



# OUTDOORS



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# OUTDOORS

*This is your guide to programs and events held within Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area – a national park based on collaboration and partnership.*

Dedicated staff, including many volunteers, of participating agencies and organizations provide avenues for you to explore and enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains.

## Questions on a particular program or event?

Look for the acronym at the end of the description (e.g., NPS = National Park Service) for the sponsoring park partner. Then turn to the **Directory on Page 41**.

**Directions and map** for program/event locations are also at the end of this booklet.



## Want the latest park news and info?

Call **805-370-2301** or visit **www.nps.gov/samo**

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## Tips for a safe and enjoyable visit:

Whether you are an equestrian, hiker, or mountain bicyclist, help us protect our natural areas by staying on designated trails. Please also be considerate of other trail users and respect private land.

**KEEP HYDRATED** Carry and drink plenty of water. Recommend one quart for short walks and more for longer hikes.

**FOOTWEAR** Wear sturdy footwear – hiking boots or sneakers with good tread.

**NEVER HIKE ALONE** The buddy system allows someone to go for help if needed.

**HELP PREVENT WILDFIRE** Avoid smoking on trails or in brush areas and do not build fires on the ground.

**POISON OAK** Staying on trails is the best way to avoid contact with this plant's leaves (clusters of three shiny leaflets) or its roots.

**TICKS** Check your clothing and exposed skin after hiking since some ticks may carry diseases.

**SOUTHERN PACIFIC RATTLESNAKES** These snakes will not bother you if you stay away from them. If someone is bitten by one, do not make an incision or try to draw out venom. Instead, seek advanced medical attention and get the person to an emergency room.

**EMERGENCIES**  
Call **911**. For a ranger, call Angeles Dispatch at **661-723-3620**.



## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Santa Monica Mountains  
National Recreation Area

### VISIT US!

#### Visitor Center

26876 Mulholland Hwy  
Calabasas CA 91302  
Hours: 9am to 5pm  
(closed some holidays)  
**805-370-2301**

#### Online

www.nps.gov/samo  
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**National Park Week  
is April 20 – 28, 2013**

Celebrate locally on **April 27**  
at your neighborhood national park.

Join in the fun at

**Santa Monica Mountains  
Science Fest**

*Santa Monica Mountains Science Fest is for inquiring minds of all ages. Identify a wildflower. See live animals. Learn how to track mountain lions and bobcats. Become a Junior Ranger. Discover the mysteries of your neighborhood national park.*

**April 27, 2013 Saturday, 10:30 am to 4:00 pm**

**Paramount Ranch** Agoura Hills CA

in **Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area**

**Parking, admission and activities are FREE!**

*Ask a scientist your most pressing questions. Explore the amazingly wild Santa Monica Mountains. Have fun with hands-on demonstrations and draw your own conclusions!*

**For more information :** Contact the **National Park Service**  
**805-370-2301** or **[www.nps.gov/samo/sciencefestival.htm](http://www.nps.gov/samo/sciencefestival.htm)**



For the naturally curious

*Do you treasure the presence of mountain lions in the Santa Monica Mountains and want to help these magnificent animals survive?*



Santa Monica Mountains Fund's  
**2<sup>ND</sup> MOUNTAIN LION FUNDRAISER**

**SAVE THE MOUNTAIN LIONS**  
**SAVE THE DATE – MAY 19, 2013**

Entertainment, informative talks by mountain lion researchers, refreshments, and more combine to guarantee a worthwhile occasion for you and the lions.

To purchase tickets:  
**[www.samofund.org](http://www.samofund.org)**

Click "Cougars  
& Bobcats" tab



Artwork by Ron Logan



### Art in the Digital Age Contest

Have your artwork displayed at our new Interagency Visitor Center this spring – and a chance to be highlighted in a future edition of the OUTDOORS!

High school and college students (ages 14-22) are invited to use their digital creativity to depict their Santa Monica Mountains experience. Use any medium to create your digital art.

Submissions will be accepted from April 1 to May 1. Winners will be announced on May 18.

Info: 805-370-2301 or visit [www.nps.gov/samo/artcontest.htm](http://www.nps.gov/samo/artcontest.htm)

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**TUE 4/2 9am**

*Point Mugu State Park*  
**Moderate Hikers: Sycamore/ Serrano Canyons** Enjoy a 9-mile, 1200' gain hike to saddle above Serrano Canyon. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-202-0331. 5hrs. SC

**SAT 4/6 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 4/6 8:30am**

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**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. Info: [www.smmtc.org/trailwork](http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork). 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 4/6 8:45am**

*Cold Creek Preserve*  
**Habitat Repair** Help restore oak trees, shrubs, and bunch grasses that feed and shelter wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org). 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 4/6 9am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills** Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and shared-use etiquette. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: [www.corbantb.com](http://www.corbantb.com) or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

**SAT 4/6 9:30am**

*Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**First Saturday Walk** Enjoy a spring walk-about along a streamside trail and through oak woodlands to a chaparral basin set amidst craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

**SAT 4/6 10am**

*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Wildflower Hike** Learn to recognize some of our local native plants and flowers. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SAT 4/6 10am**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Franklin's Movie Magic** The site has been the backdrop for movies and TV shows since the 1930s. Go on location on an easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 4/6 10am**

*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Innovation in the Golden Era** King Gillette Ranch was home to MGM Director, Clarence Brown, who made movies on this still popular filming location. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking innovations and Hollywood parties on this easy walk. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 4/6 3pm**

*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Capture a Nature Moment** Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 4/7 8am**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Bird Walk** Join us for a leisurely walk through the park while identifying birds by sight and sound. For experienced and beginning birders. Bring hat, water, snack, binoculars, and optional scope and bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

**SUN 4/7 8:30am**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Lower Topanga Park Restoration** Help plant, water, and weed to restore habitat. Receive community service credit. Bring water and snack; wear sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org). 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

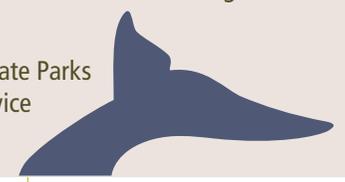
## Celebrating Migration

Friday, April 5 & Saturday, April 13, 10am – Noon  
 Leo Carrillo State Park

Spring is time for one of the greatest migrations on earth, right here along our coast! Join rangers to search for signs of gray whales. Look also for seals and dolphins. Explore the beach and tide pools. Bring binoculars and meet at the Visitor Center. Parking \$12.

**Info: 310-457-8185**

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**SUN 4/7 9am**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Nature Trek** Join a moderately-difficult hike covering the canyon from top to bottom including shaded trails to sun-baked steep paths. Enjoy a canyon history and habitat chat along the way. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 4/7 10am**

*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Wildflower Hike** Learn to recognize some of our native plants and flowers. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SUN 4/7 10am**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Kids' Hands in Nature** Join us for an easy stroll to study the nature around us. Then create art inspired by all the nature you have just seen. For ages 3-8 years; children must be accompanied by an adult. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC



### Storytime at the Visitor Center

Every Thursday  
 10:00am - 11:00am  
 Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

Come enjoy a few new stories each week and talk about what you can explore further while in the Santa Monica Mountains. For ages 5 and under. WNPA/NPS

**INFO: 805-370-2301**



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**SUN 4/7 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Native Plants, Native Uses**  
 Join us for an easy to moderate 1-mile, 300' gain hike and learn about traditional Native American, as well as contemporary uses of our local plants. Bring water and sunblock; wear appropriate footwear and clothing. Meet inside visitor center. 2hrs WNPA

**SUN 4/7 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**Sustainable Sundays**

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

**April 7 2:00pm - 3:00pm**  
**Sustainable Sunday Tour**  
 Get a behind the scenes tour for what makes this the first net-zero Visitor Center in the National Park Service.

**3:00pm - 4:00pm**  
**Sustainable Sunday Scavenger Hunt** Grab your digital camera or cell phone for this hunt. Talk with a ranger about what you find and earn a "green" prize!

Meet by the fountain. NPS  
**INFO: 805-370-2301**

**SUN 4/7 3pm**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Capture A Nature Moment**  
 Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**TUE 4/9 9am**  
*Castro Crest*  
**Moderate Hikers: Lollipop Loop Hike** Enjoy a 9-mile, 1600' gain hike through lush upper Solstice and Latigo Canyons. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-450-4102. 5hrs SC

**THU 4/11 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Storytime** See box on page 9

**SAT 4/13 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 4/13 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. Info: www.smmtc.org/trailwork/. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 4/13 8:45am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Return of the Lost Oak Woodlands** Help rebuild habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 4/13 9:30am**  
*Zuma/Trancas Canyon - Zuma Canyon Trailhead*  
**Paint-Out** New or experienced artists, any media, are welcome to paint and capture the beauty of Zuma Canyon. Info: 310-383-1374 or www.allied-artists.com. 4hrs AASMM

**SAT 4/13 9:30am**  
*Headwaters Corner at Calabasas*  
**Youth Naturalist Program: Native American Culture** For ages 8-12, discover what plants and animals were used for food, clothing, tools, and toys by Native Americans. Pre-registration required: 818-591-1701x212 or www.mountainstrust.org. Fee. MRT 3hrs

**SAT 4/13 10am**  
*Leo Carrillo State Park*  
**Celebrating Migration** See page 9

**SAT 4/13 1pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Stroll Through the Seasons** Enjoy a walk through the native plant garden where we will observe how plants and animals change with the seasons. Meet inside the visitor center. 30 minutes MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 4/13 3pm**  
*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**A Walk into the Chumash World** Discover how local Chumash have used local natural resources for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at front parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 4/14 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Birds Everywhere** Singing, breeding, nesting, migrating - it's high time for birds in the mountains. Bring binoculars and join us for a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginners welcome. Meet at the flagpole. Rain cancels. 2.5hrs NPS

**SUN 4/14 8:45am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Weed War** Join us at a habitat restoration site. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs CNPS/TP/MRT

**SUN 4/14 10am**  
*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Wildflower Hike** Learn to recognize some of our local native plants and flowers. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SUN 4/14 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**Art Exhibit Opening Sunday, April 14 11am-2pm**

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Meet and greet **Sam Banagas**. This Luiseno Cahuilla Indian artist uses surrealist painting and sketching techniques to explore a variety of Native traditions and legends.

