

Clear Creek - Red Box

Angeles National Forest Los Angeles River Ranger District



TRAILS.....brought hikers, at the beginning of the 20th Century, to the resorts in these back canyons for week-long visits. The resorts are long gone, and today's visitors spend just half a day on foot, horseback or bicycle, traveling the same routes.

Hikers enjoy the mile walk from shady Switzer's Picnic Area to Switzer's Falls. Equestrians like the ride to Valley Forge and West Fork after trailering to Redbox. Mountain bicyclists curse the climb of the Josephine Truck Trail from Clear Creek to the old lookout site at Josephine Peak, only to catch their breath on the ride back down. Nature lovers learn about the area as they hike the Nature's Canteen trail between Clear Creek Information Station and Switzer's Road.

A National Forest Adventure Pass or Interagency Pass is required for vehicles parked at trailheads or along forest roads while visitors are participating in recreation activities such as hiking, picnicking, fishing, etc. For more information about the Pass and where you may purchase one, contact a local Forest Service office.

Each trail you take has something to offer. For a safe and enjoyable trip, please:

- Stay on the trail
- Avoid taking shortcuts or cross-country travel
- Be prepared for the unexpected
- Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return
- Don't go alone!



WATER

What everyone is looking for! Normally a steady stream flows among the oaks and sycamores through Arroyo Seco Canyon. However, it or any canyon stream can surge forth in a flood following heavy rains. Wet rocks and flash floods have seriously injured people and taken lives. Stay alert, watch your step and don't climb the steep rock sides around the falls!



Drinking Water

Only piped water at developed sites is safe for drinking, washing hands or dishes. Drinking

untreated water can be hazardous. Boiling water for at least five minutes before drinking it is recommended.

Fishing

The state Department of Fish and Game periodically stocks the Arroyo Seco and the west fork of the San Gabriel River during colder, wetter seasons. A California fishing license is required. For stocking information, call Fish and Game at (562) 594-7268.



FIRES

Open wood fires and barbecues are not permitted outside developed Forest Service campgrounds and picnic areas. Only portable stoves using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel may be used outside developed sites, and a California Campfire permit is required for their use. Fire restrictions may be imposed during high fire danger. Free Campfire Permits and current fire restriction information may be obtained at any Forest Service office.

Campfire permits are not required at developed drive-in Forest Service campgrounds or picnic areas. Visitors may use the stoves, fire pits and campfire circles provided by the Forest Service, or their own barbecues, liquid or gas fuel portable stoves, as long as proper clearance is maintained.



FIREARMS

Other than during hunting season (with a license in pursuit of game), the discharge of any projectile by a firearm, airgun or bow is restricted to established concessionaire-operated target shooting areas. Information concerning these shooting areas may be obtained from the district office listed below. For hunting regulations, call the state Department of Fish and Game at (562) 594-7268.

For additional information, contact:

Los Angeles River Ranger District
12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Rd.
San Fernando, CA 91342
(818) 899-1900 Mon-Fri. 8 a.m.- 4:30 pm



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