

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST RECREATION REPORT

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*THE SECRET TO AN ENJOYABLE RECREATION OUTING
IN THE FOREST IS TO...
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO*

!!!!!!FIRE DANGER LEVEL-MODERATE!!!!!!

Don't assume that conditions are normal. In general, if you don't see your road, campground, or trail listed here as open, it may be closed.

Before you leave home, check with your local Ranger Station for current road, campground, and trail information.

This report highlights what is open, rather than what is closed.

Visitors should also be reminded that an area in the vicinity of Cooper Canyon (north of the Angeles Crest Hwy) remains closed in order to protect critical habitat of the Mountain Yellow-Legged frog, an endangered species. The Pacific Crest Trail closure extension for the Rattlesnake Section of the trail between Eagles Roost west to the Burkhart Trail. This closure took effect on December 27, 2005, and includes Williamson Rock, an area frequented by rock climbers. This closure was extended on January 1, 2008 until December 31, 2009.

LOCAL FOREST SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Angeles National Forest-Arcadia, CA -----(626) 574-5200
LA River Ranger District-San Fernando, CA----- (818) 899-1900
San Gabriel River Ranger District-Glendora, CA----- (626) 335-1251
Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District-Saugus, CA -(661) 296-9710
Cleveland National Forest-Rancho Bernardo, CA----- (858) 674-2901
Los Padres National Forest-Goleta, CA -----(805) 968-6640
San Bernardino National Forest-San Bernardino, CA----- (909) 382.2600
National Forest Store----- (406) 329-3024 (National Forest maps by mail)
Or E-Mail www.fs.fed.us/recreation/nationalforeststore/
CA Relay Service (CRS) ----- (800) 735-2922
USDA Forest Store---(909) 382-2622 (Adventure Passes / Interagency Passes
By mail)

WEB SITES:

- Adventure Pass Information: www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/ap
- Angeles National Forest: www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles
- Cabins for Rent (Not on the Angeles): www.fs.fed.us/recreation/permits/cabinrentals.htm
- California Department of Fish & Game, Fresh Water Fishing Guide: www.dfg.ca.gov/fishing
- Customer Service Comment Card: www.fs.fed.us/hrm/commentcard
- Grassy Hollow Visitor Center: www.grassyhollow.net
- Heritage Expeditions: www.fs.fed.us/recreation/heritage/expeditions.shtml
- Los Angeles County Road Closures (Area 5): www.ladpw.org/mpm/roadclosure
- Mount Wilson Observatory: www.mtwilson.edu
- National Park Service: www.nps.gov
- Nature Watching on National Forests: www.fs.fed.us/outdoors/naturewatch/default.htm
- Recreation & Reservations: www.Recreation.gov
- Wildland Ethics: www.Int.org/LNTWildlandEthics.html
- Wildlife Waystation: www.waystation.org

OTHER HELPFUL NUMBERS:

- California Department of Fish & Game --- Information Line (858) 467-4201, License Branch (916) 227-2245, or Fish Stocking (562) 594-7268.
- California State Parks Reservations -----(800) 444-7275
- Gorman OHV Area Office (State of California) -----(661) 248-7007
- Griffith Park ----- (213) 665-5188
- Henninger Flats Campground (managed by LA County) --- (626) 794-0675
- National Park Service (NPS) Reservations **Yosemite Only** -(800) 436-7275
- National Park Service Reservations --- **All Other Parks** --- (800) 365-2267
- Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (NPS) --(805) 370-2301
- Sierra Madre Police Department----- (626) 355-1414
- State Highway Conditions ----- (800) 427-7623
- Wildlife Way Station -----(818) 899-5201

VOLUNTEER TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

- Angeles Volunteer Association (Tom Reinberger) -----(626) 963-2965
- Fisheries Resource Volunteer Corps (Bill Reeves) ----- (800) 683-3602
- Habitat Works of Southern California (Kim Clark) ----- (818) 353-4653
- Passport in Time ----- (800) 281-9176
- San Gabriel Mountains Trail Builders (Helen Oakley) ----- (626) 792-4573
- Volunteers of the Angeles (Shelley Hanson) ----- (760) 249-6026

The Forest Service now accepts the Golden Age/Access Passports and the Interagency Passes in lieu of the Adventure Pass for parking. They must be displayed in the front window of your vehicle as you would the Adventure Pass. The National Parks Pass is no longer honored in lieu of the Adventure Pass. The Golden Eagle Hologram program expired December 31, 2007.

An Adventure Pass, Golden Age/Access Passport or the Interagency Pass is required if you park on National Forest land in High Impact Recreation Areas, except at designated fee areas (such as campgrounds or ski areas where you already pay a fee).