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**SUN 4/14 2pm**  
*Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center*  
**Art in the Park** Join a ranger to learn about creating art in nature. Bring a camera or other medium to create digital art. All ages welcome. Also, for ages 14-22, this is an opportunity to start on your submissions for the *Art in the Digital Age Contest* (page 8). 1hr NPS

**TUE 4/16 8:30am**  
*Cheeseboro Canyon*  
**Easy-pace Hikers: Simi Hills** Enjoy a 6+ mile, 500' gain hike along an old ranch road following a streambed/multiple stream crossings to Sulfur Springs. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 310-828-6670. 3hrs SC

**TUE 4/16 9am**  
*Point Mugu State Park*  
**Moderate Hikers: Mugu Peak (1266')** This moderately paced 8-mile roundtrip, 1300' gain hike has great views of mountains and sea. Meet at La Jolla Valley Trailhead. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-838-2354. 5hrs SC

**TUE 4/16 7:30pm**  
*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**Culture in the Canyon at Chautauqua Series** Join us for another eclectic evening. From scientific lectures to cultural artistry, each month brings a new topic and speaker. Check out www.LAMountains.com for more information. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**THU 4/18 8am**  
*Cheeseboro Canyon*  
**Shepherds' Flat** Moderately paced 9-10 mile hike over grasslands and along an old ranch road following a streambed. Meet at trailhead. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 5hrs SC

**THU 4/18 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Storytime** See box on page 9

32<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
**Santa Monica Mountains Trail Days**

Friday, April 19 – Sunday, April 21  
 Point Mugu State Park

Over thirty years ago, members of the Santa Monica Mountains Task Force and the Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council initiated a Trail Days tradition. Spend either day working on trails or removing invasive plants. No experience or age limit, just a spirit of fun and adventure. Meet car caravans Saturday/Sunday 8:30am for day work or stay overnight on Friday and Saturday nights (camp for free at Danielson Ranch and enjoy the Saturday night barbecue and campfire). SC/SMMTC/CSP

Info: 310-559-3126  
 Camp reservations at:  
[www.smmtc.org](http://www.smmtc.org)



**SAT 4/20 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. Info: [www.smmtc.org/trailwork/](http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/) 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 4/20 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Volunteer for Invasive Plant Removal** Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak and restore habitat. Receive community service credit. Rain cancels. Reservations required: Jerry 818-406-1269. 5hrs SMMTC

**SAT 4/20 9am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Stay a Little Longer** Join a docent for a moderate, mostly downhill hike exploring the Backbone Trail west of Corral Canyon. Meet in lower parking lot for carpool. Reservations required: Tom at 818-216-7696 or [tgkaplan54@gmail.com](mailto:tgkaplan54@gmail.com) by 6pm 4/18 and leave phone number. Rain cancels. 4-5hrs MCD

**SAT 4/20 9am**  
*Franklin Canyon -*  
*Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Nature in Focus** A good photographer combines technique, composition, and being in the right place at the right time to take a memorable picture. We'll provide a stunning setting and help you along the way. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**Explore The Night!**

Saturday, April 20, 7:30pm  
*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*

Explore the night at your national park as we kick-off National Park Week! Venture onto the trails with our "Dark Rangers" for a guided hike followed by exploration of the night sky through telescopes. Meet in main parking lot at Rancho Sierra Vista. Please bring a flashlight and dress in warm layers. 2 hours



Info: 805-370-2301

**SAT 4/20 2pm**  
*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Charmlee Photo Hike** For all ages, capture Charmlee's unique beauty. With flowers in bloom and meadows bathed in afternoon light, closeup and landscape views will be bountiful. 2hrs. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SAT 4/20 2pm**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**A Walk into the Chumash World** Discover how local Chumash have used the natural resources of their environment for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC



**SAT 4/20 7pm**  
*Headwaters Corner at Calabasas*  
**Astronomy for Adults** Telescopes and a guest speaker guide us through the stars, nebulae and constellations. Meet at Masson House on 23075 Mulholland Hwy. Pre-registration required: [www.mountainstrust.org](http://www.mountainstrust.org) or 818-591-1701 x212. Fee. 2hrs MRT

**SUN 4/21 8am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Birdwalk** Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Info: Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

**SUN 4/21 9:30am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**Ah, Spring!** Revel in the gift of wildflowers and signs of wildlife along the way. Bring water. 2.5hrs CCD

**SUN 4/21 10am**  
*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Wildflower Hike** Learn to recognize some of our local native plants and flowers. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SUN 4/21 1pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Gardening with Nature** Tour the new garden with a ranger. Learn how using native plants can mean less work, saving money, and benefitting the environment! Meet at fountain. 1hr NPS

**SUN 4/21 1pm**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Native Ways** Join an easy stroll and learn how everyday items were created from the surrounding environment. Enjoy hands-on experience with tools, musical instruments, and basketry. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 4/21 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 4/21 3pm**  
*Paramount Ranch*  
**Movie Magic** Learn the secrets that turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk behind the scenes to discover the illusions and history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

**Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshops for Canines**

Saturday, April 20  
 Sunday, April 21  
*Headwaters Corner*  
 8am–5pm\*

Your dog will learn to avoid rattlesnakes and warn you when one is nearby. FEE. MRT

Registration required at  
[www.mountainstrust.org](http://www.mountainstrust.org)  
 or 818-591-1701 x2

\*30 minute program per dog

**FRI 4/19 2pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**King Gillette Ranch History Tour** Join a ranger for a stroll through the grounds of King Gillette Ranch and learn about the history of the site. Meet by fountain. Rain cancels. 1hr NPS

**SAT 4/20 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC



**TUE 4/23 8:30am**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Easy-pace Hikers: Gillette Mansion** Enjoy a 5-mile, 400' gain hike around a valley and coast live oak savannah, grasslands, coastal sage scrub, and the grounds around the mansion. Meet in fee parking lot. Bring water, snack, lug-soles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 2.5hrs SC

**TUE 4/23 9am**  
*Circle X Ranch*  
**Moderate Hikers: Mishe Mokwa Trail to Exchange Peak (2950')** Take a moderately-paced 7-mile roundtrip, 1500' gain hike. Enjoy lunch at Split Rock. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-821-4123. 4hrs SC

**THU 4/25 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Storytime** See box on page 9



**THU 4/25 7pm**  
*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Full Moon Hike** Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. 2hrs. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**THU 4/25 8pm**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Full Moon Hike** Explore nature by the light of a full moon. It's the perfect evening to observe nighttime adaptations and great views. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

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**SAT 4/27 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**La Sierra Habitat Restoration Day** Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve. Bring lunch and water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 4/27 10am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Welcome to Malibu Creek** Join a docent for a walk along the creek and a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

**SAT 4/27 10:30am**  
*Paramount Ranch*  
**Science Fest**  
 See page 6



**SUN 4/28 8:30am**  
*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*  
**Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching** Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

**SUN 4/28 10am**  
*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*  
**Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents** Special short walk for children and families - binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

**SUN 4/28 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**TUE 4/30 8:30am**  
*Zuma/Trancas Canyons - Newton Canyon Trailhead*  
**Easy-pace Hikers: Newton Canyon** Enjoy a 5-mile, 800' gain hike on the Backbone Trail through oak woodlands and chaparral. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

**TUE 4/30 9:30am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Moderate Hikers: Cathedral Rock (2000')** Enjoy a 10-mile roundtrip, 1900' gain hike. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 818-905-5558 5hrs. SC



**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Rendezvous Hikes**

**Sunday, April 28 – Topanga State Park**  
 Celebrate John Muir's Birthday. Join one of four rendezvous hikes that converge at Trippet Ranch for a party from 12pm to 1pm to decorate and eat the famous *Great Rendezvous John Muir/Sierra Birthday Cake*. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Sierra Club Info: 310-559-3126

**8:15am Hondo Canyon**  
 8-mile, 1800' gain  
 Hike up to old cabin site. Car shuttle. Meet at Dead Horse fee parking lot on Entrada Rd. Info: 818-773-4601. 4hrs

**9am Garapito Canyon**  
 12-mile, 1500' gain  
 Meet at the south end of Reseda Blvd (top of hill at round-about; fee park). Info: 818-708-9535. 5hrs

**10am Santa Ynez Canyon**  
 8-mile, 900' gain  
 Meet at trailhead (from PCH, east on Sunset Blvd 0.5 mile, left 2.5 miles on Palisades Drive, left on Vereda de la Montura to the gate). Info: 310-202-0331. 4hrs

**10am Dead Horse Trailhead**  
 4-mile, 300' gain family walk  
 Meet at trailhead (from Topanga Cyn Blvd, 0.1 mile east on Entrada). Info: 310-839-8235. 3hrs

**Cultural Demonstration**

**Sunday, April 28 10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm**

**Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center**



Join **Tim King**, as he speaks about the Chumash culture with demonstrations and shares methods of tool-making and hunting. All ages are welcome.

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

May

THU 5/2 8am

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Valley to the Sea** Enjoy a moderately paced 11-mile 1600' gain, 3000' loss hike across Topanga State Park. Ride 3 buses back to start. Meet on Mecca Ave south of Ventura Blvd for car shuttle to trailhead (from 101 Ventura Fwy take Reseda Blvd, south to Ventura Blvd, turn right and then left at next corner). Bring \$ for bus fare, 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 8hrs SC

SAT 5/4 8:30am

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

SAT 5/4 8:30am

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. Info: www.smmtc.org/trailwork/. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 5/4 8:45am

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Return of the Lost Oak Woodlands** Help rebuild habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SAT 5/4 9am

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills** Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and shared-use etiquette. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: www.corbamt.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 5/4 9:30am

*Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**First Saturday Walk** Enjoy a spring walk-about along a streamside trail and through oak woodlands to a chaparral basin set amidst craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

## Celebrating Migration

Friday, May 3 & Saturday, May 11, 10am – Noon

Leo Carrillo State Park

Spring is time for one of the greatest migrations on earth, right here along our coast! Join rangers to search for signs of gray whales. Look also for seals and dolphins. Explore the beach and tide pools. Bring binoculars and meet at the Visitor Center. Parking \$12.

