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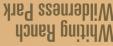
For interpretive hikes in the park, contact the Park Ranger at 949-923-2245 TRAILS: MAY BE CLOSED FOR UP TO THREE DAYS FOLLOWING RAIN

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DO YOUR KIDS LIKE TO HIKE?

They won't know until they try. For many people, their first walk along a shady dirt path begins a lifelong love and appreciation for the amazing beauty and magnificence that's found in nature.

SADDLE UP.

Horses are welcome on nearly all the trails in Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park. There are plenty of scenic spots to stop and let your horse catch his or her breath, and you can even see the ocean from some of the trails.

WORLD-CLASS MOUNTAIN BIKING

Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park offers everything from beginner to world-class mountain biking. Come try one of our trails.



Rancho Canada was acquired by Dwight Whiting in 1885. The Whiting Ranch included the community of El Toro and lands adjacent to Aliso Creek. In 1959, with the post-World War II housing boom continuing in Orange County, most of the ranch was sold for residential development. In 1989, over 1,000 acres of the Ranch were dedicated to the County of Orange for the establishment of a wilderness park. The dedicated property included the McFadden House built in 1915 for the ranch foreman and his family which today serves as the Park Ranger office. Additional acquisitions by the County have resulted in Whiting Ranch wilderness park increasing in size to over 2,500 acres.

dogs signal to the native animals that there's a predator in the area, which affects feeding and even breeding patterns. We know your dog is part of the family, but please, leave him or her at home



RECOMMENDATION

"Red Rock Canyon is absolutely breathtaking. It's a pretty easy hike to get there, so if you come out to visit our park, be sure you make time for it."





ILDERNESS PARK

לפפוז ויצב רבורבצויט בעב צסמו. השנקרעביר מען מעאסעב היעם אוצר בלמבגרומיצי לניסקסליטלי ביוקי איין place for hikers, mountain bikers, creeks and trails. It's the ideal ארמצא גסוויטא איווצי מון ומדדק הייבא scenic rock formations and acres of forested canyons, encompasses thousands of Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park

WHAT THERE IS AT WHITING RANCH WILDERNESS PARK.

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VISIT A CANYON THAT WAS CE UNDER WA

You begin your hike in view of houses, but you quickly lose sight of them under a canopy of sycamore and oak branches, and find yourself in another world. It's a 4-mile roundtrip hike to ancient Red Rock Canyon. Originally formed from deposits on the bottom of the shallow sea that once covered this area, the beautifully banded sandstone canyon walls project a reddish tint in the afternoon sun. Be sure to visit this peaceful, age-old canyon that still exists right here in the middle of urbanized Orange County.

BRING YOUR OCULARS

You'll be glad you did.

tailed and red-shouldered hawks are common, as are great horned and barn owls. The park is also home to the protected cactus wren and endangered gnat-catcher birds.

SORRY BOY

We're dog lovers too, but wilderness Park wildlife is as diverse parks just aren't the right parks for as the park's habitats. dogs. When marking their territory, You'll see animals from

snakes to mule deer. Red-



A BRIEF HISTORY.

The land comprising Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park was part of two adjacent Mexican land grants from the 1840s, Rancho Canada de Los Alisos and Rancho Lomas de Santiago.



OC Parks has been entrusted with the care and protection of this park. Help us preserve our county's natural and cultural resources for your and your fellow guests' future enjoyment. Please check with your Park Ranger for this park's specific rules, or see them online at www.ocparks.com.