The Adventure Pass can be purchased as a \$5 day pass or a \$30 annual pass, and is available at many Forest Service Offices, as well as many vendors, which includes most major sporting good outlets in Southern California. To locate the vendor closest to you, call your local Forest Service office. For more information on the Passes or Passports, please stop by our **Supervisor's Office located at 701 N. Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006**, or contact us by telephone at **(626) 574-5200**, our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm. You can also go to the Adventure Pass website for more information at www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/ap

There are four **Free Days** authorized for this year:

National Trails Day - the first Saturday of June.

National Public Lands Day-Saturday, September 26, 2009.

Veterans Day-Wednesday, November 11, 2009.

WHAT IS AN INTERAGENCY AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL-THE NATIONAL PARKS AND FEDERAL RECREATIONAL LANDS PASS AND HOW IS IT USED?

Interagency Annual Pass - An Annual pass is honored at all sites charging fees for entrance into federal recreation areas. The Annual pass sells for \$80. **(Interagency Annual Passes are valid for entrance fees ONLY and receive NO other benefits.)**

Interagency Decal - decals are provided to Annual pass holders who own open top vehicles, such as motorcycles and jeeps for use at un-staffed recreation areas.

Interagency Senior Pass - A lifetime pass available to citizens or permanent residents of the United States who are **62 years of age or older**. This pass sells for a one-time fee of \$10.

Interagency Access Pass - A free lifetime pass available to citizens or permanent residents of the United States who have been **medically determined to be blind or permanently disabled** and as a result, are eligible to receive benefits under federal law **(proof must be presented at time of passport application – a State handicap placard is not acceptable proof)**. A permanent disability is a permanent physical, mental, or sensory impairment that substantially limits one or more of the person's major life activities.

The **Interagency Annual Pass** does **NOT** include concessionaire services; however, concessionaires will honor the **Interagency Senior/Access Pass according to the terms of their current permit.**

HUNTING:

Zone D11 (Archery only): 9/6-9/28/2008. Zone D11 (General Season): 10/11-11/9/2008. Zone A31 (Archery only either sex): 9/27-12/31/2008. A National Migratory Game Bird Permit must be affixed to the hunting license to hunt migratory game birds such as: ducks, geese, dove, pigeons, snipe, and coot in California. For specific references regarding hunting, contact the California Department of Fish and Game Information Line at (562) 342-7100 or go to their website at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov>.

The Los Angeles Fire Arms Closure Area maps are available from the Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission <http://ordlink.com/codes/lacounty/index.htm> or call 213-974-1431.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

At least 220 yards, (1/8 mile) from a road or trail. At least 150 yards from an occupied dwelling. Archery must be at least 150 yards from a road, trail, or occupied dwelling. No littering or boning of carcass within 150 feet of water. At least 400 yards from a dumpster, garbage dump, or baited area. No firearm discharge within 1/2 mile of a camp or dwelling. At least 200 yards from a water development, guzzler or well. No baiting allowed. No waiting or resting within 1/4 mile of water development more than 30 minutes. If on private land must have written permission of owner of land. Cannot shoot any firearm from or upon a public road or highway.

BIGHORN SHEEP: Not allowed on the Angeles National Forest.

COYOTE, SKUNK, OPOSSUM, WEASELS, MOLES, RODENTS, ENGLISH SPARROW,

STARLING: Open all year - No limits - any method of take except poison, traps, or baiting.

JACKRABBIT: Open all year - No Limit.

MOUNTAIN LIONS: Not allowed in California.

TREE SQUIRRELS: Not allowed on the Angeles National Forest.

BOBCAT: 10/15/07-2/28/08, 5 cats per season, can use dogs.

HUNTING IS PROHIBITED IN THE SAN DIMAS EXPERIMENTAL FOREST

TARGET SHOOTING:

General target shooting is not allowed on this Forest. Designated shooting areas exist on the Los Padres National Forest at (805) 968-6640 and the San Bernardino National Forest at (909) 382-2600. Contact them for further information.

The following private shooting ranges are the only legal areas for target shooting in the area:

TARGET SHOOTING AREAS:

“A Place to Shoot”: For updates contact the District Office at (661) 296-9710. Additional information can be found at (661) 296-5552 or web site www.aplacetoshoot.net.

Burro Canyon Shooting Park: Located in San Gabriel Canyon above Azusa. Contact them at (626) 910-1344.

Angeles Shooting Range: Located in San Fernando. Contact them at (800) 499-4486.

CAMPFIRES & CURRENT FIRE RESTRICTIONS:

WE ARE NOW IN MODERATE FIRE DANGER LEVEL. Stoves and lanterns with pressurized gas, butane, petroleum gas or jellied fuel are allowed in developed recreation sites. Fires in the fire rings provided by the Forest Service are allowed. Smoking authorized only in enclosed vehicles or buildings. For dispersed camping call the District Offices. (A developed recreation site is one that has a Forest Service metal fire ring and/or BBQ grill installed.) Please call the District Offices for the regulations in the area you will be visiting.

