

City of Claremont

Claremont Hills Wilderness Park Management Plan



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MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION

The following guidelines and policies are intended to provide general direction to the City of Claremont, its administrative staff, and field personnel; and, to inform the public regarding the management of the open space and wilderness areas located within the boundaries of the Claremont Hills Wilderness Park. These guidelines and policies are in accordance with the City of Claremont General Plan, Municipal Code, zoning ordinance, and the deed restriction on the property(ies) located within the boundaries of Claremont Hills Wilderness Park.

I. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The primary management goal is to manage the Claremont Hills Wilderness Park so as to preserve its natural characteristics while providing visitors opportunities for passive and recreational enjoyment. A secondary goal is to administer these lands in a cooperative manner in order to augment the conservation efforts of adjoining county and federal jurisdictions. These include but are not limited to actions in support of preservation and protection of the following resources or uses:

- * Existing or proposed parklands, recreation areas and other designated open space lands.
- * Trail systems or easements that provide public access to parklands.
- * Plant and animal communities, habitats, species, cultural, historical or archeological features.
- * Geological, topographical, and water resources present within the park boundaries.
- * Public access to public lands while preserving and protecting adjacent private property.

II. CONSERVATION POLICIES

Claremont Hills Wilderness Park shall be managed by the City of Claremont so as to be affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of human modifications being minimized in order to preserve and protect any animals, plants, habitats, hydrologic, geologic, scenic, historic, cultural, or scientific values which the park may contain. These policies shall include but not be solely limited to the following:

- * Fostering a natural distribution of native plant and animal species throughout the park by maintaining suitable habitat conditions so that the existing ecological processes will continue to function naturally.
- * Taking appropriate action, if necessary, to minimize impacts associated with human disturbance or the introduction of exotic, non-native plants and animals in order to prevent the displacement, loss, or extinction of naturally occurring species. Prior to taking any action involving the restoration of an area where native vegetation has been disturbed, including oak woodlands and chaparral, staff shall consult a professional horticulturist and/or forester.
- * Allowing fire, insect activity, pathogenic disease, and decay to play a natural role in the park's ecosystem. Exceptions to this policy include conditions that pose a threat to human life, private property, or natural resources of high value or limited distribution; or, where the resultant change would create an undesirable or adverse long-term effect on park land or adjacent properties.
- * Following fire, flood, or other major disturbance to the park's ecosystem, a natural re-establishment of the ecosystem will be allowed to take place without human intervention. Exceptions to this policy will include existence of conditions, which pose a threat to human life, private property, or natural resources of high value or limited distribution; or, conditions, which would create an undesirable or adverse long-term effect on park-land or adjacent properties. In the event of a major disturbance to the park's ecosystem, any restoration actions shall be coordinated with the appropriate governmental agencies and the adjacent property owners.
- * Preserving watershed, vegetation, soils, and drainage courses in as natural a condition as possible in order to maintain water quality and allow associated hydrologic processes previously altered by human influences to become re-established wherever they do not pose a significant hazard or nuisance to the public or downstream property.

- * Taking prompt, appropriate action to minimize impacts associated with human disturbance of archaeological, cultural or historic resources in order to prevent their loss or destruction.

- * Limiting the uses of the park to those specified by the City of Claremont General Plan, Municipal Code, zoning ordinance, and the deed restriction on the property(ies) located within the Claremont Hills Wilderness Park boundaries.

III. MANAGEMENT PLAN

Park Entrance

The primary entrance to Claremont Hills Wilderness Park shall be at the trailhead located at the north end of Mills Avenue (Cobal Canyon), adjacent to the Thompson Creek spreading grounds. A secondary entrance shall be at the Marshall Canyon Regional Park gate. Other entrances may be added as needed.

Visitor Use and Facilities

Visitor use will be accommodated by limited facilities which are intended to protect the public's health and safety and to provide other necessary conveniences where deemed appropriate. In order to avoid the degradation of sensitive or unique resources the carrying capacity of the park shall be determined based upon anticipated type and intensity of use.

Horse trailers and buses shall park only in the spaces provided for them at the overflow parking lot located on the corner of Mills Avenue and Mt. Baldy Road. If visitor use exceeds the availability of parking spaces at both the trailhead and overflow parking lots, the City may consider limiting the number of visitors arriving by private automobile or designating additional areas for parking.

