

Santa Monica Mountains

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Multi-Use Trails Safety and Etiquette



Trails in the Santa Monica Mountains are a popular way to experience the unique environments that blend old and new landscapes. Explore the parks and enjoy their many wonders. Plan your trip carefully to have fun and protect the resources. Many areas in the mountains are "environmentally sensitive" and need your consideration.

SOME TRAILS MUST BE CLOSED to bikes or horse travel, due to steepness and potential for erosion. PLEASE respect these closures indicated with



or



Other closures may indicate private property. Boundaries are marked. Please respect the right of our neighbors.

Remember, a well planned trip means the difference between FUN and FRUSTRATION.

TRAIL INFORMATION is available at each park or through the National Park Service, 30401 Agoura Road, Suite 100, Agoura Hills, CA 91301. (818) 597-9192. Also, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, 2860-A Camino Dos Rios, Newbury Park, CA 91320. (818) 706-1310.

HIKERS/JOGGERS



NEVER HIKE ALONE.

LOOK BEFORE YOU STEP. Hiking trails are frequently steep and rocky. Watch out for loose rocks and cliffs, where one careless step could lead to serious injury.

LISTEN FOR OTHER TRAIL USERS. Stand quietly at the side of the trail when approached by equestrians and wait for their instructions. Watch for any horse with a red flag on its tail, indicating an animal who kicks.

RATTLESNAKES are a natural part of the environment and should not be destroyed.

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR DOG ON A LEASH and under control while using park trails. Know where you can and can't hike with your pet. Federal and state regulations differ.

POISON OAK needs to be recognized. This plant has three leaflets and occurs throughout the mountains. Be on the lookout.

EQUESTRIANS



COMMUNICATE. Let other trail users know if your horse is safe to pass. Kickers should wear a red flag on their tail. Let others know when YOU wish to pass and do so on the left at a walk or jog-trot.

TRAVEL AT A SAFE SPEED, especially when visibility is limited. Maintain two horse lengths apart, especially when going up or down hills.

CLOSE ALL GATES BEHIND YOU. Look for walk-overs or horse gates at fenced areas. Know where public and private lands intersect and respect private property by planning your trip carefully.

NEVER TAKE SHORTCUTS. Trails are kept open by their use. Heavy rains flow down ruts made by shortcuts and wash out the regular trails.

NEVER RIDE IN THE RAIN. If a trail is muddy, use an alternative route. Deep hoof ruts are hard to repair and make the trail dangerous for others.

BICYCLE RIDERS



PLAN YOUR TRIP. Before setting out to ride always be prepared. To avoid breakdowns, maintain your bike. Many crashes occur when a worn out tire blows or when a frayed brake cable snaps. In the event of a "puncture" or a "pinch," carry a patch kit and pump. A chain tool and Allen wrenches are also handy tools to carry.

