

Solstice Canyon

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Santa Monica Mountains
National Recreation Area



Early History

Thousands of years ago, the Chumash discovered Solstice Canyon, and ever since, people have appreciated the beauty of this coastal delight.

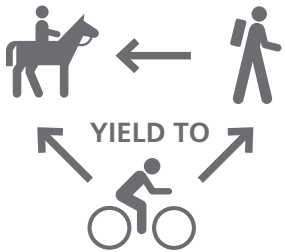
Solstice Canyon features several options for easy, moderate, or strenuous hikes through coastal sage scrub and riparian plant communities. Visitors can enjoy a picnic, a shady stroll along the Solstice Canyon Trail, or a more challenging climb up the Rising Sun Trail. A perennial waterfall is a popular hiking destination, and along the way you might encounter acorn woodpeckers, alligator lizards, fence lizards, or a red-tailed hawk soaring overhead.

Visitors love the natural beauty of Solstice Canyon, yet wildfires have left behind the

architectural ruins of our recent past. The most recent fire was the 2018 Woolsey Fire that burned some areas of Solstice Canyon.

While enjoying a gentle hike to the waterfall you will pass the remains of the Keller House, a stone hunting cabin built over one hundred years ago, and significantly damaged by wildfire in 2007. Upon arriving at the Solstice waterfall, you will find the stone and brick ruins of a house designed by architect Paul Revere Williams. In 1929, Williams became the first Black member of the American Institute of Architects and later designed a prominent landmark at the Los Angeles International Airport, the “LAX Theme Building,” constructed in 1961.

Information and Safety



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

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

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

BE PREPARED by bringing water, food, map or some type of navigation device, a headlamp, and first-aid supplies on your hikes. Be alert for ticks, bees, rattlesnakes, and poison oak. Wear sturdy footwear, e.g. hiking boots or shoes with good tread. Cell phone reception is largely non-existent in much of this area.

PETS must be under control and on a leash, not to exceed six feet, at all times. Pick up after your pet. Dogs are not allowed at the waterfall.

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

WILDFIRE is a year-round concern. Smoking and fires of any kind are not permitted on the trail. For current restrictions and fire danger level, visit www.nps.gov/samo.

WATER that comes from streams is not safe to drink due to possible contamination or the presence of the giardia protozoan.

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

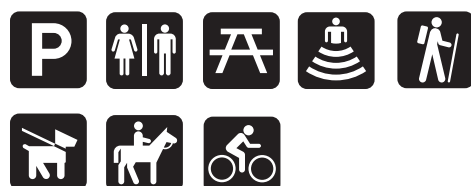
STAY ON ESTABLISHED TRAILS and off private property. Accessing Solstice Canyon from private property is prohibited.

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Intersection of Corral Canyon Road and Solstice Canyon Road
Malibu, CA, 90265