If visitor use threatens to adversely impact the area's natural characteristics, appropriate actions shall be taken to prevent any further decline and to allow natural regeneration processes to occur. In most cases, indirect methods of reducing impacts such as temporarily restricting permitted uses in specified areas of the park through signage and public information shall be preferred. However, where these methods prove to be unsuccessful or are considered inadequate, further restrictions may be necessary. Depending on the situation, these may include either partial or total closure, restricting periods of use, or restricting the number of visitors permitted access to the park.

The visitor must also recognize that Claremont Hills Wilderness Park is an undeveloped wilderness area. Use of such an area involves certain risks as a consequence of isolation from urban services and the unpredictability of the natural environment. Although the visitor must accept these risks, in response to a need for assistance, the City of Claremont shall take appropriate and timely action to coordinate necessary law enforcement and medical emergency services. The Los Angeles County Fire Department is the primary respondent for fire and medical emergencies and the City of Claremont Police Department is the primary law enforcement agency.

Restrooms

Until more permanent facilities are constructed, portable toilet facilities, including at least one that is handicapped-accessible, will be available in the parking area at the park's Mills Avenue entrance.

Emergency Phone

A handicapped accessible, emergency telephone will be available for public use at the park's Mills Avenue entrance.

Trash/Recycling

Animal resistant trash receptacles and recycling containers shall be placed in the parking area and at the Mills Avenue entrance/exit to the park. All trash receptacles will be serviced on the same schedule as the City's urban parks.

Visitor Information and Education

Informational Brochure

The informational brochure developed for the park shall be updated periodically. The brochure will contain a map of the park denoting the roads and trails, park rules and regulations, and safety hazard warnings for distribution to the public. This brochure will be available at the park entrance and from the Park Ranger, City Hall, Human Services Department, and Community Services Department.

Visitors Guide

A more complete guide should be developed in the future containing more complete information regarding the park's features, resources, flora, fauna, and history.

Park Security

The Claremont Police Department shall be the primary agency responsible for law enforcement and emergency response within the park. The Claremont Police Department shall provide random patrols by sworn officers for law enforcement and visitor safety purposes.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department shall be the primary agency for fire prevention and control within the park.

Park Rangers (non-sworn) shall be assigned to the park during peak use hours to provide:

- regular monitoring of park use, roads and trails
- visitor information and safety

The Park Ranger shall be equipped with a police radio and telephone for reporting purposes.

For the purpose of public safety, the City may at times partially or entirely close the park.

Fire Hazard Management

The Los Angeles County Fire Department shall be the primary agency responsible for fire prevention, control, and fire hazard management within the park.

State Vegetation Management Program

The State of California has adopted a vegetation management program (Senate Bill 1704) which establishes guidelines for vegetation management throughout California. SB 1704 grants the County of Los Angeles Fire Department (LACFD) the authority to manage brush-covered lands in order to reduce hazardous wildfire conditions. A Coordinated Resource Management Agreement allows the LACFD to act as the lead agent in cooperation with other governmental agencies in projects concerning vegetation management and preservation of natural and cultural resources.

Local Vegetation Management Plan

The City has executed a Coordinated Resource Management Agreement with the LACFD, and has adopted a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) for the park. This plan will provide strategies for the long-term management of the vegetative fuels located within the park boundaries and includes provisions to minimize any impacts on biological or cultural resources, or erosion which may result from vegetation management activities. The VMP was developed in accordance with the provisions of the State Vegetation Management Program and complies with all of the conditions of the State Vegetation Management Program Environmental Impact Report.

Vegetation Management Plan Review

The Community Services Commission shall review the Vegetation Management Plan every six years. This review shall be performed in conjunction with the biannual Commission review of the management policies and guidelines.

Brush Clearance/Fuel Modification Zones

Vegetation management such as brush clearance and/or fuel modification shall be performed within the park only as required by the vegetation management plan and under the direction of the LACFD, California Department of Forestry (CDF), or the United States Forest Service (USFS) to protect adjacent urban areas from wildfire.

Fuel modification zones of varying size have been established by the Community Services Department and the LACFD in areas adjacent to developed properties in order to create a transition between natural open space areas and, to afford protection from incompatible uses that may exist or be proposed on adjacent property. These zones may vary in size from year to year contingent upon annual rainfall and fuel load. The fuel modification zones shall be maintained by the City and shall meet all the requirements of the LACFD for fire protection in urban/wildland interface areas.

