

## Camp Stove Fire Prevention Checklist

- ✓ Charcoal and wood burning fires are prohibited!
- ✓ Choose a spot that is protected from wind gusts and sits away from your tent and gear; use wind shield on stove
- ✓ Choose areas free of brush or grass, checking above for tree limbs
- ✓ Place stove on flat surface for stability
- ✓ Use only the proper fuel for your stove; examine stove and fuel container for leaks, defects, and damage prior to use
- ✓ Make sure fuel containers do not over heat as explosions may occur
- ✓ Keep a bucket of water nearby, ready for any accidents
- ✓ Never leave your stove unattended
- ✓ Obtain a *California Campfire* Permit for gas and propane stoves.

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Do your part to prevent wild fires*



**can prevent wild fires!**

## Keep Our Wilderness Undisturbed!

Each day, more of the wilderness is being vandalized, littered upon, and worn down in general disregard for its greatness. It is extremely unfortunate that as each year goes by, more visitors simply do not pay attention to the path of destruction they leave nor do they understand the devastating effects caused by their actions. These wilderness areas would not exist today if it weren't for the hard work and preservation on the part of our predecessors; now it is our turn to do so for future generations.

Though the Angeles National Forest takes great pride in retaining the integrity of these areas through staff and volunteer efforts, it will become a losing battle if we do not obtain the support and cooperation of everyone who enters the wilderness.

*Leave wilderness areas as they were before your visit...*

- **Do not vandalize with paint or carvings**
- **Do not disturb natural habitats**
- **Leave No Trace (see back for details)**
- **Think twice and when in doubt... Don't do it!**

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# Enjoy & Preserve the Wilderness!



## What Is a Wilderness

Wilderness is an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence without permanent improvements or human habitation.

Wilderness is generally appearing to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable.

It has outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation.

It contains ecological, geological, scientific, scenic, educational, or historical value.

*"A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."*

—Wilderness Act of 1964

## Angeles National Forest Wilderness Areas

The Angeles National Forest administers five wilderness areas, two of which were recently added in 2009. San Gabriel, Sheep Mountain, and Cucamonga Wilderness areas have been part of the San Gabriel River Ranger District since 1968, 1984, and 1964 respectively, with the Magic Mountain and Pleasant View Ridge Wilderness areas as new accompaniments. These wilderness areas total 121 thousand acres or 18 percent of the Angeles National Forest.

Remote backcountry and some of the most magnificent canyon country in the San Gabriel Mountains lie within these wilderness boundaries and include wildlife such as Nelson bighorn sheep, mule deer, coyotes, bears, and mountain lions. The elevation ranges from 1,600 feet to 10,064 feet at Mount San Antonio (also known as Old Mount Baldy), the highest point in the San Gabriel Mountains.

## Ethical Wilderness Behavior

- Stay on designated trails at all times and take the path most traveled
- Do not drink the water as it can cause parasitic disease
- Visit in small groups to decrease impact
- Legal campsites are at least 100 feet from any water source
- Let nature's sounds prevail; avoid loud noises
- Control pets and pick up pet feces
- Do not shortcut switch backs
- Step to the downhill side of a trail when passing others
- Deposit human waste in a cat hole dug to at least six inches deep

## Leave No Trace Principles

- Plan ahead and prepare
  - ◆ Know the regulations
  - ◆ Consider weather
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces
  - ◆ Good campsites are found not made
- Dispose of waste properly
  - ◆ Pack it in, Pack it out!
- Keep human waste and soap 200 ft. or 70 adult steps from any water source
- Leave what you find
  - ◆ Preserve the past; look but do not touch
  - ◆ Do not build or dig
  - ◆ Leave rocks, plants, etc., as you found them
  - ◆ Avoid introducing non-native species
- Minimize fire impacts
  - ◆ Use camp stoves and candles where permitted
- Respect wildlife
  - ◆ Do not approach wild animals
  - ◆ Never feed wild animals!
  - ◆ Store food appropriately
  - ◆ Control pets at all times
- Be considerate of other visitors
  - ◆ Avoid loud noises
  - ◆ Yield on trails