ANIMAL NOTES:

Black Bears: Black or cinnamon in color and have a keen sense of smell, climb trees easily, and can run 30 mph in short bursts. They do not hibernate and in the fall, bears add a thick layer of fat to sustain them during winter sleep; bears without enough fat are active during winter. Please note that bears can be dangerous when surprised, hungry, injured, or with cubs, make sure that you hang your food or store it in your vehicle. **Do not** keep any food (including chewing gum, toothpaste, etc.) in your tent as the smell from these items could attract them into your tent. They also have been known to chase dogs back to their owner's tent!

San Gabriel Nelson Big Horn Sheep: These sheep have recently been added to the sensitive species list.

Dogs: Some wildlife may carry rabies or other diseases transferable to your pets. Also, the mere scent of a domestic animal can disrupt a wild animal's normal behavior. Even well behaved dogs often can't resist chasing wild animals. Please, for your pet's safety, and to protect the habitat and the animals that live in the forest, do not allow them to approach sick or dead rodents or to explore rodent burrows, and remember you are required to keep your dog on a leash not exceeding 6 feet at all times (Code of Federal Regulations: 36 CFR 261.16(j)). Domestic animals can acquire plague and pose a direct threat to humans. Pets can transport rodent fleas from the field into homes or campsites.

For more information regarding the facts about plague in Los Angeles County, you may go to the Health Department website at www.lapublichealth.org/eh.

SAFETY NOTE:

Please be aware that streams run abnormally high after storms and snow melt. Some streams that are normally ankle or knee deep in tranquil water, now have water that is chest high and swift. Some trails have been obliterated by floods or massive slides. Please use extreme caution as the ground is still very unstable. If you encounter any hazardous conditions on a Trail, please do not proceed and return to where you started. If you can, please notify one of our offices of the trail and hazardous conditions you encountered. By doing so, you may help keep someone from being injured.

Note: Yellow flagging, or signs may that state an area is temporarily restricted or closed. Please watch for signage giving you special instructions.

LOS ANGELES RIVER RANGER DISTRICT (LARRD)

**12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Road
San Fernando, CA 91342**

Primary Contact: John Keeler at the District Office (818) 899-1900

OFFICE HOURS:

District Office	Monday - Friday	8 am - 4:30 pm	(818) 899-1900
Clear Creek Information Station	Saturday – Sunday	8 am - 4:30 pm	(626) 821-6764
Chilao Visitor Center	<u>CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</u>		

ADVENTURE AND INTERAGENCY PASSES:

Passes and other related items are sold at Los Angeles River Ranger District in San Fernando and Clear Creek Information Station at the intersection of Angeles Crest and Angeles Forest Highway.. Contact the District Office for vendor locations or the Adventure Pass website at www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/ap/vendors.

CAMPGROUNDS: 

The Angeles National Forest is dependent on nature to supply water for our campgrounds, ***therefore, there is no guarantee of water at any site; be prepared, take water with you.*** It is recommended that all stream and spring water be treated before drinking.

Bears are active **yearround**, therefore: (1) keep a clean camp, (2) dispose of your garbage properly, (3) store food safely, (4) keep children safe, and (5) report attacks immediately to the California Department of Fish and Game at (909) 443-2969.

Campgrounds are first-come/first-serve, except the group campgrounds which are by reservation only.

Trail Camps: An Adventure or Interagency Pass is required at many trail camp trailhead parking areas: Bear Canyon, Cooper Canyon, DeVore, Fall Creek, Gould Mesa, Hoeges, Idlehour, Little Jimmy, Mt. Lowe, Oakwilde, Spruce Grove, Tom Lucas, West Fork, and Valley Forge. **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT.**

Front Country Campgrounds:

Millard: Bring your own water. An Adventure or Interagency Pass is required if vehicle is parked on National Forest land. Gate is open from 6 am to 8 pm.

Monte Cristo: Bring your own water. \$8 night per site, and \$2 for one extra vehicle (the campground has 2 campsites and 3 restrooms for the physically challenged).

High Country Campgrounds:

All of the campgrounds will reopen if accessible starting April 1, 2009.

Buckhorn: Fees are \$12 per night per site, first come first served no reservations. Chilao: Fees are \$12 night per site, first come first served no reservations. Horse Flat: Fees are \$12 night per site, first come first served no reservations.

LOS ANGELES RIVER RANGER DISTRICT (CONT'D)

Messenger Flat: Temporarily closed- Contact District Office for opening date.

Mt Pacifico: Closed until May 15th then an Adventure or Interagency Pass is required for each vehicle.

Group Campgrounds:

All group campgrounds will reopen if accessible starting April 1, 2009.