**Info: 310-457-8185**

Sponsored by California State Parks and the National Park Service

## Backbone Trek

Saturday, May 4 to Saturday, May 11

Hike the 65-mile-long Backbone Trail from Point Mugu State Park to Will Rogers State Historic Park. This is a moderate to strenuous hike (about 10 miles a day) with limited participants. Camp along the way for one week. Carry your lunch in a daypack while volunteers shuttle your gear to the campsites and prepare your dinners. Fee event. Registration required.

Info: www.smmtc.org/bbtrek/ or contact Annie, 805-657-2984

Organized by Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council.

SAT 5/4 10am

*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Wildflower Hike** Learn to recognize some of our local native plants and flowers. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 5/4 10am

*Topanga State Park*  
**Ambling through the Park** Enjoy an easy-paced walk on Musch Trail and see blooming shrubs, wildflowers, mountain and ocean views. Info: 818-782-9346. 2hrs CNPS

SAT 5/4 10am

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Franklin's Movie Magic** The site has been the backdrop for movies and TV shows since the 1930s. Go on location on an easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 5/4 10am

*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Innovation in the Golden Era** King Gillette Ranch was home to MGM Director, Clarence Brown, who made movies on this still popular filming location. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking innovations and Hollywood parties on this easy walk. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

SAT 5/4 3pm

*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Capture a Nature Moment** Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 5/5 8am

*Topanga State Park*  
**Bird Walk** Join us for a leisurely walk through the park while identifying birds by sight and sound. For experienced and beginning birders. Bring hat, water, snack, binoculars, and optional scope and bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

SUN 5/5 8:30am

*Topanga State Park*  
**Lower Topanga Park Restoration** Help plant, water, and weed to restore habitat. Receive community service credit. Bring water and snack; wear sturdy footwear. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

SUN 5/5 9am

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Nature Trek** Join a moderately-difficult hike covering the canyon from top to bottom including shaded trails to sun-baked steep paths. Canyon history and habitat chat along the way. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

SUN 5/5 10am

*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Wildflower Hike** Learn to recognize some of our local native plants and flowers. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

### National Park Service

#### LECTURE SERIES

#### Explore the Trails: Hiking the Backbone Trail and Beyond

May 4  
Saturday,  
10am & 2pm

Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center

New to the area?  
Already here but  
unfamiliar with the trails?

Join ranger **Melanie Beck** for a discussion on the trails of our mountains, including the Backbone Trail and other trails close to and far from home.

**Reservations required:  
805-370-2301**



### Storytime

at the Visitor Center

Every Thursday  
10:00am - 11:00am  
Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center

Come enjoy a few new stories each week and talk about what you can explore further while in the Santa Monica Mountains. For ages 5 and under. WNPA/NPS  
**INFO: 805-370-2301**

**NatureBridge**

**Hike-a-thon**

Temescal Gateway Park  
**Sunday, May 5 10am to 2pm**



Discover, Connect, & Protect. Lace up your shoes and enjoy a magnificent morning hike with friends, family, and co-workers as you connect with nature. Help raise funds and awareness to provide environmental education for local children. 4 hours

Info: [glightfoot@naturebridge.org](mailto:glightfoot@naturebridge.org) or  
 818-914-7660 x403

**Sustainable Sundays**

Santa Monica Mountains  
 Interagency Visitor Center

**May 5**  
 2:00pm - 3:00pm

**Sustainable Sunday Tour**  
 Get a behind the scenes tour for what makes this the first net-zero Visitor Center in the National Park Service.

**3:00pm - 4:00pm**  
**Sustainable Sunday Scavenger Hunt** Grab your digital camera or cell phone for this hunt. Talk with a ranger about what you find and earn a "green" prize!

Meet by the fountain. NPS  
**INFO: 805-370-2301**

**SUN 5/5 10am**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Hunting for Nature's Treasures** Join us on a hunt full of surprises and fun to find nature's special treats. For ages 3-8 years, children must be accompanied by an adult. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 5/5 10am**

*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Native Plants, Native Uses** Join us for an easy to moderate 1-mile, 300' gain hike and learn about traditional Native American, as well as contemporary uses of our local plants. Bring water and sunblock; wear appropriate footwear and clothing. Meet inside visitor center. 2hrs WNPA

**SUN 5/5 1pm**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 5/5 3pm**

*Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Capture A Nature Moment** Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**TUE 5/7 9am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Moderate Hikers: Hondo Canyon** Enjoy a 9-mile roundtrip, 1800' gain hike to Topanga Lookout on the Backbone Trail. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Meet at Hondo Canyon trailhead (take Old Topanga Rd .25 mile from Topanga Cyn Blvd. Very limited parking). Info: 562-618-1129. 5hrs SC

**THU 5/9 10am**

*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Storytime** See box on page 16

**SAT 5/11 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 5/11 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. Info: [www.smmtc.org/trailwork/](http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/). 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 5/11 8:45am**

*Cold Creek Preserve*  
**Habitat Repair** Help restore oak trees, shrubs, and bunch grasses that feed and shelter wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org). 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 5/11 9am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Moderate Hikers: Santa Ynez Trail to Eagle Rock** Enjoy a moderately-paced 8-mile, 1800' gain roundtrip hike. Option for a 2-mile extension to hike the Musch Trail. Meet at the end of Vereda de la Montura in Pacific Palisades (from PCH, take Sunset Blvd east .5 mile; left on Palisades Dr and north 2.4 miles; left on Vereda de la Montura and park at the end). Bring food, water, hat, and hiking shoes. Rain cancels. Info: 310-474-0249. 4hrs SC

**SAT 5/11 9:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Paint-Out** See the beautiful Pacific coastline from Palisades Bluffs Park overlooking Will Rogers State Beach. For the new or experienced artist, any media. From PCH left on Temescal Canyon, right on Sunset Blvd, right on Swarthmore Ave. Info: [www.allied-artists.com](http://www.allied-artists.com) or 310-383-1374. 4hrs AASMM

**SAT 5/11 10am**

*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Inspiration Point Hike** Enjoy the views from Inspiration Point. Join a ranger on this moderate, 1-mile roundtrip trek. Bring water and sunscreen. Meet by the fountain. 1hr NPS

**Santa Monica Mountains Native Plant Sale**

Saturday, May 11  
 8am to noon  
 Rancho Sierra Vista main parking lot

*Enjoy the wonder and beauty of native plants, at home and in the park.*

The Santa Monica Mountains Fund sponsors this annual native plant sale. Select a plant for Mother's Day. Get expert advice on gardening with natives and fire-safe landscaping. Take a tour of the National Park Service's ethnobotanic garden and native plant nursery. All proceeds of plant sales to benefit park restoration and education projects. Info: 805-370-230. NPS/SMMF

**SAT 5/11 10am**

*Leo Carrillo State Park*  
**Celebrating Migration** See page 16

**SAT 5/11 1pm**

*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Stroll Through the Seasons** Enjoy a walk through the native plant garden where we will observe how plants and animals change with the seasons. Meet inside the visitor center. 0.5hr MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 5/11 3pm**

*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**A Walk into the Chumash World** Discover how local Chumash have used local natural resources for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. Meet at front parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 5/11 6:30pm**

*Headwaters Corner at Calabasas*  
**Youth Naturalist Program: Nighttime in Nature** For ages 8-12, learn why some animals stay up all night when we discover the nightlife of wildlife. Pre-registration required: [www.mountaintrust.org](http://www.mountaintrust.org) or 818-591-1701 x212. Fee. 3hrs MRT

**SUN 5/12 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Birds are Out...** of the nest, that is. We'll look for newborns and fledglings by sight and sound. Bring binoculars and join us for a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginners welcome. Meet at flagpole. Rain cancels. 2.5hrs NPS





**Art in the Digital Age Contest**

Saturday, May 18  
1:00pm – 4:00pm

Join us for the awards ceremony and showcase of the entries and winners.

Call 805-370-2301 or visit [www.nps.gov/samo/artcontest.htm](http://www.nps.gov/samo/artcontest.htm)

NPS/MRCA/CSP



**Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshops for Canines**

Saturday, May 18  
Sunday, May 19  
Tapia Park  
8am–5pm\*

Your dog will learn to avoid rattlesnakes and warn you when one is nearby. FEE. MRT

Registration required at [www.mountaintrust.org](http://www.mountaintrust.org) or 818-591-1701 x2

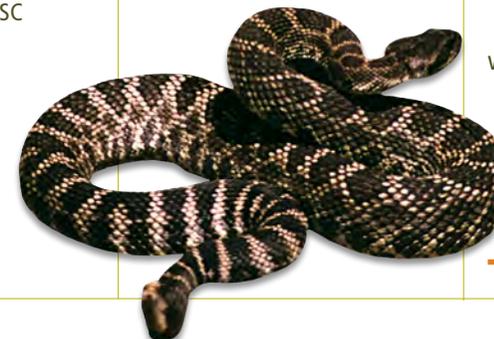
\*30-minute program per dog

**SAT 5/18 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. Info: [www.smmtc.org/trailwork/](http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/). 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 5/18 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**La Sierra Habitat Restoration Day** Meet at Peter Strauss Ranch to caravan to La Sierra Preserve. Bring lunch and water. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org) or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 5/18 10am**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**A Walk into the Chumash World** Discover how local Chumash have used the natural resources of their environment for thousands of years to create a sustainable way of life on this easy 1-mile walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMTC

**SUN 5/19 8am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Birdwalk** Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome! Meet in lower parking lot. Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art 818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS



**THU 5/16 8am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**Saddle Peak** Join a moderately paced 8-mile 2000' gain hike with fantastic views. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

**THU 5/16 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
*Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Storytime** See box on page 16

**FRI 5/17 2pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
*Interagency Visitor Center*  
**King Gillette Ranch History Tour** Join a ranger for a stroll through the grounds of King Gillette Ranch and learn about the history of the site. Meet by fountain. Rain cancels. 1hr NPS

**SAT 5/18 8am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Nature in Focus** A good photographer combines technique, composition, and being in the right place at the right time to take a memorable picture. We'll provide a stunning setting and help you along the way. Bring your camera. Meet in parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMTC

**SAT 5/18 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SUN 5/12 8:45am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Weed War** Join us at a habitat restoration site. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: [volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org) or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs CNPS/TP/MRT