The City shall encourage the owners of private property adjacent to the park to coordinate their vegetation management efforts with those being conducted by the LACFD and the City of Claremont.

The Director of Community Services may authorize private property owners to perform fuel modification that is consistent with the intent of the VMP on parklands adjacent to their property. Such activities may include cutting and/or removing trees, plants, shrubs, or grass. Prior to performing any work, the property owner must submit a written request to the Director of Community Services describing the area of public land they wish to maintain and a work schedule. All work shall be at the property owner's expense.

Closure of the Park Due to Fire Danger

The LACFD uses five categories of brush fire danger: low, medium, high, very high and extreme. During periods of extreme brush fire danger, the City will close the park to public access. During periods of very high and high brush fire danger, the City may partially or entirely close the park to public access. Closure of the park for fire prevention purposes will be done based on information and recommendations from the LACFD and/or the USFS.

Specific criteria to be considered in closing the park shall include the occurrence of a wildland, prescribed burn, or structural fire within proximity to the park boundaries and/or when all of the following conditions exist: live fuel moisture is less than 60 percent, relative humidity is less than 16 percent and wind speed is greater than 25 miles per hour.

Procedures for closing the park shall involve, whenever possible, patrolling and extricating of park patrons by trained City staff or Fire Department personnel, deploying park closed signage at park access points, and monitoring of the area to ensure that no one but emergency response staff enters the park.

Public Information

The City shall cooperate with the LACFD in the distribution of public information materials concerning wildland fires and urban/wildland interface. Examples of such publications are:

Homeowner's Guide to Fire and Watershed Safety at the Chaparral/Urban Interface, County of Los Angeles, 1993.

Vegetation Management in the Wildland/Urban Interface of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles County Department of Forestry and Fire Warden, Publication P7-89.

Fire Hazard vs. Erosion Control. A Homeowner's Guide, Los Angeles County Department of Forestry and Fire Warden, Publication P6-89.

Fire Hazard Reduction and Safety Guidelines, Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Safeguarding Your Home Against Wildland Fire, Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Fire Hazard Reduction Requirements, Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Additional fire safety and fire hazard reduction information is available through the Los Angeles County Fire Department Community Relations Office and the Los Angeles County Fire Department Forestry Division.

Permitted Uses

Claremont Hills Wilderness Park shall be managed to provide recreational use and enjoyment by the public in ways that are consistent with the preservation of its natural characteristics. The following public uses are permitted on **designated trails (fire roads) only**:

- * Recreational activities such as hiking, running, bicycling, horseback riding, photography, bird watching and picnicking.
- * Conservation projects, student research or other educational programs involving the study of nature, ecology, or earth sciences.
- * Outdoor programs, lectures, and organized community activities subject to the conditions stated in the Claremont Hills Wilderness Park Ordinance, CMC 11.10.
- Group usage. All groups of 20 or more persons must have approved plans for alternate transportation to the park such as carpools, shuttles, walking or biking. Groups of 20 to 49 persons require prior authorization from the Community Services Department. Groups of 50 or more shall require a park permit issued by the Human Services Department. Prior to issuance, this permit requires review by the Human Services Commission and/or the Community Services Commission.

Prohibited Uses

Except where subject to private rights, or where necessary for the management of the park's resources, or as specifically provided for elsewhere in the policies, the following uses shall be prohibited:

- Any action that creates a nuisance, poses a real or immediate threat to, **or** results in damage to or destruction of the park's resources or other public property.
- Any use except on designated trails (fire roads).
- All forms of hunting, trapping, or use of poisonous baits.
- Removal or the intentional destruction of living or dead vegetation, geological, historical or archaeological materials for any reason including the harvesting or collecting of native plant materials for personal use or sale.
- Motor vehicles of any kind beyond the limits of established parking areas.

- Littering or dumping of trash and debris or disposal of hazardous waste materials.
- Unrestricted activities of pets such as dogs or cats and/or exotic pets.
- Use of firearms, weapons, or other devices, which present a hazard or threat to the park visitors or resources.
- Grazing or herding of livestock including utilization of natural forage for commercial purposes.
- Glass containers, flammable liquids, smoking materials, and fires of any type including campstoves, smoking, and fireworks.
- Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.
- Any after hours use, including hiking, biking and overnight camping.
- Competitive group events such as bicycle, horse, or foot races.
- Commercial services such as those provided by concessionaires or equestrian outfitters and guides are not permitted.