Bandido, Coulter, and Lightning Point - Reservations can ONLY be made by contacting National Recreation Reservation Service, www.Recreation.gov or at 877-444-6777

PICNIC AREAS:

Overnight parking/camping is prohibited in **all** picnic areas. *Bears are active year round; keep your area clean.*

Front Country:

Bear Divide open 6am to 10pm.

Hidden Springs, and fully accessible- **Chantry Flat, Stoneyvale and Oak Springs:** open 6am to 10pm; Adventure or Interagency Pass required for each vehicle

Switzer: open 8am to 6pm. The gate is closed when the parking area is full; Adventure or Interagency Pass required for each vehicle.

Vogel Flat and Wildwood- Closed for the winter, will reopen April 1st; an Adventure Pass or Interagency Pass is required for parking along Big Tujunga Canyon Road outside the gates.

Cascade, Echo Mountain, Nino and Paul Little accessible by walk-in.

High Country:

Skyline Park- Adventure or Interagency Pass required for each vehicle- The gate is closed and will reopen April 1, 2009,

Charlton Flat, Chilao, Vista, Eagles Roost - Adventure or Interagency Pass required for each vehicle parked along Highway 2, they will reopen April 1st if accessible; North Fork, Mill Creek, RedBox- Adventure or Interagency Pass required for each parked vehicle.

HORSE FACILITIES:

Bandido Group Site, 20 corrals and hitching rails, no water.

Gould Mesa Trail Camp, 3 hitching rails, stream water.

Hoegees Trail Camp, 1 hitching rail, stream water.

Horse Flat Campground, corrals, hitching rails, no water.

Idlehour Trail Camp, 1 hitching rail, no water.

Islip Saddle Trailhead, 2 hitching rails, no water.

Lightning Point Group Site, 26 corrals and hitching rails, no water.

Lower Chilao Road Trailhead, 1 hitching rail, water in campground.

Messenger Flat Campground, 2 corrals and hitching rail, no water.

LOS ANGELES RIVER RANGER DISTRICT (CONT'D)

Mt. Lowe Trail Camp, 1 hitching rail, no water.

Nino Picnic Area, 1 hitching rail, stream water.

North Fork Picnic Area, corral and hitching rail, water faucet.

Oak Springs Trailhead, 1 hitching rail, 1 loading dock, 3 horse trailer parking sites, no water.

Oakwilde Trail Camp, 2 hitching rails. **Paul Little Picnic Area**, 5 hitching rails, stream water.

Red Box Trailhead, 2 corrals, no water.

Three Points Trailhead, 2 hitching rails, no water.

Wilson Canyon Trailhead, 1 hitching rail, 1 loading dock, no water.

FISHING AND FISHING AREAS:

Fall Creek has native fisheries and access is by hiking the road or trail, no vehicles allowed. Big Tujunga and the Arroyo Seco Canyon are periodically stocked by the Department of Fish and Game. Contact the California Department of Fish and Game at (562) 594-7268 for recorded stocking information.

RIVERS AND STREAMS:

Use extreme caution around streams, as the rocks are slippery and after a storm could be prone to flash flooding.

TEMPERATURES:

Be prepared for sudden weather changes in the mountains; winter temperatures can vary 20-40 degrees between night and day at 5,280 feet. Temperatures at the Chilao Visitor Center are in 40 – 50's during the day and 20 – 30's at night.

WOODCUTTING:

A permit is required to remove any forest product (firewood and manzanita) from the Angeles National Forest. Permits for pine are \$25 a cord and \$35 per cord for hardwoods. Please contact the District Office in advance at (818) 899-1900 for more information.

ROADS:

When there are storms in the area, it is important to pay attention to changing road conditions. Normally our roads are subject to rocks coming off of the banks, mud in the roadway, etc. **Snow can fall any time especially above 5,000'; carry chains or other traction devices and a shovel to dig yourself out if you slide off the road.** Please be prepared when you go into the mountains. Remember you will be at least one hour from any stores or gas stations, and your cell phone probably will not work. Slow down to stay alive.

LOS ANGELES RIVER RANGER DISTRICT (CONT'D)

The following roads may be closed at anytime due to weather or road conditions and/or construction:

Angeles Crest Highway (State Route 2) - Road is closed at Islip Saddle and east to Vincent Gap. Road information can be obtained at the Caltrans website at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo>, or you may contact them at (800) 427-7623.

Angeles Forest Highway – Open. Road information can be obtained at County of Los Angeles website at www.ladpw.org/rmd/roadclosure

Big Santa Anita Canyon/Chantry Flats Road – Open. Road information can be obtained at County of Los Angeles website at www.ladpw.org/rmd/roadclosure or the Sierra Madre Police Department (626) 355-1414. Gate closed 8:00pm to 6:00am.

