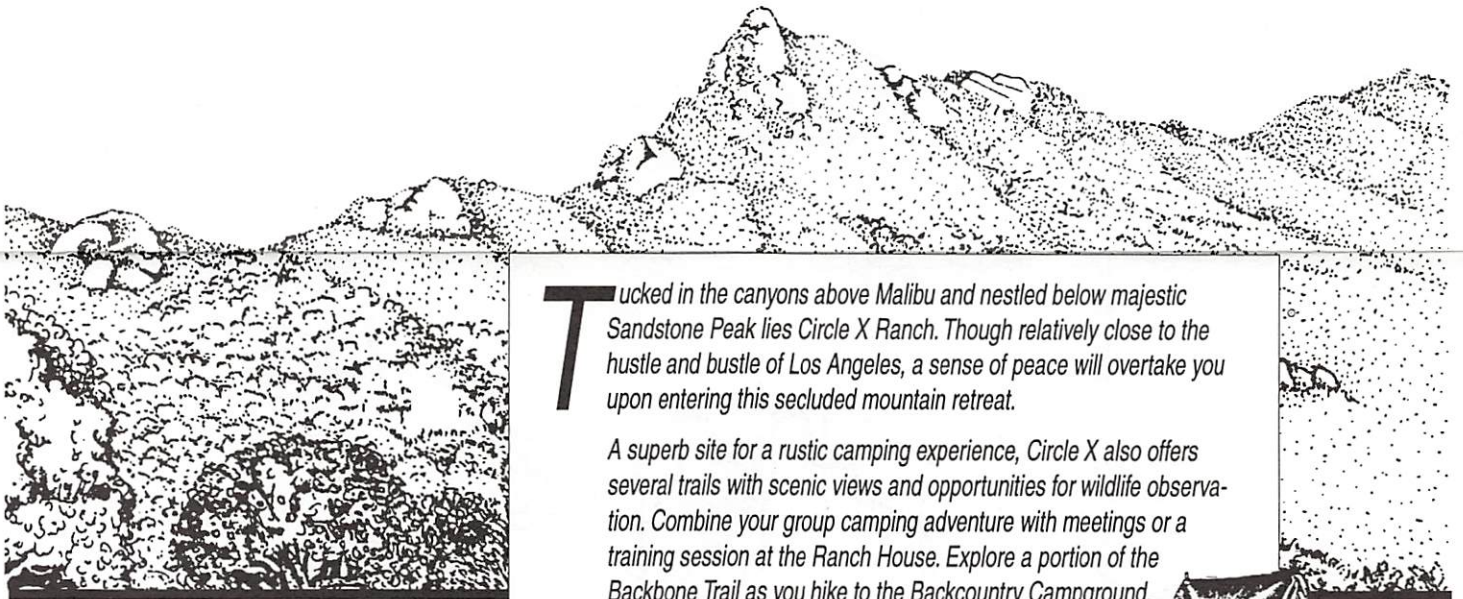


# Santa Monica Mountains

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## Circle X Ranch Site Visitor Facilities



**T**ucked in the canyons above Malibu and nestled below majestic Sandstone Peak lies Circle X Ranch. Though relatively close to the hustle and bustle of Los Angeles, a sense of peace will overtake you upon entering this secluded mountain retreat.

A superb site for a rustic camping experience, Circle X also offers several trails with scenic views and opportunities for wildlife observation. Combine your group camping adventure with meetings or a training session at the Ranch House. Explore a portion of the Backbone Trail as you hike to the Backcountry Campground. Whatever your preferred camping experience, it is sure to be an enjoyable and memorable one.



### Camping Information

#### ***Happy Hollow Campground***

Accessible by vehicles less than 25 feet total length (trailers prohibited).

**All sites are tent camping only.** Sites are walk-in only with some located several hundred yards from the parking area. **Vehicles are not permitted in campsites.**

Charcoal fires are permitted in fire grates or personal barbecue grills. Gas stoves are permitted. **Wood or compressed log fires are prohibited.** Quiet hours are 10pm to 6am. Dogs are permitted on leash only.

**Fee:** \$6 per site per night (*Golden Age and Golden Access passport discounts apply*). All sites are first-come first-served. Registration is self-serve. Limit of 6 persons, two vehicles and two tents per site. *You must vacate site by noon or pay for another day of camping.*

#### ***Group Campground***

Accessible by vehicle.

Charcoal fires are permitted in fire grates or personal barbecue grills. Gas stoves are permitted. **Wood or compressed log fires are prohibited.** Dogs are permitted on leash only.

**Fee:** \$2 per person per night (*Golden Age and Golden Access passport discounts do not apply*). Available by reservation only. Limit of 75 persons.

#### ***Backcountry Campground***

Accessible by foot, bike or horse.

Gas stoves only. **Wood, compressed log and charcoal fires are prohibited.** Dogs are not permitted.

**No fee.** *For required permit and info:*  
310-457-6408 Circle X Ranch or  
805-499-4101 Rancho Sierra Vista/  
Satwiwa Ranger Station

*Note: Maximum stay in any of the campgrounds is 14 consecutive days and no more than 30 days/calendar year.*



### Other Facilities

#### ***Ranch House***

The ranch house is available through reservation and special use permit. This facility includes a meeting room for 75 people, kitchen and restrooms. No overnight accommodations are available. To reserve this facility: 310-457-6408.

