

Paramount Ranch

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Santa Monica Mountains
National Recreation Area



Lights! Camera! Action!

When Paramount Pictures leased the ranch in 1927, they began an era of film production that continues today. You can experience the area where Bob Hope starred in “Caught in the Draft” (1941) and Jane Seymour had the leading role in “Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman” (1993-1998). In the 1950s, Western Town was created for television shows, such as “The Cisco Kid” (1950-1956). More recent productions at Paramount include HBO’s “Westworld” (2016-2017) and “American Sniper” (2014).

In November 2018, the Woolsey Fire swept through the area and destroyed much of what was known as Western Town, a real life Hollywood-adjacent motion picture set. The train depot used in the “Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman” series and the chapel used in HBO’s

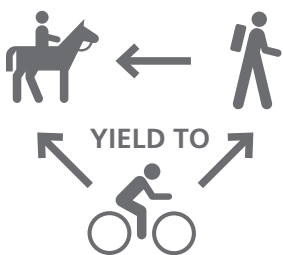
“Westworld” remain. The site is currently being reimagined and exciting plans are underway to remake the only site in the National Park Service dedicated to the ongoing creation of movies and television shows.

Paramount Ranch offers several miles of easy to moderate scenic hikes through chaparral, riparian, and valley oak savannah plant communities. Equestrians and mountain bikers may access these multi-use trails. Wildlife sightings might include red-tailed hawks, acorn woodpeckers, coyotes, and deer.

Be on the lookout for our two native oak species—coast live oak and valley oak. Experience the rare valley oak savannah and be transported to far off destinations.

Paramount Ranch Film Location List
www.nps.gov/samo

Information and Safety



PERMITS may be required for certain activities such as special and group events, filming, and photography. For more info, contact the Office of Special Park Uses at 805-370-2308 or visit www.nps.gov/samo.

TRAIL ETIQUETTE improves everyone’s trail experience. Hikers must yield to equestrians. Equestrians need to communicate with passing hikers and bicyclists. Horses are not allowed to graze or leave the trail. Remove manure from parking areas.

BICYCLISTS must ride courteously and yield to hikers and equestrians. Maximum speed is 15 mph or slower to protect visitor safety. Everyone: if listening to music, wear earbuds. Bicyclists may wear only one earbud.

DESIGNATED TRAILS take you into nature. For the safety of you and your pets, stay on mapped trails and roads designated for public use.

BE PREPARED by bringing water, food, map or some type of navigation device, a headlamp, and first-aid supplies. Water is not available at most trailheads! Be alert for ticks, bees, rattlesnakes, and poison oak. Wear sturdy

footwear, e.g. hiking boots or shoes with good tread. Cell phone reception is non-existent on many sections of the trail.

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES including rocks, plants, and animals are protected by law and may not be collected or disturbed. Do not climb on structures. Weapons, nets, and traps are not allowed in parklands.

WILDFIRE is a year-round concern. Charcoal and gas stoves are permitted on the lawn 10 feet from surrounding vegetation. During times of high fire danger, all fires are not permitted. Smoking and fires of any kind are not permitted on the trail. For current restrictions and fire danger level, visit www.nps.gov/samo.

TRAIL CLOSURES will be in effect during and following extreme weather or hazardous conditions.

PETS must be on a leash not to exceed six feet and under control. Pick up after your pet. Pets are not allowed off trails.