Santa Clara Divide Road (3N17) - **Open between Mill Creek Summit west to Wilson Saddle- Gate hours at Bear Divide 8:00am to 6:00pm; the road is not plowed and may be inaccessible due to deep snow and ice through May.**

TRAILS:

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Be prepared by checking the weather forecast; it can snow anytime of the year above 5,000 feet.
- After a snowfall wait 24-48 hours before hiking to lessen the avalanche danger.
- Let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return, never hike alone.
- Please use caution when utilizing the trails; it could save your life.
- Stay out of canyon bottoms during and immediately after rains because of flash flood dangers.
- Please make sure you pack in drinking water, energy food, and extra clothing with you.
- **Mountain bikes are prohibited on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) and within all wilderness areas.**

North Fork Station - Host present for the PCT and OHV users.

Gabrielino National Recreation Trail, 11W14 – Open.

Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) – CLOSED between Eagles Roost Picnic Area and west 2.5 miles down Littlerock Creek to the Burkhart Trail for protection of endangered species- reroute along Highway 2 to Cloudburst Summit 4.5 miles west. The remaining sections of the trail are open.

Silver Moccasin National Recreation Trail, 11W06 – Open.

For safety reasons, **equestrian travel** is **NOT RECOMMENDED** on the following trails: **Burkhart 10W02, Colby Canyon 12W23, Condor Peak 13W05, Fall Creek 12W02, Gold Canyon 13W06, and Stone Canyon 13W07.**

For safety reasons, **mountain bike travel** is **NOT RECOMMENDED** on the following trails: **Bear Canyon 12W08, Dawn Mine 12W13, San Gabriel Peak 12W24, and Tom Sloan 12W22.** *In all cases, please remember **BICYCLISTS** are required to yield the right-of-way to equestrians, and hikers, AND to travel at a controllable speed.*

LOS ANGELES RIVER RANGER DISTRICT (CONT'D)

VISITOR ACTIVITIES:

Chilao Visitor Center : CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center (at Red Box Saddle) – Open Monday-Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for more information contact the Cultural Center at (626) 449-8975 , or their website at www.haramokngna.org for schedule of events.

Mt. Wilson Observatory –Closed through March 31st. Contact Mt. Wilson Observatory at (626) 793-3100 or see MWOA website www.mwoa.org for additional information.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

For more information, contact Howard Okamoto at (818)899-1900, extension 229, or e-mail hokamoto@fs.fed.us.

SAN GABRIEL RIVER RANGER DISTRICT (SGRRD)

**110 N. Wabash Avenue
Glendora, CA 91741**

Primary Contact: Charlotte Whelan at the District Office (626) 335-1251

OFFICE HOURS:

SGRRD (District Office)	Monday – Friday	8 am – 4:30 pm (626) 335-1251 Fax Number (626) 914-3790
Mt. Baldy Visitor Center	Open 7 days a week	8 am – 4:30 pm (909) 982-2829
Off-Highway Vehicle Area	Saturday&Sunday	8 am – 4:00 pm
San Gabriel Cyn Gateway	Friday – Sunday	8 am – 4:30 pm (626) 969-1012

ACCESSIBLE AREAS FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED: ♿

Oaks Picnic Area: Day Use only.

West Fork Road and Glenn Camp: Vehicle access for the disabled is available by permit. Permits are available at the Glendora District Office.

ROADS:

Highway 39: Open to the ‘closed gate’ (located at mm 28.7), 2 miles north of the West Fork Rest Stop.

East Fork Road: Open

Mt. Baldy Road: Open

Glendora Ridge Road: Open The road is closed during inclement weather.

Glendora Mtn Road: Open

SAN GABRIEL RIVER RANGER DISTRICT (CONT'D)

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE AREAS & ROUTES:

Areas may be closed at any time due to unsafe conditions caused by storms, fire danger or excessive use capacity.

Registration and Forest Service approved spark arrestors are required. ATV and dirt bike riders must wear a helmet. ATV riders under age of 18 must complete a safety course. All vehicles must meet local, State and Federal laws.

No Alcoholic beverages are allowed.

San Gabriel Canyon OHV Area:

Saturday/Sunday 8 am to 4:00 pm. All vehicles must exit the area by sunset.

FEES: \$8.00 for the Primary vehicle and \$5.00 for each additional vehicle.

Rincon-Shortcut OHV Route: *CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE*

Special permit with a combination may be obtained at the District Office. Vehicles entering and exiting at *night* must have functional head lamps and tail lights. **Vehicles parked along the route must display an Adventure Pass.** Vehicles allowed: 4x4, ATV, motorcycles, and high clearance vehicles.

CAMPGROUNDS:

Manker Flats Campground: Closed until spring.