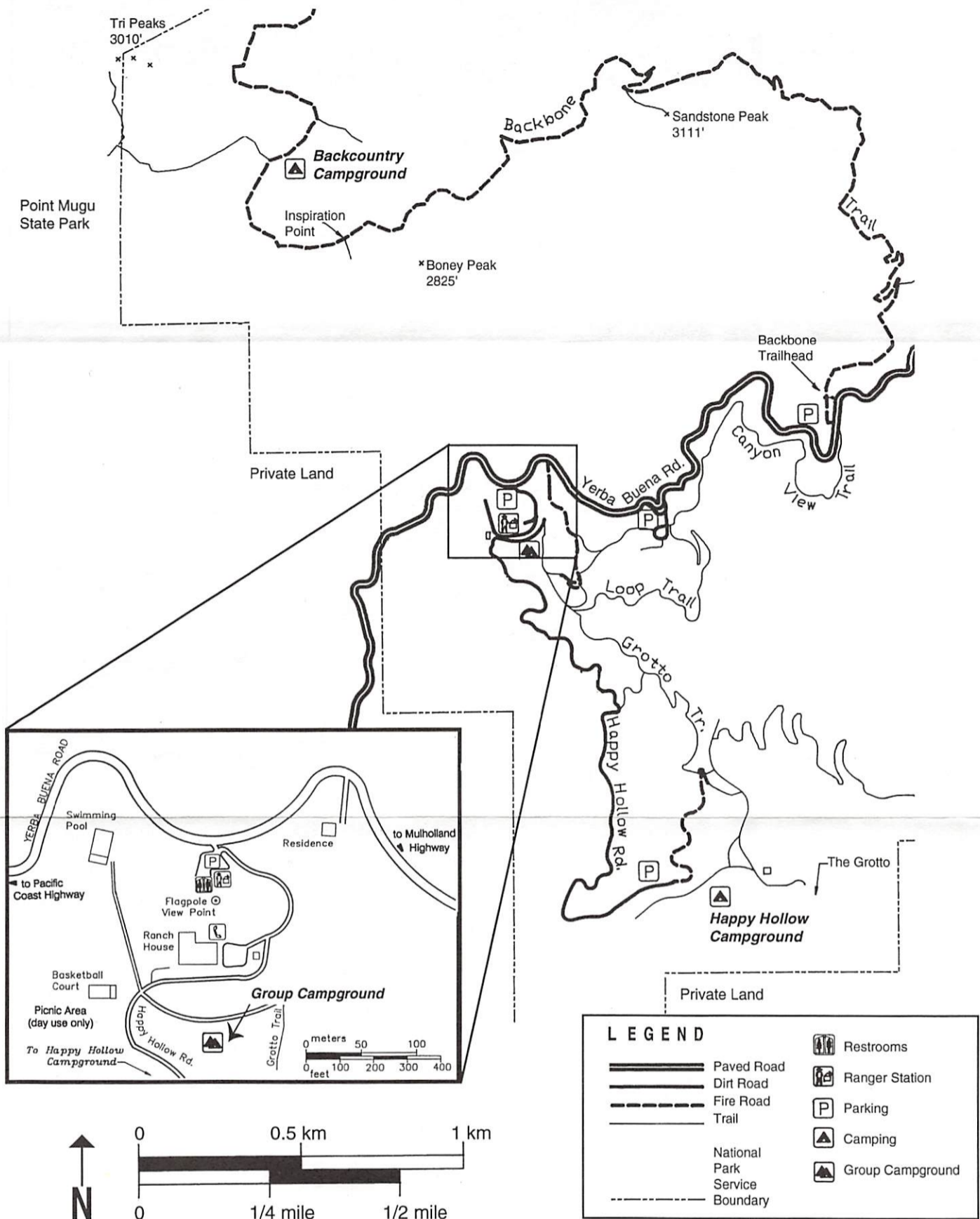
#### ***Swimming Pool***

The swimming pool is opened to organized groups with a certified lifeguard. For info: 310-457-6408.

*Note: Some portions of Circle X Ranch are handicapped accessible.*  
For info: 818-597-9192.



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## Safety Information

**Be prepared:** take water, food, flashlights, and first-aid supplies when hiking.

**Camping** is restricted to established campgrounds only. Permits are required.

**Water** from streams is not safe to drink due to possible contamination or the presence of the giardia protozoan.

**Dogs** must be leashed at all times, and are allowed only on trails, access roads and in campgrounds. *Note: State parks do not allow dogs.*

**Fire** is a constant danger. Open fires are prohibited. Charcoal and gas stoves are

allowed in Happy Hollow and the Group campgrounds only. Smoking is not permitted while traveling on trails.

**Natural and historic features** are protected by law and may not be collected. Watch for and avoid rattlesnakes and poison oak.

**Bicyclists** must ride courteously and yield to hikers and horseback riders. Bicycles are allowed on fire roads, but not on trails.

**Hikers** must yield to horseback riders.

**Firearms** are not allowed in National Park Service areas.

**Trail closures** will be in effect during and following significant rainfall to protect park resources. Trails will be re-opened when dry enough to sustain public use.

For additional information:

**National Park Service**  
 Santa Monica Mountains  
 National Recreation Area  
 30401 Agoura Rd, Ste 100  
 Agoura Hills, CA 91301  
 818-597-9192 Visitor Center



310-457-6408 Circle X Ranger Station

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