

National Park Service

Santa Monica Mountains

National Recreation Area



RANCHO SIERRA VISTA/ SATWIWA



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elcome to the western edge of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. This site was home to the Chumash, Spanish Rancho El Conejo, and modern ranching and farming operations. Stroll through serene hills, view Boney Mountain or experience Native American traditions at the Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center.

Satwiwa

For many years the Santa Monica Mountains sustained the Chumash and Gabrielino/Tongva cultures. Sycamore Canyon, which cuts through Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa and Point Mugu State Park, was part of a Chumash trade route. Satwiwa, which means "the bluffs," was the name of a nearby Chumash village. To reflect this heritage, *Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center and Natural Area* was established by the National Park Service in partnership with the Friends of Satwiwa. A Native American guest host or an NPS ranger is on hand to answer questions from 9am to 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Workshops, ceremonies and festivities occur throughout the year. Call for information on accessibility parking.

Rancho Sierra Vista

Local ranching history began in 1803 when former soldiers Jose Polanco and Ignacio Rodriguez were granted Rancho El Conejo by the King of Spain. Through the years this 48,672 acre land grant was subdivided and sold off to various landowners. Modern ranching began here in 1937 when Carl Beal christened the area *Rancho Sierra Vista*. Carl Beal constructed most of the current ranch buildings and his house and barbecue pit in Sycamore Canyon. The last private landowner of this property was Richard Danielson. For 32 years he and his family farmed and ranched here. The National Park Service purchased the property in 1980. The western boundary of present day Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa reflects the original land grant of the Rancho El Conejo.



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Visitor Center 805-370-2301
Satwiwa Culture Center 805-375-1930
In emergency: dial 911

Information & Safety

Be prepared: take water, food, flashlights and first-aid supplies when hiking, biking, or horseback riding. Watch for and avoid rattlesnakes and poison oak.

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

Dogs must be on leash at all times. Dogs are not permitted on trails in Point Mugu State Park.

Fire is a constant danger. Open fires are prohibited. Smoking is not permitted while traveling on trails.

Firearms are not allowed in parklands.

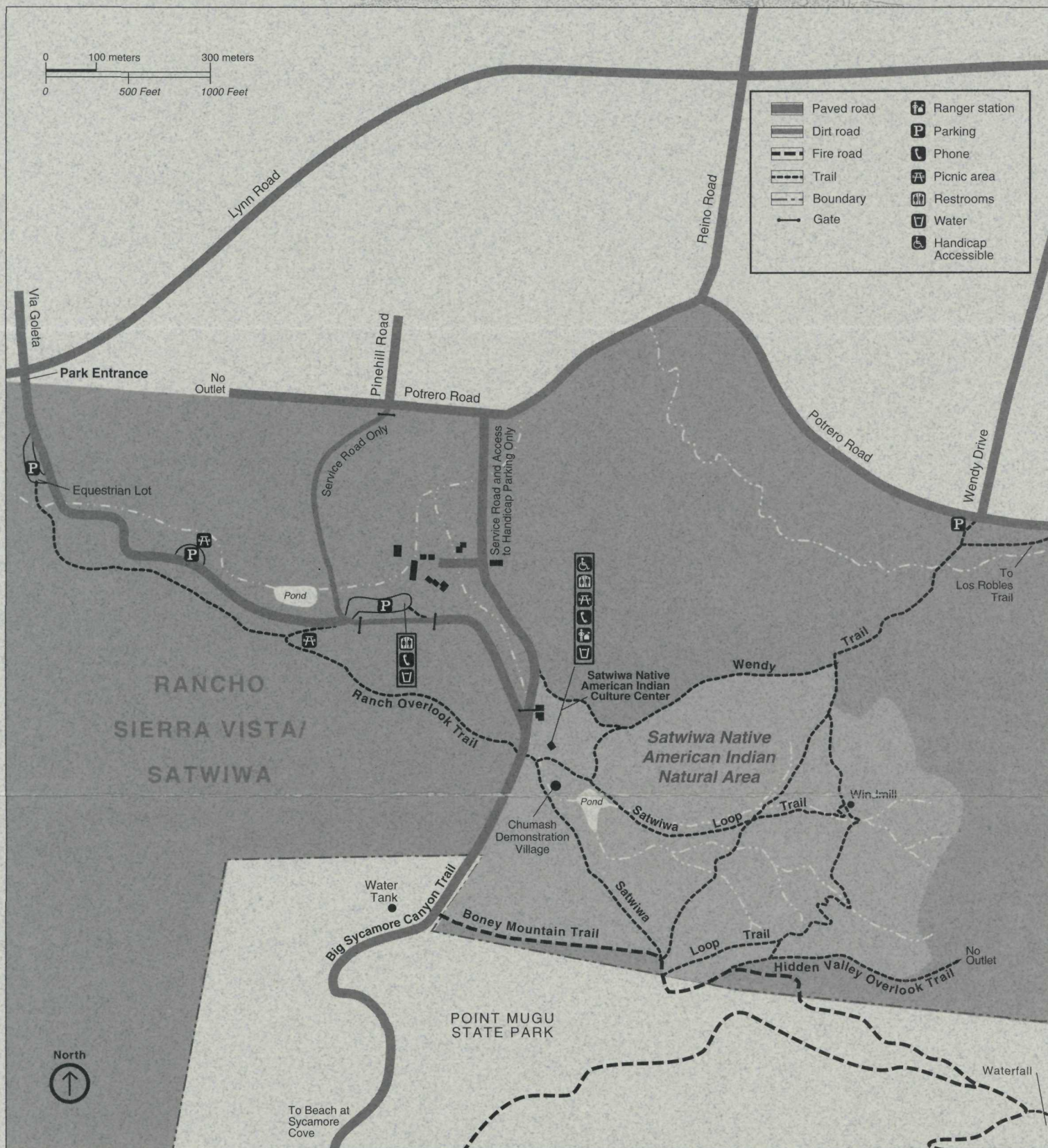
Bicyclists must ride courteously and yield to hikers and horseback riders. Bicycles are allowed only on designated trails.

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Natural and historic features are protected by law and may not be collected.

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. Trails may also be closed during periods of extreme fire danger.

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Trails

Satwiwa Loop Trail 1.5 miles, easy—Stroll through grasslands and chaparral of the Satwiwa Native American Indian Natural Area. Equestrians and bicyclists are not permitted on this trail. The Natural Area was set aside for the preservation and celebration of Native American cultures.

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

Big Sycamore Canyon 8 miles, moderate to strenuous—Enjoy this trek from Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa through Big Sycamore Canyon

in Point Mugu State Park to the sea. This is a multi-use trail. Please exercise extreme caution when traveling on the steep hill which leads from Rancho Sierra Vista/ Satwiwa into Point Mugu State Park.

Other trails: Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa provides access to many trails located in Point Mugu State Park including ones to the waterfall, the Danielson Monument and Boney Mountain. Maps may be obtained at the National Park Service Visitor Center in Thousand Oaks and the Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center. Campsites in Point Mugu State Park may be reserved by calling 1-800-444-PARK. Dogs are not allowed on state park trails.