



Wildwood Park

Welcome to Wildwood Park! This open space area has a diverse, multi-use trail system that travels along ridgelines and into lush valleys. Please note that some trails are only open to hiking. Please obey all trail use designations.

Wildwood Park is rich in historic and archeological resources, unusual geologic formations, and is home to a wide range of plant and animal life. More than 250 plant species have been identified within the park. Plant communities include southern oak woodland, riparian woodland, chaparral, coastal sage scrub, desert scrub, California grassland, and freshwater marsh. More than 60 species of birds, 37 species of mammals, and 22 species of reptiles and amphibians can also be found here. Common large mammals include mule deer, bobcats, and coyotes; mountain lions are occasionally also present.

The Chumash lived here for nearly 8,000 years until the early 19th century. During the Spanish colonization of California, the land became part of "Rancho El Conejo" in 1803. Cattle and sheep grazed on these rich grasslands through much of the 20th century. From the 1930's through the 1960's, numerous Hollywood movies were filmed here, including "Spartacus" and "Wuthering Heights", as well as TV series including "Wagon Train", "The Rifleman", and "Gunsmoke".

In 1967 the Conejo Recreation and Park District (CRPD) acquired Wildwood Canyon and Mount Clef Ridge from the Janss Corporation. Wildwood Mesa was added to the park in 1987. Today, the 1,765-acre park falls under the jurisdiction of the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency (COSCA), a joint powers authority between the City of Thousand Oaks and CRPD.

Outdoor activities for people of all ages take place in Wildwood, including nature hikes, summer day camps, and interpretive programs. For more information, contact the CRPD Outdoor Unit at (805) 495-2163. Additionally, the Conejo Open Space Foundation (COSF) coordinates Trails Education Days, an annual program for 4th graders in Conejo Valley public schools, in Wildwood.

Open Space Rules

Please help us to maintain the beauty of this open space area by observing the following rules:

-  Open space and trails are **open from sunrise to sunset** *except* during inclement weather and emergency conditions when trails may be closed.
-  **All resources are protected!** This means you may not pick or collect anything including rocks, plants, and animals.
-  **Please stay on designated "agency signed" trails.**
-  **Dogs** must be on a leash no longer than six feet and under control at all times.
-  **Bicycles** and **horses** must be under control at all times. Do not endanger visitors, wildlife, or park property.
-  **Carry out all of your trash.**
-  **No motor vehicles** on trails or in open space.
-  **No fires! No camping!**
-  **No hunting or trapping! No weapons,** firearms, BB guns, pellet guns, bow and arrows, or slingshots.
-  Organized events are allowed by permit only.

For additional information regarding this and our other open space areas, please visit the COSCA website at www.conejo-openspace.org or call the COSCA rangers at (805) 381-2741 or the COSCA administrative staff at (805) 449-2339. More information is also available at the Conejo Open Space Foundation website at www.cosf.org.