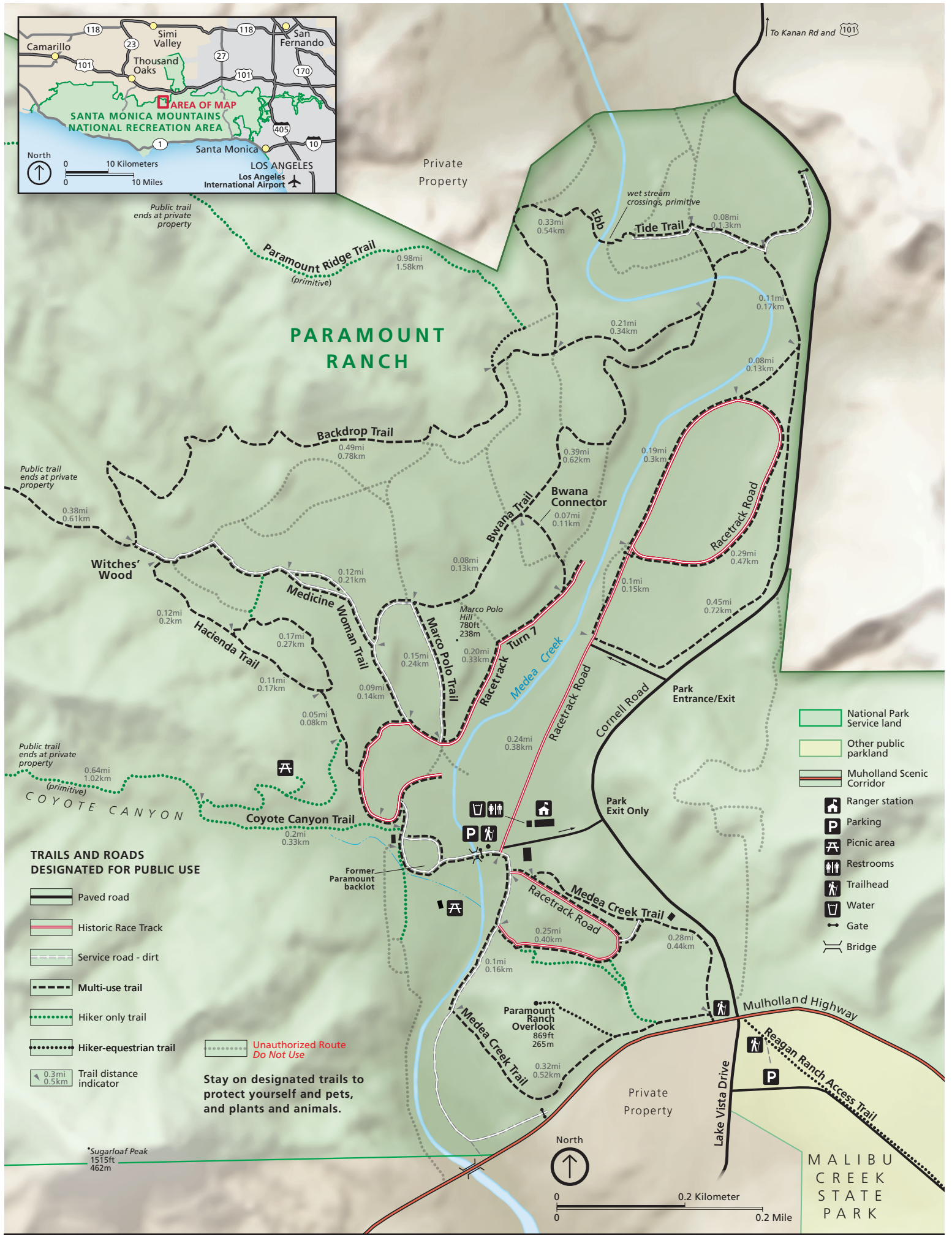
**Paramount Ranch
Ranger Station**
2903 Cornell Rd
Agoura Hills, CA, 91301

The main parking area is open
from 8:00 a.m. – sunset.



FOR MORE INFORMATION
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Interagency Visitor Center
26876 Mulholland Hwy
Calabasas CA 91302
805-370-2301
www.nps.gov/samo

EMERGENCIES
Call 911. For a ranger, call
Santa Monica Dispatch
at 805-370-2399.



Many of the trail names are associated with over 90 years of film and television production at Paramount Ranch.

Medea Creek Trail to Paramount Ranch Overlook ■ 0.5 mile—Enjoy a hike between willows and coast live oaks, then a gentle rise through chaparral.

Coyote Canyon Trail to Hacienda Trail Loop ● 1.0 mile—This hike features vistas of blankets of chaparral and the splendor of a riparian coast live oak corridor.

The Hacienda Trail ● 0.25 mile—Named after a film set that featured a hacienda (ranch), this trail meanders along the perimeter of chaparral, and provides a vista of valley oak savannah landscape and surrounding hills.

Bwana Trail ● 0.75 mile—The film “Bwana Devil” (1952), used this valley oak savannah as a substitute for the landscape of Africa.

The Backdrop Trail ● 0.75 mile—This trail winds through an area often filmed as a backdrop due to the absence of human-made structures.

Valley Oak Savannah Loop ● 2.0 miles—Combine the Hacienda Trail, Medicine Woman Trail (named for the television show “Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman”), Backdrop Trail, and Bwana Trail for a gentle hike around the oak savannah.

Other landmarks include **Marco Polo Hill**, named for *The Adventures of Marco Polo* (1938), and **Witches’ Wood**, where fortune tellers gathered under the oak trees during the Renaissance Pleasure Faire (1970s - 1980s).

● Easy ■ Moderate ◆ Strenuous