Glenn Camp: First-come/first-serve. Ten sites are available. Three sites are handicap accessible. Pit toilets and stream water available. Open fires in the fire pit provided. Bar-B-Q's in the grill provided. Self contained Bar-B-Q's, propane or pressurized gas camp stoves allowed. **Campfire permit is required.**

RIVERS and STREAMS

FISHING:

A valid California fishing license is required. For **stocking information**, contact the California State Fish and Game Department at (562) 594-7268.

West Fork: From the second bridge up it is designated as "Catch and Release". Only artificial flies or lures with a single barbless hook may be used in the West Fork and its tributaries.

East Fork: Open

San Antonio River: Open

TARGET SHOOTING:

Burro Canyon Shooting Park: Thursday through Monday, from 9 am to 4 pm. For further information call (626) 910-1344.

SAN GABRIEL RIVER RANGER DISTRICT (CONT'D)

PICNIC AREAS:

The Oaks: 14 group picnic sites for day-use only. Restrooms are available. Charcoal only allowed in the grills provided. **No wood fires allowed in the grill or on the ground.** Self-contained Bar-B-Q's, propane and pressurized gas camp stoves are allowed. An Adventure Pass or Interagency Passport is required.

HIKING TRAILS:

GENERAL INFORMATION: For safety reasons, hiking trails are **not** recommended for equestrian or bicycle travel.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES: Contact Lois Pickens at (626) 335-1251.

Be a volunteer Naturalist. The purpose is to provide locally-trained naturalists to answer people's questions and to lead nature walks at ANF locations. For more information visit the web page: <http://sgmha.org/naturalist.html>. Contact Steve Segreto at the Mt. Baldy Visitor Center at (909) 982-2829 or e-mail Jane Strong at info@sgmha.org.

VISITOR ACTIVITIES:

San Gabriel Canyon Environmental Education Center: "Spend a Saturday Morning in the Forest" the last Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$5 per person and dress in layers for the weather. Contact Steve Segreto at (909) 982-2879 for more information.

Mt. Baldy Visitor Center: "Walks on the Wild Side" at 9:00 a.m. first Wednesday and third Wednesday of each month. Rain, snow, fire and temperatures above 90 degrees will cancel the walk. Cost is \$5 per person. Contact Mt Baldy Visitor Center at (909) 982-2829.

Firewood: Cost is \$25.00 a cord for pine and \$35.00 for oak. Contact the District Office.

SANTA CLARA/MOJAVE RIVERS RANGER DISTRICT (SCMRRD)

**28245 Ave. Crocker Suite 220
Santa Clarita, CA 91355**

Primary Contacts: Angie Stever at (661) 296-9710 Ext:221

SANTA CLARA/MOJAVE RIVERS RANGER DISTRICT (CONT'D)

OFFICE HOURS:

SCMRRD (District Office)	Monday – Friday	8 am - 4:30 pm	(661) 296-9710
Big Pines Information Station	Friday, Saturday & Sunday	8 am – 4:30 pm	(760) 249-3504
Grassy Hollow Visitor Center	Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays	10 am - 4:00 pm	(626) 821-6737

NOTE: Big Pines Information Station and Grassy Hollow Visitor Center's hours of operation are subject to change due to severe weather changes and staffing availability. Please call ahead for current information.

*** Weather Conditions in the High Country areas can change very rapidly. Please be sure to carry chains with you at all times, and know how to install them!**

CAMPGROUNDS:

The Angeles National Forest is dependent on nature to supply water for our campgrounds, *therefore, there is no guarantee of water at any site; be prepared, take water with you.* It is recommended that all stream and spring water be treated before drinking.

Be advised that these campgrounds may be inaccessible at times due to road closures because of storms, road conditions, or road construction.

Table Mountain – CLOSED AFTER NOVEMBER 15TH. For further information contact the Concessionaire operated by American Land & Leisure at (877) 444-6777 or at www.ReserveUSA.com.

Mountain Oak and Lake Campgrounds – CLOSED AFTER NOVEMBER 15TH. Concessionaire operated by American Land & Leisure for further information contact them at (877) 444-6777 or at www.ReserveUSA.com.

An Adventure Pass or Interagency Passport is required in the following campgrounds:

Appletree and Peavine Campgrounds – OPEN. Water faucets are off.

Oak Flat Campground - OPEN. Bring your own drinking water.

Southfork Campground -OPEN. Bring your own water. Reservations are required for the group area behind the locked gate. For information and/or reservations please call the Big Pines Visitors Center at 760-249-3504.

Sycamore Flats Campground -OPEN. Water faucets are on. Bring your own drinking water.

Cottonwood Campground – Open, bring your own water.

Sawmill Campground – Open. Bring your own water. Primitive camping area. There are 8 campground sites, 2 of which can be combined into a group site.