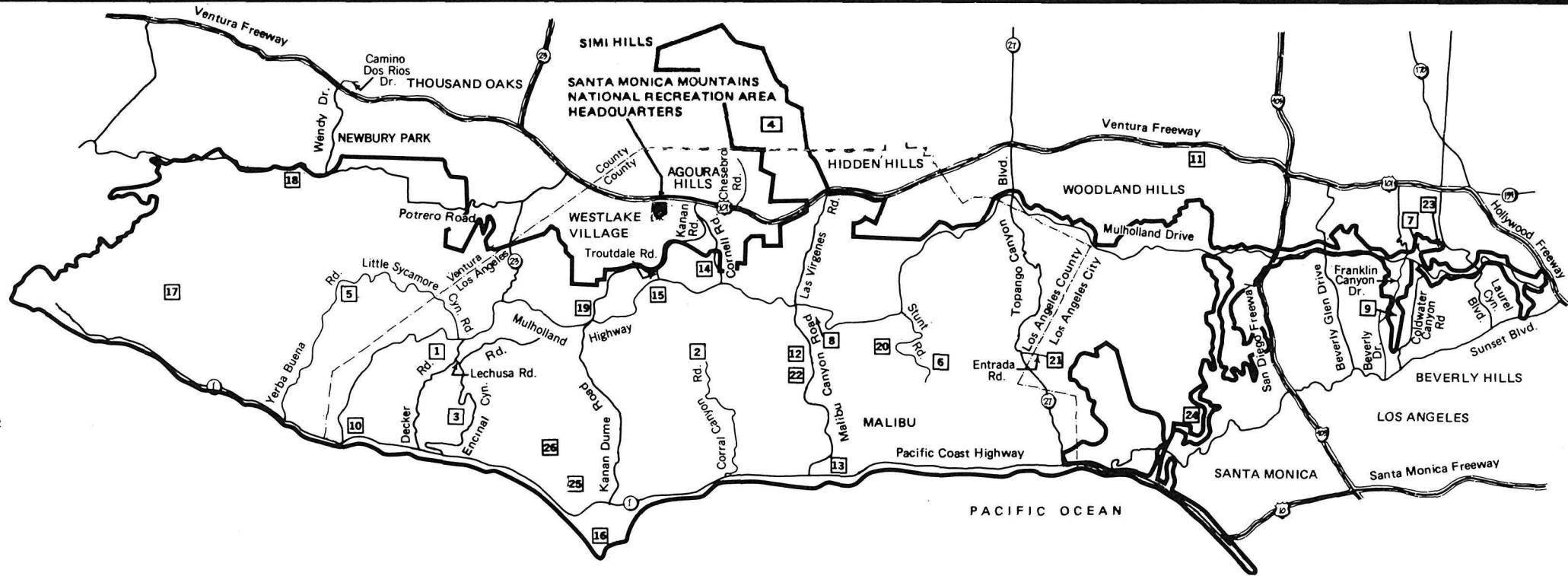
Many areas have switchbacks and blind corners. Be aware of what's ahead.

CYCLIST RESPONSIBILITY CODE

1. Yield the right of way.
2. Control your speed and pass with care.
3. Give warning well in advance when overtaking horses or hikers. If needed, stand off to the side to let oncoming horses go by, and talk to riders as they pass.
4. Stay on designated roads and trails (as a general rule most single-track trails are closed to bicycles and double-track trails are open to bicycles except where posted).
5. Don't disturb wildlife or livestock.
6. Pack out litter.
7. Respect property. Minimize impact by avoiding muddy trails, excessive braking, or crosscutting switchbacks.
8. Know local rules.
9. Plan ahead.
10. When possible, don't ride alone, or at least let someone know where you plan to ride.

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RECREATION																											
PARK LOCATION																											
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Castro Crest		X																									
Charmlee County Natural Area			X																								
Cheeseboro Canyon				X																							
Circle X Ranch					X																						
Cold Creek Canyon Preserve						X																					
Coldwater Canyon Park							X																				
Diamond X Ranch								X																			
Franklin Canyon Ranch									X																		
Leo Carrillo State Beach										X																	
Los Encinos State Historic Park											X																
Malibu Creek State Park												X															
Malibu Lagoon State Beach													X														
Paramount Ranch														X													
Peter Strauss Ranch															X												
Point Dume State Beach																X											
Point Mugu State Park																	X										
Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa																		X									
Rocky Oaks																			X								
Stunt High Trail																				X							
Topanga State Park																					X						
Tapia County Park																						X					
Wilacre Park																							X				
Will Rogers State Historical Park																								X			
Zuma Canyon																									X		
Zuma Ridge																										X	

LEGEND

- Recreation Boundary
- 2 Park Location
- Water
- Restrooms
- Ranger Station

0 1 2 3 Miles
0 1 2 3 4 5 Kilometers

North

CARRY WATER!! Summer chaparral temperatures soar. You should have **AT LEAST 1 quart** of water for every 2 hours of activity.

CARRY a well equipped first aid kit and know how to use it!