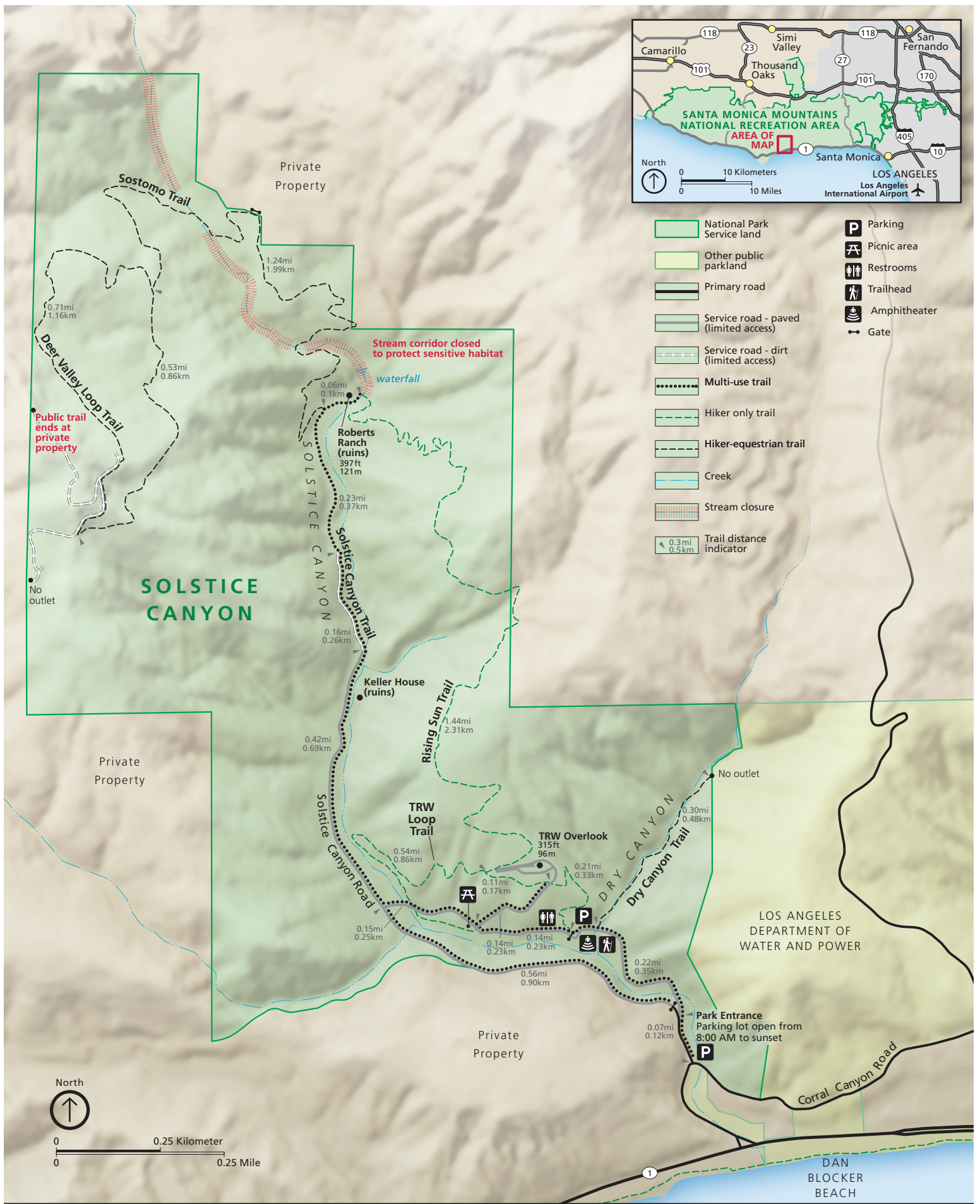
The main parking area is open from 8:00 a.m. – sunset.

Illegally parked vehicles on Corral Canyon Road are subject to towing. Equestrian parking is highly limited. Call the visitor center for more information.



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

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



Solstice Canyon Trail ● 2.1 miles round trip—This popular hike gently rises from the main parking area to the waterfall and Roberts Ranch House ruins (designed by Paul Williams), following the creek through riparian corridors of oak and sycamore. Look for native reptiles and birds in the coastal sage scrub.

Dry Canyon Trail ● 1.2 miles round trip—Walk through woodlands in a canyon that is dry most of the year. Winter rains bring a 150-foot waterfall and flowing stream. Look for wildlife, including deer, quail, and bobcats.

● Easy ■ Moderate ◆ Strenuous

TRW Loop Trail ● 1.5 miles round trip—Begin just beyond the gate at the west end of the parking lot and continue past the TRW Overlook (refer to map) through coastal sage scrub. Enjoy an ocean view, and hike west and then south through a riparian woodland. Walk across Solstice Canyon Trail and complete the loop by hiking east past a picnic area to the parking lot.

Rising Sun Trail ■ 1.5 miles—Rise up from the canyon floor and enjoy the sunshine as you trace the eastern ridgeline of Solstice Canyon through coastal sage scrub. The trail descends near the waterfall and the Roberts Ranch House, providing the option of

connecting with Solstice Canyon Trail for a loop hike.

Sostomo Trail/Deer Valley ■ to ◆, Loop 3.9 miles—This trail extends from Solstice Canyon Trail and meanders through chaparral and coastal sage scrub to the western ridge of Solstice Canyon. You will encounter breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean. Keep an eye out for the ruins of several cabins burned in past wildfires.

Note: Bicyclists are limited to the Solstice Canyon Trail only. Carpooling is encouraged since parking is limited. Illegally parked vehicles on Corral Canyon Road are subject to towing.