

Hiking Trails

Front Country Ranger District San Bernardino National Forest



Lytle Creek has several hiking trails with differing degrees of difficulty and length. These hikes vary from an hour to several days of backpacking in rough terrain.

Reminder: A Forest Service Adventure Pass is Required for vehicles parked on National Forest Land.

Please help keep these trails beautiful by packing out your trash.

(1) Native Plant Garden

Location: The garden is located directly behind the Lytle Creek Ranger Station.

Distance: N/A

Difficulty: Easy

Highlights: Paved walkways lead visitors through different local plant communities. There are interpretive signs along the way to point out the plant life and habitats. There are benches located throughout the garden so visitors can rest and take in the sights.

(2) Cucamonga Wilderness

Location: The trailhead is located at the end of Middle Fork Road.

Distance: Varies with destination.

Destination	Elev. Gain	Distance
Stonehouse	400 ft.	.75 miles
Third Stream	1600 ft.	2.3 miles
Commanche	2400 ft.	3.8 miles
Saddle	3600 ft.	5.5 miles

Wilderness Permit Required!

Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult

Highlights: Portions of the Cucamonga Wilderness burned in recent fires, and the trail has been damaged by falling debris and from the recent rains. Please be careful. However, this area still offers many miles of hiking. The trail takes the hiker from the chaparral to the pines, and for the first four miles, the trail parallels the creek. Offshoot trails lead to six peaks that are over 8000 ft high with wonderful vistas.

(3) Pacific Crest Trail

Location: The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) can be accessed from I-15, Swarthout Canyon Road, or from Forest Road 3N33.

Distance: 33 miles of the PCT wind their way through the Front Country Ranger District.

Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult with some drop offs.

Highlights: The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) extends over 2,000 miles from Canada to Mexico and joins with several other trails like the John Muir Trail and the Silver Moccasin Trail. The PCT route was first explored by YMCA members back in the 1930s and was designated as one of the first national trails in 1968. Today, there are a total of eight national trails. In the Front Country Ranger District, the elevation ranges from 3000 ft near I-15 to nearly 8,000 ft near Highway 2 in Wrightwood. There is no reliable water available along this trail.

(4) Mormon Rocks Nature Trail

Location: The Nature Trail is behind Mormon Rocks Fire Station on Hwy 138 west of I-15.

Distance: 3/4 mile loop

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Highlights: An Adventure Pass is not required if parking at the Fire Station. The Mormon Rocks area has had a long history of settlements in the area starting from the Native Americans to Mormon settlement and on up to present day. There is an interpretive trail brochure located at the trailhead that takes visitors through the history of the Cajon Pass Area. The trail begins behind the Mormon Rocks Fire Station, across a small footbridge. This well-marked nature trail winds through an array of high desert plants to a vista providing a view of the Cajon Summit region to the east, Ralston peak to the southeast, Upper Lytle Creek Divide and Cucamonga wilderness to the southwest. Mormon Rocks are a series of uplifted and overlapping cemented sandstone beds that are a result of seismic activity along the nearby San Andreas Fault line.



United States
Department of Agriculture

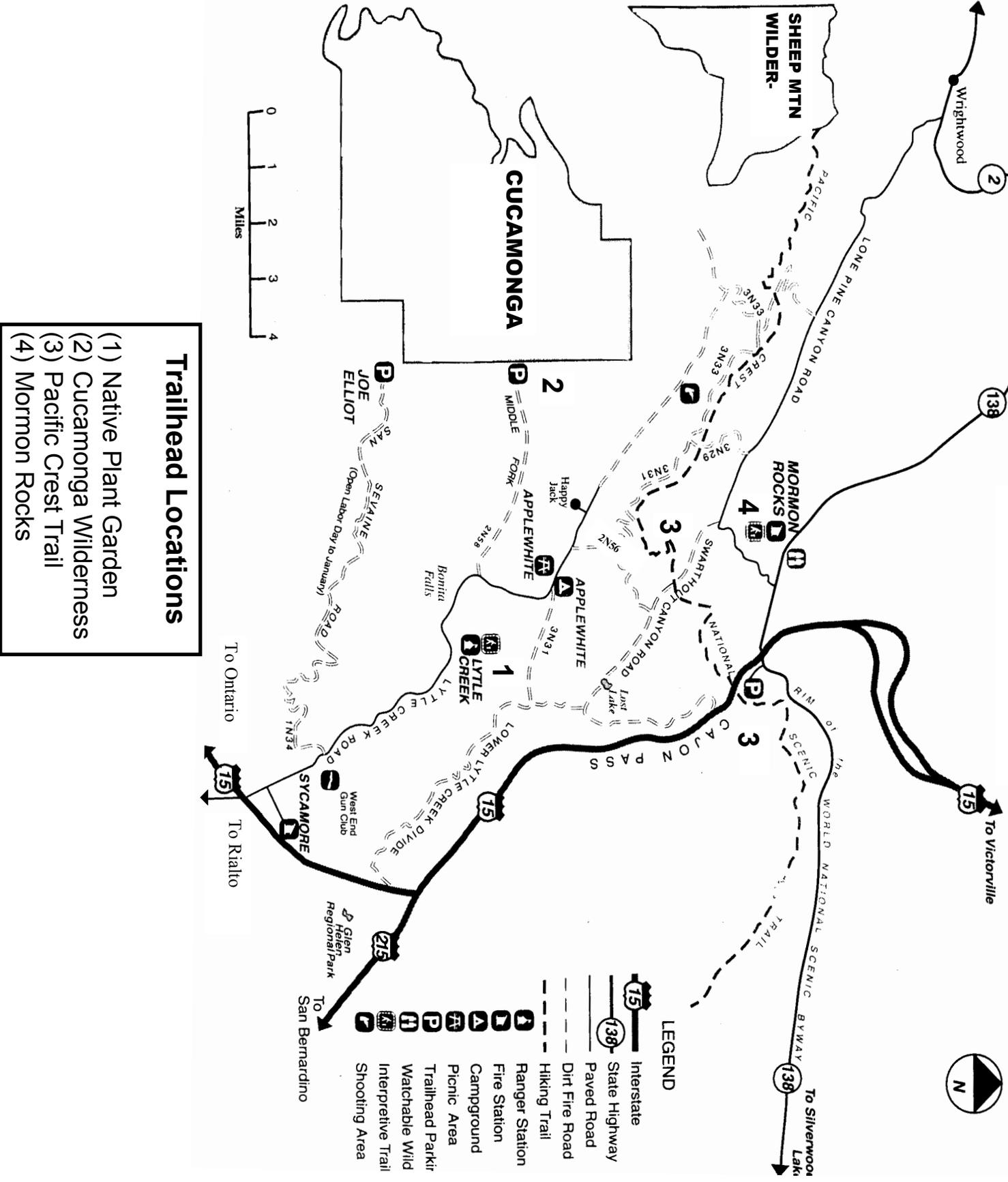


Forest Service
Pacific Southwest Region
www.fs.usda.gov/r5



San Bernardino National Forest
www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf

Lytile Creek Map



- Trailhead Locations**
- (1) Native Plant Garden
 - (2) Cucamonga Wilderness
 - (3) Pacific Crest Trail
 - (4) Mormon Rocks

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. 09/12