Bear Campground – Open. Bring your own water.

Upper Shake Campground - Temporarily **closed** due to road repair.

Blue Ridge Campground – CLOSED AFTER NOVEMBER 15TH. Bring your own water

Guffy Campground - CLOSED AFTER NOVEMBER 15TH. Bring your own water

Lupine Campground – CLOSED AFTER NOVEMBER 15TH. Bring your own water

SANTA CLARA/MOJAVE RIVERS RANGER DISTRICT (CONT'D)

GROUP CAMPGROUNDS:

Jackson Flat Group Campgrounds: CLOSED AFTER SEPTEMBER 28TH

Season is from June-Oct. Concessionaire operated by American Land & Leisure. Reservations may be made by contacting them at (877) 444-6777.

Los Alamos Campground:Open. For information contact the Concessionaire at Pyramid Lake, Sharon or John at (661) 257-2790 or (661) 248-6725.

FISHING:

The Department of Fish and Game stocks many of the lakes and rivers throughout the National Forest on a bi-monthly basis. Current **stocking information** may be found by calling the Department of Fish & Game at (562) 594-7268. Almost all Forest Service sites will go by the following schedule; streams are stocked with Rainbow Trout twice a month February – May with an average of 200-400 lbs per plant, lakes are stocked with Rainbow Trout twice a month October – May with an average of 900 – 2,500 lbs per plant dependent on size of the stream or lake.

LAKES:

Castaic Lake: Operated by Los Angeles County. For general information, please contact them at (661) 257-4050; for information on RV parking call (661) 257-3340.

Elizabeth Lake: Picnic area is open for day-use only. Jet skis and boats over 10 hp are prohibited. The launch ramp is open. Canoes and inflatable boats are allowed on the lake. Swimming is not recommended due to the fact that we do not have a lifeguard on duty. Adventure Pass or Golden Passport is required.

Jackson Lake: Open 6 am to 10 pm located in the Big Pines Recreation Area. Boating is limited to small hand launch, non-power boats. The area has 8 tables and vault toilets. Water faucet near restrooms is on. Adventure Pass or Interagency Senior or Access Pass is required. Lake is stocked with trout every other week from approximately May thru October. 16 yrs + are required to display a State Fishing License. You **cannot** purchase a license anywhere in the Wrightwood or Big Pines Recreation Area. Swimming is not recommended due to the fact that we do not have a lifeguard on duty. ***ALWAYS, Keep Off the Ice***

Little Rock Dam/Recreation Area: Adventure Pass or Golden Passport required. You must display a State Fishing License if you are 16+yrs old and are fishing. Open sunrise to 7 p.m.

Pyramid Lake: For information contact the Lake Pyramid Office at (661) 257-2790. Lake is subject to closures due to heavy rains or flash flood warnings.

PLACES ACCESSIBLE FOR THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED: **Grassy Hollow**

Visitor Center: Has handicap parking and a ramp into the visitor center. The restroom, visitor center, and bird view deck is accessible. The picnic area is not accessible. summer. For more information contact them at (626) 821-6737 or on their website at www.grassyhollow.net.

Vista del Largo Visitor Center: Open 7days/week 9am – 500pm. (except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day.) Contact phone (661) 294-0219. Free tours.

Little Rock Recreation Area: Adventure Pass required. Open sunrise to 7 p.m.

Juniper –Littlerock Dam: Has multiple sites that are fully accessible for persons with disabilities.

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PICNIC AREAS (All picnic areas require an Adventure Pass or Golden Passport):

Frenchmen's Flat: Open. . Bring your own drinking water.

Big Pines Recreation Area:

Arch-Big Pines - Elevation 6,800 feet, 12 tables, and vault toilets.

Grassy Hollow: - Elevation 7,300 feet, 20 tables, vault toilets.

Jackson Lake - Elevation 6,000 feet, 8 tables, piped water, and vault toilets.

Mescal - Elevation 6,100 feet, 9 tables, bring your own drinking water, has vaulted toilets.

Table Mountain - Elevation 7,000 feet, 6 tables, no water, vaulted toilets.

Big Rock Creek Recreation Area - Open. Day use area only. Bring your own drinking water.

Little Rock Dam Area: Day use area only. Open sunrise to sunset (7a.m. to 7 p.m.)

Sand Canyon Area: Live Oak. Day use area only.

RIVERS AND STREAMS:

Use extreme caution around streams, creeks, and rivers because we do not have lifeguards on duty, if you do enter the water areas you do so at your own risk. Some of our rivers and streams have very swift running waters and hidden hazards below the surface of the water.

ROADS:

It is important to pay attention to changing road conditions during storms. Normally, our roads are subject to rocks coming off of the banks, mud in the roadway, etc. Dirt roads are rough and not recommended for family autos. Pickup trucks and 4WD vehicles are acceptable, but extreme caution is urged.