**SUN 5/12 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**TUE 5/14 8am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Easy-pace Hikers: Hondo Canyon** Take a 5-mile 1400' loss hike in a canyon. Short shuttle to top of mountains and a downhill hike. Meet at trailhead located on Old Topanga Canyon Rd 0.4 mile west of intersection with Topanga Canyon Blvd. Bring water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

**TUE 5/14 9am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Moderate Hikers: Trippet Ranch to Temescal Peak** Enjoy a moderate 8-mile roundtrip, 900' gain hike with views from the valley to the ocean. View geological formations at Eagle Rock and Cathedral Rocks. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 818-786-4932. 4hrs SC

**TUE 5/14 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Walk-about in Cold Creek Preserve** Enjoy a creek-side stroll under a canopy of oaks and by flowering shrubs as birds chatter. Pre-registration is required for adults: [www.mountaintrust.org](http://www.mountaintrust.org) or 818-591-1701 x212. Fee. 2hrs MRT

UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve  
K-12 Environmental Education Program:  
[www.stuntranch.ucnrs.org/index.php/kids-area](http://www.stuntranch.ucnrs.org/index.php/kids-area)

For info on the Reserve: [www.stuntranch.ucnrs.org](http://www.stuntranch.ucnrs.org)

**Cultural Workshop**

**Sunday, May 12**  
10am–12pm & 1pm–3pm

Satwiwa Native American  
Indian Culture Center

**Kathy Willcuts** and **Steven Garcia** will teach the history and contemporary uses of Native American medicine bags. You will also make your very own. All ages are welcome.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



**FREE Sunday Concerts in the Park**

at Peter Strauss Ranch  
**May 12, 3pm – 5pm**

**The Wellkey Show**  
Featuring **Alan Boivin** and **Jubilee**, **Jerry DeJong** and the **Sloan Canyon Rangers**, and **Kevin Rhue** – covering Dylan, Creedence, the Eagles, and more.

After the concert, learn about the rich history of Peter Strauss Ranch. Take a ranger-led 30-minute stroll through the park. Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



**SUN 5/19 9am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Stay a Little Longer** Explore the Backbone Trail east of Coral Canyon on a steep downhill hike. Meet in lower parking lot for carpool. Reservations required: Tom at 818-216-7696 or tgkaplan54@gmail.com by 6pm 5/16 and leave phone #. Rain cancels. 4-5hrs MCD

**SUN 5/19 9:30am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**Beautiful Spring** Enjoy awesome views on a easy hike through chaparral, grassland, and riparian habitats. Bring water. 2.5hrs CCD

**SUN 5/19 10am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Art in Nature** Take a easy hike to a lake. Create art in a mix of media. Bring own supplies or borrow ours. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 5/19 1pm**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Native Ways** On an easy stroll, learn how everyday items were created. Enjoy hands-on experience with tools, musical instruments, and basketry. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 5/19 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 5/19 1pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Gardening with Nature** Tour the garden with a ranger. Learn how using native plants can mean less work, saving money, and benefitting the environment. Meet at fountain. 1hr NPS

**TUE 5/21 8am**  
*Caballero Canyon - Upper Trailhead*  
**Easy-pace Hikers: Valley to the Sea (almost)** Enjoy an 8.5-mile, 2300' gain/loss hike across Topanga State Park to Sunset Blvd. Ride 3 buses and car shuttle back to start. Meet at trailhead at the top. Bring money for bus, 2 qts water, snack, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 661-255-8873. 7hrs SC

**TUE 5/21 9am**  
*Solstice Canyon*  
**Moderate Hikers** Enjoy a moderate 7-mile roundtrip, 2000' gain hike to Roberts Ranch continuing into Deer Valley and onto high ground with ocean views. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-821-4123. 3.5hrs SC

**TUE 5/21 7:30pm**  
*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**Culture in the Canyon at Chautauqua Series** Join us for another eclectic evening. From scientific lectures to cultural artistry, each month brings a new topic and speaker. Check out [www.LAMountains.com](http://www.LAMountains.com) for more information. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**THU 5/23 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Storytime** See box on page 16

**SAT 5/25 8:30am**  
*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Birds of Spring** Many habitats attract colorful migrants and summer residents: blue grosbeaks, the elusive grasshopper sparrow and more. Bring binoculars. Beginners welcome. Rain cancels. Meet at main parking lot. 2.5hrs NPS

**SAT 5/25 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 5/25 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. Info: [www.smmtc.org/trailwork/](http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/). 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 5/25 8:30pm**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Full Moon Hike** Explore nature by the light of a full moon. It's the perfect evening to observe nighttime adaptations and great views. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 5/25 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Volunteer for Invasive Plant Removal** Help remove invasive Spanish broom from Saddle Peak and restore habitat. Receive community service credit. Rain cancels. Reservations required: Jerry 818-406-1269. 5hrs SMMTC

**SAT 5/25 7pm**  
*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Full Moon Hike** Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight and meet at upper parking lot. 2hrs. Rain cancels. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**Cultural Workshop**

**Sunday, May 26 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm**

**Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center**



Celebrate the spring with Chumash elder and Satwiwa co-founder **Charlie Cooke** as he shares his culture through the art of storytelling and demonstrations. All ages are welcome.

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**SUN 5/26 8:30am**  
*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*  
**Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching** Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

**SUN 5/26 10am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Welcome to Malibu Creek** Join a docent for a walk along the creek and a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

**SUN 5/26 10am**  
*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*  
**Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents** Special short walk for children and families - binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

**SUN 5/26 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 5/26 1pm**  
*Paramount Ranch*  
**Movie Magic** Learn the secrets that turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this walk behind the scenes to discover the illusions and history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

**TUE 5/28 9am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Moderate Hikers: Bienvenida to Will Rogers** Enjoy an 8-mile roundtrip, 1600' gain hike to Temescal Gateway Park and Will Rogers State Historic Park. Meet at end of Bienvenida Ave(0.6 mile west of Temescal Cyn Rd on Sunset Blvd, 1 mile north on Bienvenida). Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. Rain cancels. Info: 310-454-4188. 4hrs SC



**Memorial Weekend Art Show & Sale**

**May 25 - May 27**  
 Saturday - Monday, 9am-5pm  
**Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center**

Enjoy an extraordinary variety of Oaxacan wood carvings, Mata Ortiz pottery and Zapotec rugs. Meet premier Oaxacan wood carver **Jacobo Angeles** and master Mata Ortiz potter **Jorge Quintana**.

**11am and 2pm daily:**  
 Mata Ortiz pottery demonstrations

**12pm, 1pm, and 3pm daily:**  
 Oaxacan woodcarving demonstrations

More info: [www.wnpa.org](http://www.wnpa.org)  
 NPS/WNPA



**THU 5/30 8am**

*Zuma/Trancas Canyons -  
Newton Canyon Trailhead*

**Upper Zuma Canyon Backbone Trail, Zuma Ridge Rd**

Enjoy an 8-mile, 1400' gain hike on scenic trail with mountain and ocean views. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

**THU 5/30 10am**

*Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center*

**Storytime** See box on page 16

**A Children's Tour  
of the Adamson House,  
Malibu Lagoon Museum,  
and Malibu Lagoon**

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*

View life as lived at the house in the 1930s, Chumash culture, plus birds, fish, and tidepools at the lagoon.  
2.5 hours MLMD

Organized children's groups only (such as school groups, scouts, and sports groups).

**Reservations required:**

**310-317-8379 or  
310-456-8432**



Thanks to your support, the Santa Monica Mountains Fund took in \$268,149 to assist park projects in 2012. At the same time, we held operating expenses to only 2.48% of revenue.

## Calling All Friends of the Santa Monica Mountains

OUTDOORS is just one of the park programs supported by the Fund. Last year, 24 student scientists and educators were able to work alongside NPS staff to track wildlife, restore natural habitats, and lead youth volunteer projects. The Fund also bought "airtime" on satellites to record wildlife movement. We purchased specially designed break-away radio collars to outfit mountain lion cubs during their critical early months of life. We supported research on the impact of rat poison on the decline of bobcats.

Help us continue the effort to protect these mountains and all they have to offer. Visit [www.samofund.org](http://www.samofund.org) or pick up one of our donation mailers to help us carry forward through your much appreciated contributions.

**JOIN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS for the Santa Monica Mountains Fund**  
*Are you committed to the conservation of the Santa Monica Mountains? Consider offering your time, resources, and talent as a member of the Board of Directors for the Fund. Help guide management, raise funds, and set policies and priorities to promote the purposes of the Fund.*

We welcome the opportunity to consider you for Board membership. Please write and tell us a little bit about yourself and your interest. Include your contact information and direct your letter to:

**Executive Director,  
Santa Monica Mountains Fund  
401 West Hillcrest Drive  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360**

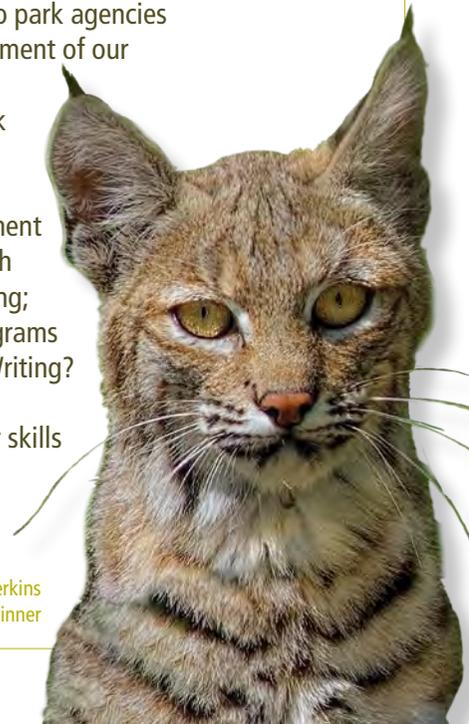


## Volunteers Needed

The Santa Monica Mountains Fund is a vital partner to park agencies in promoting the understanding, protection and enjoyment of our Mountains. Contribute to these efforts as a volunteer! Volunteers will participate as part of the National Park Service Volunteers-In-Parks (VIP) Program.

