History



The Cahuilla people first inhabited this land, traveling seasonally from desert floor to mountain peaks in search of game, plants and favorable temperatures. They knew the medicinal and nutritional values in plants, ranges and behaviors of animals, while embracing a landscape of oases, rock shelters and steep canyons for shelter to serve generations.

Today, the Cahuilla people form nine federally recognized Tribal Nations throughout this region. One of these nations, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, is the co-manager of the National Monument.

Each year, the Agua Caliente Nation welcomes thousands of people who visit Tahquitz Canyon and the Indian Canyons within the Monument. The Tribal Nation maintains and shares with visitors more than 60 miles of hiking and walking trails.

Attracted to the highly promoted and healthy desert climate in the mid-1800s, Americans, Central Hispanic-Americans and Europeans settled in the area. Prospectors, citrus and date farmers, ranchers, artists, writers and photographers, and eventually, sun seeking tourists settled among what are now a string of desert cities.

As development continued, threats to open space became recognized. Tribal Nations, outdoor recreation and conservation groups initiated the establishment of the National Monument, whose value of wildness grows as urbanization expands.



## Your National Monument

**Visitor Center:** Visit the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center, located off Highway 74 in Palm Desert. Here you will find friendly staff to help plan your visit and answer any questions you may have. The Visitor Center also offers seasonal exhibits and displays, as well as a gift shop for a souvenir to remember your visit. Outside the doors of the Visitor Center, you can enjoy a picnic by the palm trees, take a stroll on the wheelchair-accessible Ed Hastey Garden Trail or stop by an outdoor wildlife exhibit and meet an adopted desert tortoise.

**Wildlife Viewing:** There are many great places for wildlife viewing, including the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center, Mount San Jacinto State Park and the Indian Canyons. Within the Monument, there are five distinct biotic communities, offering a chance to see a variety of mammals such as Peninsular bighorn sheep, bobcat, mule deer, striped skunk, harvest mouse, western mastiff bat, and over 40 species of reptiles. For bird enthusiasts, white-headed woodpecker, Steller's jay, spotted owl, pinyon jay, LeConte's thrasher, Gambel's quail, phainopepla, golden eagle, and greater roadrunners are but a few of the avian species that can be found within the Monument.

**Trails:** There are over 280 miles of designated hiking trails throughout the 280,000-acre Monument, accessible from the desert cities and along the Palms to Pines Highway. Many of the trails are open to all forms of non-motorized travel, this includes hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking. Popular horseback riding trails include Sawmill, Earl Henderson, Clara Burgess, Wild Horse, Palm Canyon Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail. Mountain biking is permitted on many trails, but prohibited in designated wilderness areas, including the Indian Canyons and Tahquitz Canyon, on certain trails near Murray Hill, or anywhere along the Pacific Crest Trail. Please check first with the appropriate land management agency.

**Camping:** Two year-around developed campgrounds are available: Pinyon Flat has fire rings, tables, potable water & restrooms; Ribbonwood Equestrian (reservation only) also includes corrals and hot showers. Visit [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or call 877-444-6777 for reservations. For a true backcountry experience, drive Santa Rosa Road (7S02) onto Santa Rosa Mountain, where 16 Yellow-Post campsites feature no cost, no reservation camping with minimal amenities and plenty of solitude. See map on reverse.

## How Can I Learn More?

### Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center

51-500 Highway 74, Palm Desert, CA 92260  
Open days and times vary seasonally  
(760) 862-9984 • [www.blm.gov/SRSJMNM](http://www.blm.gov/SRSJMNM)

**Bureau of Land Management**  
**Palm Springs South-Coast Field Office**  
1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262  
(760) 833-7100 • [www.blm.gov/ca/palmsprings](http://www.blm.gov/ca/palmsprings)

**U.S. Forest Service**  
**San Jacinto Ranger District Office**  
54270 Pine Crest Avenue, Idyllwild, CA 92549  
(909) 382-2921 • [www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf)

**Indian Canyons**  
38520 S. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs, CA 92264  
(760) 323-6018 • [www.indian-canyons.com](http://www.indian-canyons.com)

**Tahquitz Canyon Visitor Center**  
500 W. Mesquite, Palm Springs, CA, 92264  
(760) 323-6018 • [www.TahquitzCanyon.com](http://www.TahquitzCanyon.com)

**Friends of the Desert Mountains**  
PO Box 1281, Palm Desert, CA 92261  
(760) 568-9918 • [www.DesertMountains.org](http://www.DesertMountains.org)

**Mount San Jacinto State Park**  
PO Box 308, 25905 Hwy 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549  
(951) 659-2607 • [www.parks.ca.gov/msjssp](http://www.parks.ca.gov/msjssp)

**Palm Springs Aerial Tramway**  
1 Tramway Rd, Palm Springs, CA 92262  
(760) 325-1391 • [www.pstramway.com](http://www.pstramway.com)

**Agua Caliente Cultural Plaza**  
140 N Indian Canyon Dr, Palm Springs, CA 92262  
(760) 778-1079 • [Aguacaliente.org](http://Aguacaliente.org)

**The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens**  
47900 Portola Ave, Palm Desert, CA 92260  
(760) 346-5694 • [www.livingdesert.org](http://www.livingdesert.org)