Trail Improvements

The only designated trails in the park are the existing fire roads. If determined to be desirable by the Community Services Commission, new trails may be developed in a manner that can accommodate hikers, equestrians, bicyclists, or persons with limited physical abilities. If new trails are developed every effort shall be made to preserve open space values and natural resources. In order to minimize vegetation removal and topographic impacts, trail alignments should follow existing paths, fire roads, and natural landform contours as much as possible. Trailheads should also be selected to provide varied scenic experiences and degrees of difficulty and to avoid any disturbance of cultural resources.

If determined to be necessary, traffic control plans may be developed to accommodate multiple usage on designated trails.

If fencing and barriers are deemed necessary, they must be designed with materials that harmonize with natural landscape features. Such fencing and barriers may be

utilized to direct entry into the park at specific points, control vehicle access, and provide separation of visitors and horses from hazards.

Bridges will be designed and constructed to harmonize with the environment and to allow for all permitted uses. Bridges shall only be provided when no alternate route is available and the trail crossing cannot be negotiated safely; or, where less established crossings tend to be damaged or washed out during periods of high runoff.

Hitch racks and other improvements to facilitate equestrian use shall be utilized to prevent resource damage as required. These structures shall be located away from focal points of interest so as not to obstruct access or cause a nuisance or hazard when in use.

Signs

A minimum number of signs shall be installed in order to control and direct visitor uses, along with trail maps, route descriptions, brochures, etc. Signs will only be provided for visitor information, public safety, and resource protection. They should range in size and complexity from small, simple arrow directional posts at trail junctions, to regulatory signs posting park rules, park boundaries, and city boundaries. To protect the natural scenic quality of the park, signs posted within the park and signposts should utilize natural earthtone colors and building materials similar to the style and design utilized by the National Park Service and the United States Forest Service.

Structures/Amenities

Temporary shelters such as tents or canopies are not permitted within the park. The Director of Community Services may grant an exception and allow temporary shelters for pre-approved outdoor programs, lectures, or community organized events. Permanent buildings having a roof supported by walls, other than public restrooms, shall not be constructed within the park.

However, the Community Services Commission may grant an exception for minor, permanent structures on a case-by-case basis. The design of permanent structures (e.g. restroom facilities, kiosks and shade structures) should be consistent with the natural qualities of the park through the use of natural building materials and earthtone colors. Any permanent structures may only be constructed at or near portals of the park. Any permanent amenity must be consistent with low intensity recreational use of the park. Permanent amenities must not impede foot and bicycle traffic on existing trails and must preserve open space values and natural resources.

Emergency Facilities

At times, it may be necessary to provide emergency facilities within Claremont Hills Wilderness Park. The facilities may include:

- * Emergency access roads
- * Fire breaks
- * Fuel modification zones
- * Temporary helipads for emergency services

The Director of Community Services shall approve construction of these facilities, in advance, in order to minimize potential impact to natural landscape features as well as sensitive biological and cultural resources.

Historic and Cultural Landmarks and Archaeological Remains

During any construction or excavation work, if any surface or subsurface remains are discovered as the result of these activities, all work shall be stopped and the remains shall be examined by an archaeologist to assess their significance while they are in place prior to any more work being performed. The City shall cause all potentially significant cultural resources found in the park to be recorded with the UCLA Archaeological Information Center.

Easements

Access across the park shall be allowed according to a recorded easement or other legal entitlement. In the event an existing access route is determined to be impractical or unreasonable, an alternative easement may be granted by the City, which results in the least physical impact to natural resources while still serving the purpose for the easement.

Dogs and Other Pets

Upon entering the park, dogs and other pets shall be kept on leashes of preferably no more than six (6) feet in length at all times in order to minimize conflicts with other visitors and prevent disturbance to wildlife and plant resources. Visitors shall be held responsible for the removal of all waste produced by their dogs from designated trails.

Campsites, Picnics and Trash

Overnight camping, and fires of any type including camp stoves and smoking, are not permitted within the park. Day use and picnics are permitted. Trash collection facilities will not be provided within the park in order to encourage a "pack it in, pack it out" practice by visitors. Visitors are required to retain any refuse that they produce while in the park until they are able to dispose of such items in an appropriate trash receptacle located at the park entrance or off park grounds.