Are you available to help out for a minimum commitment of at least 4 hours, one day per week, Monday through Friday? Do you have skills in: Office Management; Filing; Bookkeeping; Computer Use with office software programs such as Word, Excel; Web Design; or Journalism and Writing? Then apply online by clicking the "Volunteers" tab at [www.samofund.org](http://www.samofund.org) or mail a brief summary of your skills and knowledge to Santa Monica Mountains Fund, at 401 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

*Bobby, by Kerry Perkins  
2012 Spirit of the Mountains photo contest winner*





**Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House**

*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*

**Tuesdays at 10am**  
For groups of 10 or more.  
Reservations required:  
310-456-8432

**Fridays at 10am**  
For individuals and small groups (no reservations required).

Meet docent at the Gate House for a one-hour tour.  
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**Storytime at the Visitor Center**

**Every Thursday 10:00am - 11:00am**  
Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

Come enjoy a few new stories each week and talk about what you can explore further while in the Santa Monica Mountains. For ages 5 and under. WNPA/NPS  
**INFO: 805-370-2301**

**WED 6/5 9am**  
*Peter Strauss Ranch*  
**Plein Air Painting** Professional and beginning artists gather to paint landscapes. Join in or just visit and watch. Bring your own materials. Info: Trish 805-376-0034. 3hrs TOPAW

**THU 6/6 8am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Las Virgenes Canyon** Enjoy a moderately-paced 8-9 mile, 800'-1200' gain hike with various options depending on weather. Meet at trailhead kiosk. From 101 Ventura Fwy, take Las Virgenes Rd, north 1+ mile to end, street parking. Bring 2 qts water, lunch, lug-soles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 5hrs SC

**SAT 6/8 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 6/8 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. Info: www.smmtc.org/trailwork/. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 6/8 8:45am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve*  
**Habitat Repair** Help restore oak trees, shrubs, and bunch grasses that feed and shelter wildlife. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: 818-591-1701 x203 or volunteer@treepeople.org. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SUN 6/2 10am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Kids' Hands in Nature** Join us for an easy stroll to study the nature around us. Afterwards, create art inspired by all the nature you have seen. For ages 3-8 years, children must be accompanied by an adult. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 6/2 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Native Plants, Native Uses** Join us for an easy to moderate 1-mile, 300' gain hike and learn about traditional Native American, as well as contemporary uses of our local plants. Bring water and sunblock; wear appropriate footwear and clothing. Meet inside visitor center. 2hrs WNPA

**SUN 6/2 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

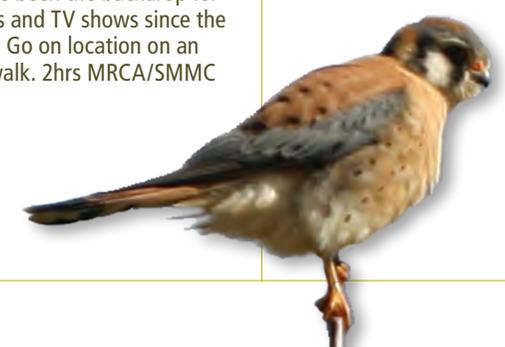
**TUE 6/4 9:15am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Moderate Hikers: Etz Meloy Peak (2450') via Backbone Trail** Enjoy a 9-mile roundtrip, 1200' gain hike from Encinal Cyn Rd. Bring water, lunch, and lug soles. Meet **8am** at Pacific Palisades rideshare point or **9:15am** at Encinal Cyn Rd trailhead (shoulder parking on south side of road just east of Fire Camp #13). **If Red Flag Alert**, meet **8:30am** at north side of Santa Monica Pier. Info: 310-839-8235. 5hrs SC

**SAT 6/1 10am**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Innovation in the Golden Era** King Gillette Ranch was home to MGM Director, Clarence Brown, who made movies on this still popular filming location. Look behind the scenes at his filmmaking innovations and Hollywood parties on this easy walk. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 6/1 6pm**  
*Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons*  
**Creatures of the Night** Take a hike with a ranger and discover which animals come out at dusk. Bring a flashlight. If we are lucky, we may spot owls or hear the coyotes howl. Meet at main parking lot. 2hrs NPS

**SUN 6/2 8am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Bird Walk** Join us for a leisurely walk through the park while identifying birds by sight and sound. For experienced and beginning birders. Bring hat, water, snack, binoculars, and optional scope and bird book. Info: 310-455-1401. 2.5hrs LAAS

**SUN 6/2 9am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Nature Trek** Join a moderately-difficult hike covering the canyon from top to bottom including shaded trails to sun-baked steep paths. Canyon history and habitat chat along the way. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC



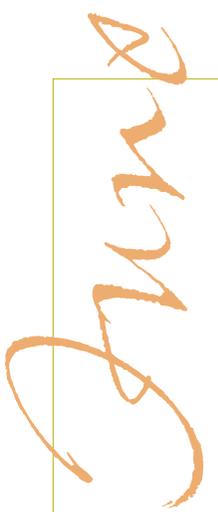
**SAT 6/1 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 6/1 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. Info: www.smmtc.org/trailwork/. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 6/1 9am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills** Learn proper off-road riding fundamentals and shared-use etiquette. Mountain bike and helmet required. Heavy rain cancels. Info: 805-558-1606 or www.corbamtb.com. 4hrs CORBA

**SAT 6/1 9:30am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**First Saturday Walk** Enjoy a spring walk-about along a streamside trail and through oak woodlands to a chaparral basin set amidst craggy sandstone peaks. 2hrs CCD

**SAT 6/1 10am**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Franklin's Movie Magic** The site has been the backdrop for movies and TV shows since the 1930s. Go on location on an easy walk. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC



**National Trails Day**



**Saturday, June 1 8:30am - 12:30pm Santa Monica Mountains**

Join a community of partners in a nationwide event to restore trails. Bring gloves, sunscreen, water, and a snack. Anyone under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at Backbone Trailhead parking lot across from Fire Camp 13 (1250 S. Encinal Canyon Road, Malibu).  
**NPS/CSP/SMMTC/SC**  
**Info: 805-370-2301**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

**Sunday, June 9**

*Join in the Celebration!*  
The fun begins early with a **Birds of Summer** program at 8:30am. Enjoy guided hikes, scavenger hunts, Junior Ranger activities and more throughout the day!



*Another Reason to Celebrate!* It's Western National Parks Association's 75<sup>th</sup> year as a National Park Service partner. Stop by the store. Save up to 75% off. All store items, except handcrafted products, are 15% off. Pick up a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize. Winning tickets will be drawn hourly.

For more information call 805-370-2301

## Sustainable Sundays

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

**June 9**

2:00pm - 3:00pm

**Sustainable Sunday Tour**

Get a behind the scenes tour for what makes this the first net-zero Visitor Center in the National Park Service.

3:00pm - 4:00pm

**Sustainable Sunday Scavenger Hunt**

Grab your digital camera or cell phone for this hunt. Talk with a ranger about what you find and earn a "green" prize!

Meet by the fountain. NPS

INFO: 805-370-2301

**SAT 6/8 9:30am**

*Circle X Ranch - Mishe Mokwa Trailhead*  
**Paint-Out** Inspiring mountain views awaits the new or experienced artist, any media. Look for red flag. Info: 310-383-1374 or www.allied-artists.com. 4hrs AASMM

**SAT 6/8 9:30am**

*Headwaters Corner at Calabasas*  
**Youth Naturalist Program: Outside Survival** Ages 8-12, do you know what to do if you get lost while hiking? Learn how not to get lost and how to stay safe if you do get lost. Bring lunch, water, and wear sturdy shoes. Fee. Pre-registration required: www.mountaintrust.org or 818-591-1701 x212. 3hrs MRT

**SAT 6/8 3pm**

*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Capture a Nature Moment** Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 6/9 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Birds of Summer** Settling in for the season and happy to be here - orioles, grosbeaks, and many others. Bring binoculars and join us for a 1-mile accessible walk. Beginners welcome. Meet by the flagpole. Rain cancels. 2.5hrs NPS

**SUN 6/9 8:45am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Weed War** Join us at a habitat restoration site. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs CNPS/TP/MRT

**SUN 6/9 1pm**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 6/9 3pm**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Capture A Nature Moment** Nature offers the best photo opportunities, but can be a difficult model. Learn the tricks of nature photography on an easy walk. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**TUE 6/11 8am**

*Paramount Ranch*  
**Easy-pace Hikers: Reagan Ranch** Enjoy a 5-mile 400' gain hike around the old (and still active) movie set and environs of oak savannahs, Medea Creek, chaparral canyons, including a side trip to the old Reagan Ranch. Bring water, snack, lug-soles, hat, and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-787-5420. 3hrs SC

**TUE 6/11 10am**

*Headwaters Corner at Calabasas*  
**Threatened and Endangered Species** Why do species become threatened, endangered, or extinct? A member of "Friends of the Island Fox" will explain how the island fox was saved from extinction. Pre-registration required for adults: www.mountaintrust.org or 818-591-1701 x212. Fee. 2hrs MRT

**THU 6/13 10am**

*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Storytime** See box on page 27

**SAT 6/15 8am**

*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Nature in Focus** A good photographer combines technique, composition, and being in the right place at the right time to take a memorable picture. We'll provide a stunning setting and help you along the way. Bring your camera. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 6/15 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 6/15 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. Info: www.smmtc.org/trailwork/. 6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 6/15 8:45am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Return of the Lost Oak Woodlands** Help rebuild habitat. Receive community service credit. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 6/15 9am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Stay a Little Longer** Join a docent for a moderate, up and downhill hike from Stunt Rd. to Tapia. Meet in lower parking lot for carpool. Reservation required: Tom at 818-216-7696 or tgkaplan54@gmail.com by 6pm 6/13 and leave phone #. Rain cancels. 4-5hrs MCD

**SAT 6/15 1pm**

*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Stroll Through the Seasons** Enjoy a walk through the native plant garden where we will observe how plants and animals change with the seasons. Meet inside the visitor center. 30 minutes MRCA/SMMC



## Movies by Moonlight

**Saturday, June 8**  
8pm - 10pm  
Paramount Ranch

**It's a Gift (1934)**  
*Starring W.C. Fields*  
*Directed by Norman Z. McLeod*

As a small-town grocer, Harold Bissonette dreams of becoming a California orange farmer. Often cited as W. C. Fields' best and funniest picture - it is undoubtedly one of the greatest, classic comedies ever made.

