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# Press Release

## *Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area*

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Stunning vistas, rocky coastline, secluded canyons, wildlife, and waterfalls abound in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Discover this gem of open space, laced with trails and myriad cultural and natural resources to explore.

*Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area* takes you on a tour through this spectacular garden of parklands bordering the Los Angeles metropolitan area. Informative introductory text introduces you to the cultural and natural history, recreation opportunities, and habitat preservation of this system of state and federal park lands. Rich, colorful photography invites you on a journey through this special place.

Hike to the crest of a ridgeline for views of the Pacific, or visit a Hollywood set for a trip back in time to the days of M\*A\*S\*H and the Andy Griffith show. Visit a Chumash dwelling and learn about the indigenous people of this area, then stop at the shore and explore some tidepools. Opportunities abound. Discover what awaits you in *Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area*.

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