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# News Release

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## **Angeles National Forest Temporarily Closes High-Use Areas for Public Safety**

**Arcadia, CA, April 3, 2020** – In alignment with current Federal, state, and local guidance for social distancing and to ensure health safety of its visitors, volunteers and employees, the Angeles National Forest will temporarily shut down portions of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument and Los Angeles Gateway Ranger District, effective April 4, 2020 through April 30, 2020.

Impacted by this announcement, to include the following trails and access points to trails:

**Trailheads:**

- Millard
- San Antonio Falls (Baldy Bowl)
- Icehouse Canyon
- North Devil's Backbone

**Trails:**

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1311W13         | KENYON DEVORE          |
| 1311W14         | GABRIELINO NRT         |
| 1311W22         | MT. WILSON             |
| 1311W28         | RIM TRAIL              |
| 1312W09         | VALLEY FORGE           |
| 1312W14.1/.2/.3 | SAM MERRILL TRAIL      |
| 1312W18/.1      | SUNSET RIDGE           |
| 1312W24         | SAN GABRIEL PEAK       |
| 1312W27         | EL PRIETO              |
| 237W08          | ONTARIO PEAK TRAIL     |
| 237W12A         | BEAR CANYON LOOP TRAIL |



237W05	DEVILS BACKBONE TRAIL
237W06A	TELEGRAPH PEAK TRAIL
237W12	MT. BALDY TRAIL
237W08A	BIGHORN PEAK TRAIL
237W07	CHAPMAN TRAIL
237W06B	TIMBER MTN TRAIL
237W07A	ICEHOUSE CANYON TRAIL
237W06	THREE T's TRAIL
237W02	BALDY BOWL TRAIL
337W05.2	NORTH DEVIL's BACKBONE
238W09	JOATNGA INTERPRETIVE LOOP TRAIL
337W01	ACORN

**Roads:**

2N40	BIG SANTA ANITA
2N45.1/.2	MT. WILSON TOLL RD.
2N50.1/.2	MT. LOWE
2N52	DISAPPOINTMENT RIDGE
2N65.1	MILLARD CANYON RD.
2N65.2	CHANNY TRAIL
2N66	BROWN MTN
2N68.1/.2	MALLARD RIDGE RD.
2N69	GOULD MESA
2N70.1	ARROYO SECO RD.
2N76.1/.2/.3	MT LUKENS RD.
2N81.1	EARL CANYON MOTORWAY
3N36	BPL No.1 (OLIVER RD.)
3N38.1/.2	DOANE EBEBY RD.
3N43	DOANE CANYON RD.
3N54	MAY CANYON RD.
3N56	WILSON CANYON RD.
1N04A	POTATO MTN SPUR
1N04	PALMER-EVEY CANYON

These closures will be in effect until April 30, 2020 and will address public health and safety concerns to trail related recreation. A violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581. Forest Order No. 05-01-20-03

The USDA Forest Service may need to temporarily suspend access to additional recreation areas that attract large crowds and cannot meet social distancing guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Visitors to national forests are urged to take the precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) so that these areas can remain open for everyone's enjoyment.

To protect public health and safety all visitors to the forest are encouraged to:

- Avoid visiting the forest if you are sick and/or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- Follow CDC guidance on personal hygiene and social distancing before and during your visit to the forest.
- If an area is crowded, move to a less occupied location. Also consider avoiding the forest during high-use periods.
- Take your trash with you when you leave. Trash overflowing the receptacles becomes potential sources for the spread of COVID-19.
- Please make arrangements to use the restroom before or after your visit to the forest. Unmanaged waste creates a health hazard for other visitors and employees.

For tips from the CDC on preventing illnesses like the coronavirus, go to:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention.html>. Information from the U.S. Department of Agriculture is available at: [www.usda.gov/coronavirus](http://www.usda.gov/coronavirus)

For up-to-date information on the Angeles National Forest, visit:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/angeles/>

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