**For more info: 805-370-2301**

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



## Evening Cultural Program

**Saturday, June 15**  
7:30pm- 9pm

Satwiwa Native American  
Indian Culture Center

Hupa artist and astronomer,  
**Kat High**, will perform Native  
American star stories. Bring a  
flashlight. All ages are welcome.



**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**SAT 6/15 2pm**

*Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center*  
**King Gillette Ranch History  
Tour** Join a ranger for a stroll  
through the grounds of King  
Gillette Ranch and learn about  
the history of the site. Meet by  
fountain. Rain cancels. 1hr NPS

**SAT 6/15 3pm**

*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**A Walk into the Chumash  
World** Discover how local  
Chumash have used local  
natural resources to create a  
sustainable way of life on this  
easy 1-mile walk. Meet at front  
parking lot. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 6/16 8am**

*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Birdwalk** Enjoy watching birds  
in unspoiled habitats. Bring  
binoculars. Beginners welcome!  
Meet in lower parking lot.  
Muriel 310-457-5796 or Art  
818-887-0973. 4hrs SFVAS

**SUN 6/16 10am**

*Malibu Bluffs Park*  
**Meander on the Bluffs**  
Discover native wildflowers  
and grasses (and the invasion  
of weeds). Enjoy great views  
of mountains and sea. Dip your  
toes into the bay as we walk  
along the beach and look for  
dolphins, whales, and sea birds.  
Info: 818-782-9346. 2hrs CNPS

**SUN 6/16 1pm**

*Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Native Ways** Join an easy  
stroll and learn how everyday  
items were created from their  
surrounding environment.  
Hands-on experience with  
tools, musical instruments, and  
basketry. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 6/16 1pm**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to  
all and led by a naturalist vol-  
unteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch  
parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 6/16 2:30pm**

*Paramount Ranch*  
**Movie Magic** Learn the secrets  
that turn a dusty set into a  
realistic town. Join us on an  
easy-paced walk behind the  
scenes. Discover the illusions  
and history of Paramount  
Ranch. 1hr NPS

**TUE 6/18 8:30am**

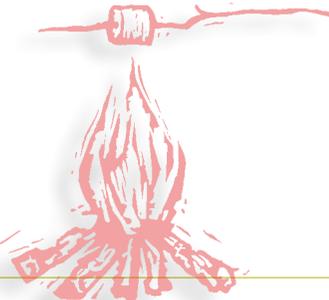
*Solstice Canyon*  
**Easy-pace Hikers: Tropical  
Terrace** Enjoy a 4-mile, 600'  
gain hike on Rising Sun Trail to  
Tropical Terrace and Solstice  
Canyon Falls, then back along  
the canyon through oak and  
walnut groves by the stream.  
Bring water, snack, lugsoles,  
hat, and sunscreen. Rain  
cancels. Info: 310-477-9664.  
2.5hrs SC

**TUE 6/18 8:45am**

*Leo Carrillo State Park*  
**Moderate Hikers: Leo Car-  
rillo Beach to Nicholas Flat**  
Enjoy a moderately-paced  
8-mile roundtrip, 1800' gain  
hike. Bring water, lunch, and  
lugsoles. If Red Flag Alert, meet  
below at north side of Santa  
Monica Pier at 8:30am. Info:  
310-274-7987. 4hrs SC

**TUE 6/18 7pm**

*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Evening Campfire** Loosen your  
marshmallow-roasting arm,  
pack up the family, and join  
us for an evening around the  
campfire. Follow signs to the  
outdoor amphitheater. 1.5hrs  
MRCA/SMMC



**TUE 6/18 7:30pm**

*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**Culture in the Canyon at  
Chautauqua Series** Join us for  
another eclectic evening. From  
scientific lectures to cultural  
artistry, each month brings a  
new topic and speaker. Check  
out [www.LAMountains.com](http://www.LAMountains.com)  
for more information. 1.5hrs  
MRCA/SMMC

**WED 6/19 9am**

*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Plein Air Painting** Professional  
and beginning artists gather to  
paint landscapes. Join in or just  
visit and watch. Bring your own  
materials. Info: Trish 805-376-  
0034. 3hrs TOPAW

**WED 6/19 7pm**

*Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Evening Campfire** Come out  
to the park for a fun evening of  
songs, marshmallow roasting  
and a nature program. Meet at  
amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/  
SMMC

## Rattlesnake Avoidance Workshops for Canines

**Saturday, June 22**

**Sunday, June 23**  
**Headwaters Corner**  
8am-5pm\*

Your dog will learn to avoid  
rattlesnakes and warn you  
when one is nearby. FEE. MRT

**Registration required at**  
[www.mountainstrust.org](http://www.mountainstrust.org)  
or 818-591-1701 x2

\*30 minute program per dog



**THU 6/20 8am**

*Topanga State Park*  
**Musch Trail: Eagle Rock  
Loop** Enjoy a moderately  
paced 8-mile, 1200' gain hike.  
Scenic views. Meet at parking  
lot. Bring \$ for parking, 2 qts  
water, lunch, lugsoles, hat, and  
sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info:  
818-981-4799. 4hrs SC

**THU 6/20 10am**

*Santa Monica Mountains  
Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Storytime** See box on page 27

**THU 6/20 7pm**

*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**Evening Campfire** Bring some  
good cheer and we will provide  
the rest including a nature  
program, roaring campfire, and  
marshmallows. 1.5hrs MRCA/  
SMMC

**FRI 6/21 6pm**

*Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa*  
**Creatures of the Night** Take a  
1.5-mile look hike with a ranger  
and discover which animals  
come out at dusk. If we are  
lucky, we will spot some scor-  
pions or hear the coyotes howl.  
Bring a flashlight. 2hrs NPS

**SAT 6/22 8am**

*Franklin Canyon -  
Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Summer Canyon Birds** Let's  
see what we can find among  
the summer birds around the  
lake. Enjoy a leisurely morning  
stroll in the canyon while feast-  
ing your eyes on our feathered  
friends. Bring binoculars. Begin-  
ners welcome. 2hrs MRCA/  
SMMC

**SAT 6/22 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instruc-  
tions provided. Bring gloves,  
water, lunch, and sturdy foot-  
wear. For meeting place, call  
310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 6/22 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instruc-  
tions provided. Bring gloves,  
lunch, water, and long-sleeve  
shirt. Sturdy footwear and long  
pants required. Reservations  
required: 818-222-4531. Info:  
[www.smmtc.org/trailwork/](http://www.smmtc.org/trailwork/).  
6hrs SMMTC

**SAT 6/22 8:30am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Volunteer for Invasive Plant  
Removal** Help remove invasive  
Spanish broom from Saddle  
Peak and restore habitat. Re-  
ceive community service credit.  
Rain cancels. Reservations  
required: Jerry 818-406-1269.  
5hrs SMMTC

**SAT 6/22 8:45am**

*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**La Sierra Habitat Restora-  
tion Day** Meet at Peter Strauss  
Ranch to caravan to La Sierra  
Preserve. Bring lunch and water.  
Receive community service  
credit. Reservations required:  
[volunteer@treepeople.org](mailto:volunteer@treepeople.org) or  
818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs  
MRT/CNPS/TP

**SAT 6/22 10am**

*King Gillette Ranch*  
**A Walk into the Chumash  
World** Discover how local  
Chumash have used the natural  
resources of their environment  
for thousands of years to create  
a sustainable way of life on this  
easy 1-mile walk. 2hrs MRCA/  
SMMC

**SAT 6/22 7pm**  
*Charmlee Wilderness Park*  
**Full Moon Hike** Enjoy the mountains, meadow, and an ocean overlook as the moon lights our way. Bring a flashlight. Meet at upper parking lot. Reservations required: 310-317-1364. Rain cancels. \$4 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

**SAT 6/22 7:30pm**  
*Franklin Canyon - Franklin Canyon Ranch*  
**Summer Solstice Hike** On this moderate hike, identify plants, discuss seasonal changes, and identify planets and constellations. Meet in parking lot. 2.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SUN 6/23 8:30am**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Lower Topanga Park Restoration** Help plant, water, and weed. Receive community service credit. Bring water and snack; wear sturdy footwear. Reservations required: volunteer@treepeople.org or 818-591-1701 x203. 3.5hrs MRT/CNPS/TP

**SUN 6/23 8:30am**  
*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*  
**Beach and Wetlands Bird Watching** Experts and beginners, adults and teens, all are welcome. Bring binoculars. Info: 310-395-6235. 2-3hrs SMBAS

**SUN 6/23 9:30am**  
*Cold Creek Preserve - Lower Stunt High Trailhead*  
**Summer Calls** Easy downhill hike through craggy rock and flower-studded chaparral and stream habitats with awesome views. 2.5hrs CCD

**SUN 6/23 10am**  
*Malibu Lagoon State Beach*  
**Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents** Special short walk for children and families - binoculars provided. Reservations required for groups: 310-395-6235. 1hr SMBAS

**SUN 6/23 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**SUN 6/23 2pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Rattles, Whistles & Drums Musical Instrument Workshop** Join local artist, naturalist, and instructor **Peter Rice** to make musical instruments from local native materials. Recommended age 7+. Material fee \$10. Reservations required: 805-370-2302. 2hrs WNPA



**SUN 6/23 4pm**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Long Day's Night Hike** Enjoy a moderately strenuous 7-mile hike from Santa Ynez Cyn to Trippet Ranch. Ocean and canyon views. Meet at Santa Ynez trailhead (PCH east 0.5 mile on Sunset Bl, left on Palisades Dr. 2.5 miles, left on Vereda de la Montura to gate). Bring snack, water, and lugsoles. Red Flag Alert cancels. Info: 310-559-3126. 3.5hrs SC

**SUN 6/23 8:30pm**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Full Moon Hike** Explore nature by the light of a full moon. It's the perfect evening to observe nighttime adaptations and great views. 2hrs MRCA/SMMC

**TUE 6/25 8:30am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Moderate Hikers: Malibu Creek State Park Revisited** Enjoy a moderate 8-mile, 1200' gain hike on Chaparral and Lost Cabin Trails. Shorter 4-6 mile option. Bring water, lunch, and lugsoles. If Red Flag Alert, meet below at north side of Santa Monica Pier at 8:30am. Info: 310-450-4102. 4hrs SC