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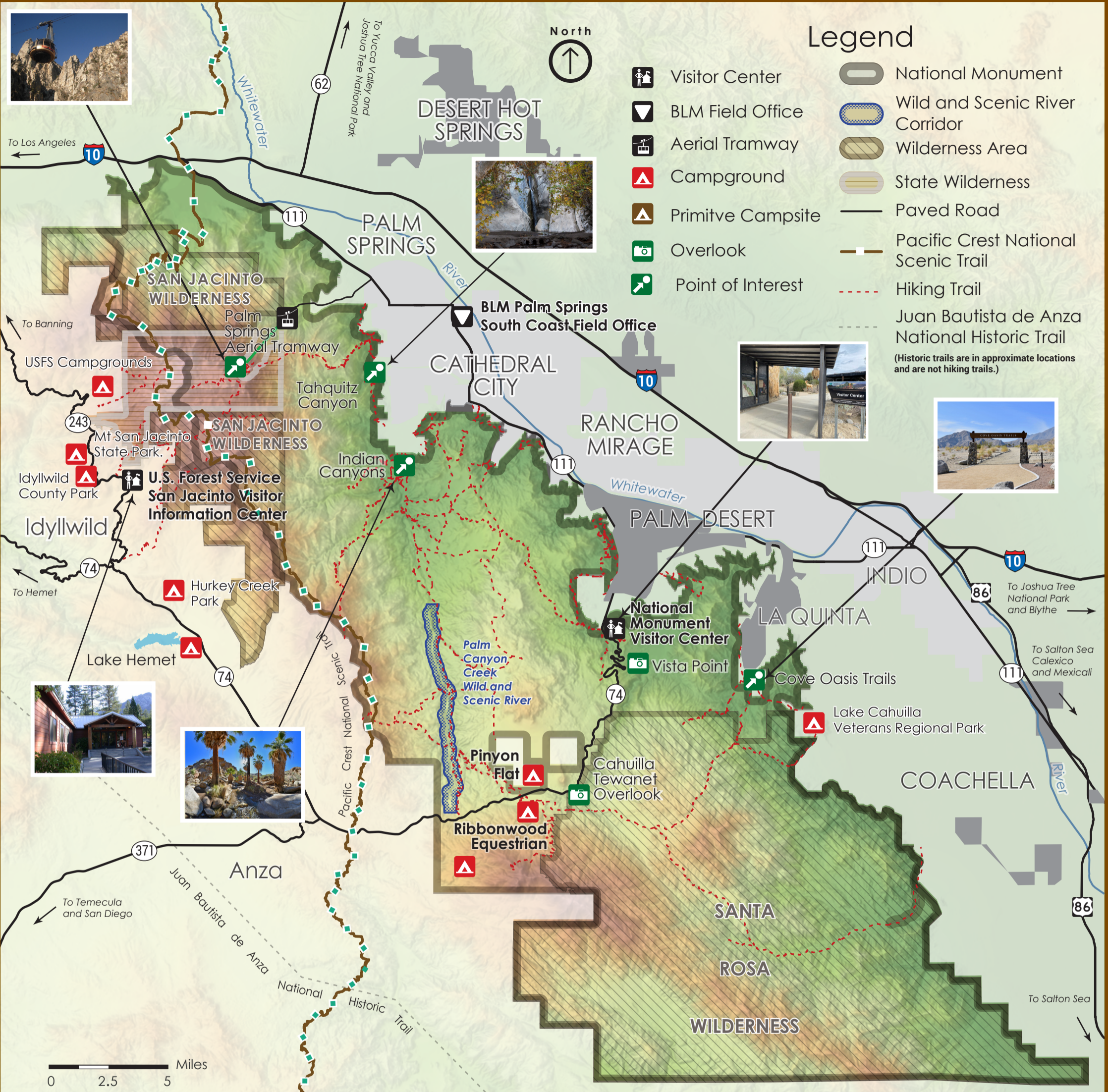
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## Map & Guide



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## Your Public Lands

The U.S. Congress designated the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains a National Monument on October 24, 2000. Preserved forever are the biological, cultural, recreational, geological, educational and scientific values this land holds, allowing our children and grandchildren to discover, treasure, and enjoy everything our National Monument has to offer.

This National Monument is also one of many units in the BLM's National Conservation Lands, which represent some of the West's most spectacular landscapes.

Wild and open places need cooperation from all of us. Following these Seven Principles of Leave No Trace will result in a safe and enjoyable outing for you with less impact to the site:

- Know Before You Go
- Stick To Trails & Camp Overnight Right
- Trash Your Trash & Pick Up Poop
- Share the Trail & Manage Your Pet
- Leave It As You Find It
- Be Careful With Fire
- Keep Wildlife Wild



## Recreate Responsibly

Much of this landscape is remote and physically challenging. You cannot always depend on a signpost or a ranger to help you out of a situation. Use these tips to plan ahead and be prepared:

- Hike with a friend or tell a friend your hiking plans; helpful to share plan details such as where you will be hiking and time you expect to be off the trail.
- Carry plenty of water! - at least one quart per hour of hiking. When half of the water you're carrying runs out, it is time to turn around and head back.
- Protect yourself from the sun with a brimmed hat, sunscreen, protective clothing and bring extra layers for unexpected cold temperatures.
- Know where you are going and what the trail rating is for the trail(s) you plan to hike on. Knowing this information ahead of time helps to ensure you have a safe and enjoyable adventure while out recreating.
- Be aware of hazards! Cactus, loose rocks, sheer cliffs and countless other hazards are an integral part of wild places, including your National Monument.