Angeles Crest Highway (State Route 2): Is closed from Vincent Gap to Islip Saddle (Little Jimmy) due to storm damage. Road Closures may occur at anytime due to weather/road conditions. Always be aware of rocks in the coming off the banks and in the roadway.. Road information can be obtained from Caltrans at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo>, or you may contact them at (800) 427-7623.

Old Ridge Route closed from Templin Highway to 8N01.

OFF-ROAD VEHICLE AREAS:

Rowher Flat OHV: Closed until further notice Access is through Rush Canyon Road off Sierra Highway. Open to motorcycles, ATV's, and 4-wheel drives. No stopping, unloading, or OHV riding is permitted on the Rush Canyon access road. Vault toilets are available. Spark arrestors, mufflers (4WD's), and a valid registration are required for all vehicles. A handout map of trails within the Rowher Flat OHV area are available at the District Office, or call them at (661) 296-9710. An Adventure Pass or Interagency Passport required.

Drinkwater Flat OHV: Closed until further notice

Little Rock Canyon OHV: The pit is OPEN only when lakebed is dry and can be entered at Rocky Point.

Alimony Ridge OHV Route: Closed until further notice.

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SPECIAL NOTE:

Protection of the Arroyo Toad promoted the closure of the **Little Rock Recreation Area** which extends from Joshua Tree Campground to the north, to Sulphur Springs Campground at the south, east along Alimony Ridge, and west to a point just the Desert Marksman permit area. This area will be closed to **ALL USE** until further notice.

Most trails are open, but subject to change due to previous storm damage. Always be prepared for your hike, and let someone know where you will be hiking and what time you are due back. Mountain weather can change suddenly and very drastically.

DO NOT hike into areas that have yellow flagging or signs that state an area is closed. Your life may depend on it!

Burkhart Trail: Call Devil's Punchbowl Nature Center for more information at (661) 944-2743.

Devil's Punchbowl Trail: Call ahead to check conditions at (661) 944-2743.

Fish Canyon Trail: It is in poor condition due to washouts.

Pacific Crest Trail (PCT): Open east of Highway 14. Trail is closed west of Highway 14, because area has not been assessed for recent storm damage. Please note, motorized vehicles and mountain bikes are prohibited on the PCT. There is a **Closure** between Cloudburst Summit and Eagles Roost, the alternative route is on Hwy 2. Closure Order No. 01-06-01.

BIG PINES RECREATION AREA: Please call the Big Pines Visitors Center at 760-249-3504. Saturday & Sunday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Big Pines Nature Trail: Big Pines Information Station Loop, short hike for visitors (0.5 mile).

Jackson Lake Fisherman Trail: Jackson Lake Loop, heavy use trail along shoreline (0.5 mile).

Blue Ridge Trail: Popular, short hike for visitors is open (2.2 miles).

Jackson Lake Trail: Access is from PCT to Jackson Lake (2.4 miles).

Manzanita Trail: Has been refurbished and is in good condition (5.2 miles).

Lightning Ridge Nature Trail – Inspiration Point Loop: Literature is available at Big Pines Information Station and Grassy Hollow Visitor Center (0.7 mile).

Table Mountain Nature Trail – Table Mountain Campground (Loop): This is a popular trail for campers. Literature is available at Big Pines Visitors Center and Grassy Hollow Visitors Center (0.5 mile).

VISITORS ACTIVITIES:

Grassy Hollow: For information on the Visitor Center or the Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest, please contact the Center at (626) 821-6737 on Saturday or Sunday and most holidays between 10 am and 4 pm. If there is no answer, call Loren Lake of the Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest (private residence) at (760) 868-0390. You may also access their web site at www.grassyhollow.net. Check their web site for programs for the public and school educational programs and youth groups during the week by appointment. For information please contact the Center at (626) 821-6737.

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WILDLIFE/BIRD VIEWING AREA:

The area is located at **Soledad Campground**. Please be advised that the campground is closed, but the viewing platform is open and has wheelchair accessible ramps and bathrooms. The viewing platform provides a “bird’s eye view” into the canopy of the riparian (streamside) forest of the upper Santa Clara River. During the spring, many migratory birds may be seen in and around the trees near the platform. There are informative displays also at the viewing area.

In conjunction with the Pomona Valley Chapter, Audubon Society, **Grassy Hollow Visitor Center** has a bird viewing area located on the south deck overlooking numerous and varied bird feeders and a small water source. Local high country birds and small mammals (squirrels and chipmunks) can be enjoyed from this location which is accessible for the physically challenged. There are benches nearby and on weekends, when the Visitor Center is open a “**bird cart**” is available which contains binoculars and notebook of local birds with space for recording sightings.

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