**TUE 6/25 10am**  
*Rocky Oaks*  
**Tiny Tot Trek** Join a ranger for a fun-filled hike with your toddler. Learn about plants and animals. Bring a snack. Meet in parking lot. Reservations required: 805-370-2301. 1hr NPS

**TUE 6/25 7pm**  
*King Gillette Ranch*  
**Evening Campfire** Loosen your marshmallow-roasting arm, pack up the family, and join us around the campfire. Meet in the outdoor amphitheater. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**WED 6/26 7pm**  
*Franklin Canyon - Sooky Goldman Nature Center*  
**Evening Campfire** Come to the park for a fun evening of songs, marshmallow roasting, and a nature program. Meet at amphitheater 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**THU 6/27 10am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center*  
**Storytime** See box on page 27

**THU 6/27 7pm**  
*Temescal Gateway Park*  
**Evening Campfire** Bring some good cheer. We will provide the rest including a nature program, roaring campfire, and marshmallows. 1.5hrs MRCA/SMMC

**SAT 6/29 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch, and sturdy footwear. For meeting place, call 310-559-3126. 5.5hrs SC

**SAT 6/29 8:30am**  
*Santa Monica Mountains*  
**Trail Work** Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, lunch, water, and long-sleeve shirt. Sturdy footwear and long pants required. Reservations required: 818-222-4531. Info: www.smmtc.org/trailwork/. 6hrs SMMTC

**National Park Service**

**LECTURE SERIES**

**Native Plant Species of the Santa Monica Mountains**

**June 29 Saturday, 10am & 2pm**

Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center

Learn about our amazing native plants from NPS Plant Ecologist **Irina Irvine**. Reservations required: 805-370-2301

**SAT 6/29 10am**  
*Malibu Creek State Park*  
**Welcome to Malibu Creek** Join a docent for a walk along the creek and a wooded valley. Learn about the area's animals, plants, early inhabitants, and movies filmed in the park. Meet at lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

**SUN 6/30 1pm**  
*Topanga State Park*  
**Family Nature Walk** Open to all and led by a naturalist volunteer. Meet at Trippet Ranch parking lot. 2hrs TCD

**Evening Cultural Program**

**Saturday, June 29 7pm-8:30pm**

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center



Chief of the Southern Clan of Chumash, **Ted Garcia** will perform and share the meaning of Chumash culture with songs and stories. Bring a flashlight. All ages are welcome.

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**FREE Sunday Concerts in the Park**

at Peter Strauss Ranch

**June 30, 3pm - 5pm**

Acoustic rock is alive and well. Kick off the day with luscious harmonies by **Blue by Morning**. Then enjoy soulful tunes with our own park ranger **Joey Algiers, Jr.**



After the concert, learn about the rich history of Peter Strauss Ranch. Take a ranger-led 30-minute stroll through the park. Info: 805-370-2301

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

## Regularly Scheduled Activities

<b>Circle X Ranch</b>	Group camping, hiking, picnicking in high mountain country. 15 miles of trails. Guided walks as scheduled. Camping fee. NPS
<b>Cold Creek Preserve</b>	Open daily by reservation only for group and individual walks. Scheduled interpretive plant and bird walks. Tours for private groups may be arranged. 818-591-1701. CCD/MRT
<b>Coldwater Canyon Park</b>	TreePeople location. Nursery open WED 10am to noon, and SAT 2pm to 4pm. TP
<b>Franklin Canyon Ranch/ Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr</b>	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and nature trails. Regularly scheduled naturalist programs. WODOC/MRCA
<b>Leo Carrillo State Park</b>	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, fishing, hiking, and surfing. Visitor center open 10am to 3pm weekends. Parking fee. CSP
<b>Malibu Creek State Park</b>	Campfire programs and hikes as scheduled. Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling and equestrian trails. Visitor center open weekends noon to 4pm. Crafts and games for children on first and third SAT of month 12:15pm to 2:30pm. Day-use parking fee. CSP/MCD
<b>Malibu Lagoon State Beach/ Historic Adamson House</b>	Tours of historic Adamson House and museum WED thru SAT 11am to 3pm. Reservations required for 10 or more. TUE: groups by reservation. Tour fees. Bird walks at the state beach lagoon. Parking fee. CSP/MLMD/SMBAS
<b>Paramount Ranch</b>	Western town movie set. Ranger-led programs as scheduled; call 805-370-2301 for dates. Picnicking. Equestrian and hiking trails. NPS
<b>Peter Strauss Ranch</b>	Open 8am to sunset daily. Hillside loop trail, picnicking. Concerts as scheduled. NPS
<b>Point Mugu State Park</b>	Camping, picnicking, hiking, bicycling, and equestrian trails. Naturalist programs as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP
<b>Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa</b>	Hiking, bicycling, and equestrian trails with access to Point Mugu State Park. Culture center is open SAT and SUN 9am to 5pm. NPS
<b>Rocky Oaks</b>	Hiking, equestrian trails, and picnic area. NPS
<b>Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center</b>	Open daily from 9am to 5pm and closed some holidays. Info on Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and other national parks. Exhibits and bookstore. NPS/MRCA/CSP
<b>Temescal Gateway Park</b>	Open daily. Hiking, picnicking, and overnight group accommodations available. Parking fee. MRCA
<b>Topanga State Park</b>	Hiking, picnicking, equestrian, and mountain bike trails. Docent-led walks as scheduled. Parking fee. CSP/TCD
<b>Will Rogers State Historic Park</b>	Open 8am to sunset. Guided tour of ranch house available TUE thru SUN at 11am, 1pm, and 2pm (ranch house closed on MON). Reservations needed for groups of 25 or more. Parking fee. CSP/WRD
<b>UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve</b>	Environmental research and education. K-12, university level, and community programs. By prior approval only 310-206-3887. SRSMMR

## Directions

- Arroyo Sequit** 34138 Mulholland Hwy, Malibu. Pacific Coast Hwy to Mulholland Hwy. Turn inland on Mulholland Hwy and go 6 miles to park entrance on right side of road.
- Caballero Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Reseda Blvd, turn south.  
**Lower Trailhead:** 1.9 miles south just past the fountains on left side.  
**Upper Trailhead:** Marvin Braude Mulholland Gateway Park. 3.1 miles south at the end of Reseda Blvd near dirt Mulholland.
- California State Parks Angeles District Headquarters** Ventura Fwy (101) to Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to Malibu Creek State Park entrance on left.
- Castro Crest** Pacific Coast Hwy to Corral Canyon Rd (west of Malibu Canyon Rd). Follow Corral Canyon Rd to end (parking lot).
- Charmlee Wilderness Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, about 3 miles south of Ventura County line. Turn inland on Encinal Canyon Rd, 4 miles to park entrance on the left side of road.
- Cheeseboro/Palo Comado Canyons** Ventura Fwy (101) to Chesebro Rd exit. Turn north on Palo Comado Canyon Rd then right on Chesebro Rd. Go north 1 mile to park entrance. Turn right and follow road to parking lot.
- Circle X Ranch** Pacific Coast Hwy to Yerba Buena Rd. Turn inland; go 5.4 miles to Circle X Ranch contact station.  
**Sandstone Peak Trailhead:** 1 mile north of Circle X Ranch contact station on Yerba Buena Rd. Parking lot is on left.  
**Mishe Mokwa Trailhead:** 1.75 miles north of the Circle X contact station along Yerba Buena Road. Parking lot is on right.
- Cold Creek Preserve & Stunt Ranch Reserve Area** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right) 0.25 mile. At Mulholland Hwy, turn left. Continue for 5 miles to Stunt Rd.  
**Lower Stunt High Trailhead:** Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1 mile to pullout on right.  
**Preserve's Lower Gate:** Turn left on Stunt Rd. 1.2 miles to pullout on right. Permit required for walk-in visitation.  
**Preserve's Upper Gate:** Turn left on Stunt Rd. 3.3 miles to pullout on left. Permit required for walk-in visitation.  
**Top of Stunt Rd:** Intersection of Schueren, Saddle Peak, and Stunt Rds.
- Coldwater Canyon Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Coldwater Canyon Ave. Go south to intersection at Mulholland Dr. Entrance is on east (left) side.
- Franklin Canyon Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr (Upper Franklin Canyon):** From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cyn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Coldwater Canyon Park), turn right on Franklin Cyn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Park in lot on left next to nature center. (To go to *Franklin Canyon Ranch*: continue south on the reservoir road and Franklin Canyon Dr. Turn left on Lake Dr.)  
**Franklin Canyon Ranch (Lower Franklin Canyon):** From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr by veering left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canyon Dr. Go 1 mile and turn right on Lake Dr. Park at main lot at end of road. (To go to *Sooky Goldman Nature Center*: continue north on Franklin Canyon Dr, past Lake Dr. Turn right at sign for William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom. Continue to parking lot on right.)

**11 Headwaters Corner** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Mulholland Dr/Valley Circle. Go south on Mulholland Dr to Valmar Rd. Turn right on Valmar Rd. Continue south and veer right on Mulholland Hwy. Signed entrance will be on right.

**12 King Gillette Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Park entrance is 0.1 mile on right.

**13 Leo Carrillo State Park**  
Pacific Coast Hwy at Mulholland Highway.  
**Nicholas Flat Trailhead:** From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn north on Decker Road. Travel about 2 miles and turn left on Decker School Road (not Decker School Lane). Follow road to the end.

**14 Malibu Bluffs Park** Pacific Coast Hwy at Malibu Canyon Road.

**15 Malibu Creek State Park** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Park entrance is 0.25 mile south of the intersection on Las Virgenes Rd. From Pacific Coast Hwy: north on Malibu Canyon Rd to park entrance on left.  
**Tapia Unit:** Entrance is 1 mile south of entrance to Malibu Creek State Park.  
**Reagan Ranch:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 3 miles to parking area on left (just past Mulholland Hwy).  
**Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Road:** Ventura Fwy (101) Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go south 5 miles to parking lot on right.

**16 Malibu Lagoon State Beach**  
Pacific Coast Hwy 0.25 mile west of Malibu Pier and 1.5 miles east of Malibu Canyon Rd. Parking lot on ocean side of highway at Cross Creek Rd.  
**Adamson House:** 23200 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking lot on ocean side of Pacific Coast Hwy opposite Serra Rd.

**17 Paramount Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan 0.5 mile. Left on Cornell Way and veer to right. South 2.5 miles, entrance is on right side of the road.

**18 Peter Strauss Ranch** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot. Walk back across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy and enter main gate to go into the ranch area.

**19 Point Dume State Preserve** Pacific Coast Hwy to Westward Beach Rd in Malibu. Turn south and follow road to parking lot.

**20 Point Mugu State Park** Pacific Coast Hwy, 4 miles west of the Ventura County line. Enter park at Sycamore Canyon Campground.  
**Ray Miller Trailhead:** 1.6 miles west of Sycamore Canyon Campground along Pacific Coast Hwy.

**21 R. H. Meyer Memorial State Beaches** Pacific Coast Hwy near Encinal Canyon Rd.  
**El Matador State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.5 mile east of Encinal Canyon Rd.  
**La Piedra State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy 0.1 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.  
**El Pescador State Beach:** On Pacific Coast Hwy, 0.4 mile west of Encinal Canyon Rd.

**22 Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa** Ventura Fwy (101) to Lynn Rd exit. South on Lynn Rd 5.25 miles to Via Goleta. Park entrance is on the left.  
**Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center:** Walk 0.3 mile up gravel road from the parking area to brown wooden building.  
**Wendy Trailhead:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Wendy Dr. exit. South on Wendy Dr to dirt pullout at intersection with Potrero Rd.

**23 Red Rock Canyon** Ventura Fwy (101) to Topanga Canyon Blvd, south to Mulholland Dr. Turn west (right). At Mulholland Hwy turn left. Drive 5 miles to Stunt Rd. Turn left. Drive 1 mile to "Stunt High Trail" sign. Park on wide dirt area on the right side of road. Cross Stunt Rd and hike 1.5 miles on Calabasas Peak Fire Road into canyon.

**24 Rocky Oaks** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot.

**25 Runyon Canyon Park** Hollywood Fwy (101) to Highland Av. South to Franklin Ave. West on Franklin to Fuller, north on Fuller to dead end. Park on street. North Entrance 2.6 miles east of Laurel Canyon Blvd on Mulholland Dr.

**26 Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch** From Ventura Fwy (101): Exit Las Virgenes Rd. Go 3 miles south on Las Virgenes Rd to Mulholland Hwy intersection (traffic light). Turn left on Mulholland Hwy. Go 0.1 mile and turn right into entrance of King Gillette Ranch. The visitor center is the first building on your right.

*Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center* See #22.

**27 Solstice Canyon** From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Corral Canyon Rd. Drive 0.25 mile to park entrance on left.

*Sooky Goldman Nature Center* See #10.

**28 Stunt Ranch Reserve** See #8.

**29 Tapia Park** See #15.

**30 Temescal Gateway Park** From Pacific Coast Hwy, turn inland on Temescal Canyon Rd. Cross Sunset Blvd.

**31 Topanga State Park** South from Ventura Fwy (101) or north from Pacific Coast Hwy on Topanga Canyon Blvd to Entrada Rd on east (left) side of road. Turn east on Entrada Rd and make two left turns to stay on Entrada Rd to park entrance.

**Dead Horse Trailhead:** From Topanga Canyon Blvd, turn East on Entrada Rd. Parking lot is 900' on left.

**Los Lions Trailhead:** From Pacific Coast Hwy turn inland on Sunset Blvd. Continue on Sunset Blvd for 0.25 mile and turn left on Los Lions Dr. Follow road to the end.

**32 Wilacre Park** Ventura Fwy (101) to Laurel Canyon Blvd, south 1.5 miles to Fryman Rd. Turn right and park along street. Entrance on Fryman Rd just off of Laurel Canyon Blvd.

**33 Will Rogers State Historic Park**  
1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd, Pacific Palisades. Pacific Coast Hwy to Sunset Blvd. Inland 5 miles on Sunset Blvd. Entrance signs on left side of road.

**34 Zuma/Trancas Canyons**  
**Zuma Ridge Trailhead:** Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive until it ends.  
**Zuma Canyon Trailhead:** Pacific Coast Hwy to Busch Drive (near Zuma Beach). Go north on Busch Drive. Turn right on Rainsford Place. Turn left on Bonsall Drive. Parking lot at end of road.  
**Newton Canyon Trailhead:** Ventura Fwy (101) to Kanan Rd. South on Kanan past Mulholland Hwy. Paved pullout is about 1.75 miles south of Mulholland on right, just north of Tunnel 1.



*Note: To check the degree of handicap accessibility to a site, please contact the sponsoring agency or National Park Service for information.*

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**Have questions on a program or event?**  
 Find the acronym (i.e. NPS) at the end of the description  
 and then contact the agency or organization below.

# Directory of Park Partners

<b>AASMM</b>	310-457-9130	<b>Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains</b> ( <a href="http://www.allied-artists.com">www.allied-artists.com</a> )
<b>CCD</b>	818-591-1701	<b>Cold Creek Docents</b> ( <a href="http://www.lafn.org/community/mrt/docents.html">www.lafn.org/community/mrt/docents.html</a> )
<b>CMPRD</b>	310-317-1364	<b>City of Malibu Parks &amp; Recreation Dept</b> ( <a href="http://www.malibucity.org">www.malibucity.org</a> )
<b>CNI</b>	213-746-2966	<b>The Children's Nature Institute</b> ( <a href="http://www.childrensnatureinstitute.org">www.childrensnatureinstitute.org</a> )
<b>CNPS</b>	818-348-5910	<b>California Native Plant Society</b> ( <a href="http://www.cnps.org">www.cnps.org</a> )
<b>CORBA</b>	818-206-8213	<b>Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Assn</b> ( <a href="http://www.corbambt.com">www.corbambt.com</a> )
<b>CRPD</b>	805-495-2163	<b>Conejo Recreation &amp; Park District</b> ( <a href="http://www.crpd.org">www.crpd.org</a> )
<b>CSP</b>	818-880-0363	<b>California State Parks</b> ( <a href="http://www.parks.ca.gov">www.parks.ca.gov</a> )
<b>CWC</b>	310-394-2799	<b>Coastwalk California</b> ( <a href="http://www.coastwalk.org">www.coastwalk.org</a> )
<b>FORC</b>	323-666-5004	<b>Friends of Runyon Canyon</b>
<b>LAAS</b>	323-876-0202	<b>Los Angeles Audubon Society</b> ( <a href="http://www.losangelesaudubon.org">www.losangelesaudubon.org</a> )
<b>LADPR</b>	213-738-2961	<b>County of Los Angeles Dept of Parks &amp; Recreation</b> ( <a href="http://parks.lacounty.gov">parks.lacounty.gov</a> )
<b>MCD</b>	818-889-6238	<b>Malibu Creek Docents</b> ( <a href="http://www.malibucreekstatepark.org">www.malibucreekstatepark.org</a> )
<b>MLMD</b>	310-456-8432	<b>Malibu Lagoon Museum Docents</b> ( <a href="http://www.adamsonhouse.org">www.adamsonhouse.org</a> )
<b>MRCA</b>	310-858-7272 x131	<b>Mountains Recreation &amp; Conservation Authority</b> ( <a href="http://www.lamountains.com">www.lamountains.com</a> )
<b>MRT</b>	818-591-1701	<b>Mountains Restoration Trust</b> ( <a href="http://www.mountainstrust.org">www.mountainstrust.org</a> )
<b>NB</b>	310-765-4871	<b>NatureBridge</b> ( <a href="http://www.naturebridge.org">www.naturebridge.org</a> )
<b>NOWW</b>	310-455-0550	<b>The Nature of Wildworks</b> ( <a href="http://www.natureofwildworks.org">www.natureofwildworks.org</a> )
<b>NPS</b>	805-370-2301	<b>National Park Service</b> ( <a href="http://www.nps.gov/samo">www.nps.gov/samo</a> )
<b>RCDSMM</b>	818-597-8627	<b>Resource Conserv. District of the Santa Monica Mtns</b> ( <a href="http://www.rcdsmm.org">www.rcdsmm.org</a> )
<b>SC</b>	213-387-4287	<b>Sierra Club</b> ( <a href="http://www.sierraclub.org">www.sierraclub.org</a> )
<b>SFVAS</b>	818-618-1652	<b>San Fernando Valley Audubon Society</b> ( <a href="http://www.sfvaudubon.org">www.sfvaudubon.org</a> )
<b>SFVGP</b>	818-702-8020	<b>San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch</b> ( <a href="http://www.calgourd.com">www.calgourd.com</a> )
<b>SMBAS</b>	310-395-6235	<b>Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society</b> ( <a href="http://smbasblog.wordpress.com">smbasblog.wordpress.com</a> )
<b>SMMC</b>	310-589-3200	<b>Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy</b> ( <a href="http://smmc.ca.gov">smmc.ca.gov</a> )
<b>SMMF</b>	805-370-2341	<b>Santa Monica Mountains Fund</b> ( <a href="http://samofund.org">samofund.org</a> )
<b>SMMNHA</b>	805-488-1827	<b>Santa Monica Mountains Natural History Assn</b>
<b>SMMTC</b>	818-222-4531	<b>Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council</b> ( <a href="http://www.smmtc.org">www.smmtc.org</a> )
<b>SRSMMR</b>	310-206-3887	<b>UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mtns Reserve</b> ( <a href="http://stuntranch.ucnr.org">stuntranch.ucnr.org</a> )
<b>TCA</b>	310-459-5931	<b>Temescal Canyon Association</b> ( <a href="http://www.temcanyon.org">www.temcanyon.org</a> )
<b>TCD</b>	310-455-1696	<b>Topanga Canyon Docents</b> ( <a href="http://www.topangadocents.org">www.topangadocents.org</a> )
<b>TOPAW</b>	805-494-1700	<b>Thousand Oaks Plein Air Watercolorists</b>
<b>TP</b>	818-753-4600	<b>TreePeople</b> ( <a href="http://www.treepeople.org">www.treepeople.org</a> )
<b>WNPA</b>	805-370-2302	<b>Western National Parks Association</b> ( <a href="http://www.wnpa.org">www.wnpa.org</a> )
<b>WRD</b>	310-454-8212	<b>Will Rogers State Historic Park Docents</b>

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