Visitor Information and Education

Visitor education should be utilized whenever feasible to achieve objectives. Only the minimum amount of regulation necessary to achieve the desired objectives should be used. In some cases, informational materials or regulatory signs may be placed as a management tool to correct specific problems, protect natural, historical, cultural and archaeological resources, or inform the public of health and safety risks.

Informational and educational materials pertaining to open space resources, trails, special programs, and conservation activities should be made available to the public by the City at City Hall, the Human Services Department, and Community Services Department and at the park entrance. Such materials will also inform the public of the responsibilities and risks involved in visiting and using natural wilderness areas.

The City recognizes Claremont Hills as a wilderness park. Thus, any public promotion of the park should be limited to local sources, such as the City letter or Human Services publications.

Use of Motorized Equipment

Travel within the park shall always be by non-motorized means consistent with the control of noise and preservation of natural characteristics. The only exceptions to this are motorized wheelchairs and admittance of public agents for the purpose of resource protection, emergency access or general maintenance, or for permitted activities specified in this policy. Such acceptable activities include:

- * Ranger patrol, emergency fire access, rescue or law enforcement purposes.
- * Conservation projects.
- * Monitoring or scientific research by private individuals, educational institutions or public utilities as necessary.

- * Control of insects, disease or pathogens that may adversely affect park visitors or natural resources in compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations.

Usage Monitoring

The City shall periodically conduct organized surveys in order to identify usage trends, such as the amount and types of activities taking place in the park, as well as to obtain comments from park visitors.

The City may periodically take aerial photographs of the park. Such photos should be made available for scientific research and analysis for the purpose of monitoring the condition of park-lands.

Field Surveys/Research Projects

Interested parties must first obtain a permit from the Director of Community Services prior to engaging in any activity for the purpose of gathering information about natural, cultural, historical, or archaeological resources or features located within the boundaries of Claremont Hills Wilderness Park.

A written description of the activity must be submitted to the Director for review prior to commencing any such research activities. The activity shall be carried out in a manner compatible with conservation efforts established by these policies, deed restrictions, zoning restrictions, and the City of Claremont General Plan.

The Director of Community Services in advance of any such activities must also approve vehicular access in connection with this research. In no case shall degradation of any of the park's resources be allowed.

Fees

As deemed appropriate, the City Council may establish fees in order to reimburse the City for costs associated with the restoration and maintenance of the park areas.

Management Plan Review

The Community Services Commission shall conduct a public hearing in spring of even numbered years for the purpose of reviewing this management plan, or as needed.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

***: required for park opening**

Park Entrance *

The primary entrance to Claremont Hills Wilderness Park shall be the City's right-of-way located at the north end of Mills Avenue (Cobal Canyon), adjacent to the Thompson Creek spreading grounds.

A pedestrian/equestrian entry gate shall be constructed, at City expense, at the park entrance. Fencing will extend from the park entrance gate to approximately 50 feet north of the road from the park entrance trail to PVPA's Thompson Creek spreading grounds. A gate will be installed across this road. An interpretive sign shall be posted on the fence informing the public of the nature and purpose of the PVPA property.

A kiosk containing informational brochures concerning the park will be installed at the park entrance. Park rules, and warning signs will be posted in the parking lot, and restrooms, an emergency phone, trash receptacles, and recycling containers will be available for public use.

Parking *

A limited area for vehicle parking shall be provided outside the designated primary park entrance in the City right-of-way. The area shall be covered with compacted gravel or decomposed granite over the native soil, and a lockable gate shall be installed at the entrance which will be open during regular park hours only. The City shall post "No Parking" signs on North Mills Avenue between the parking area entry gate and the entrance to the Thompson Creek Dam.

Additional parking area shall be provided along North Mills Avenue, between the entrance to the Thompson Creek Dam and Mt. Baldy Road.

Signs shall be posted along North Mills Avenue prohibiting vehicles equipped with horse trailers. Future parking for vehicles with horse trailers will be provided in the parking area to be located on Pomello Drive and the Thompson Creek Trail.

Signage shall be installed in the parking areas informing park visitors to park at their own risk.

The City shall monitor the adequacy of parking for the park by visually inspecting on a routine basis all designated parking areas and nearby streets to determine if park visitor use consistently exceeds the supply of spaces provided. If parking demands exceed the availability of parking spaces, the City shall construct additional parking facilities or enforce restrictions, such as limiting the number of visitors to the park or requiring parking permits.

Except where provided for in the policies and guidelines, motor vehicles will not be permitted beyond the park entrance.

Park Signage

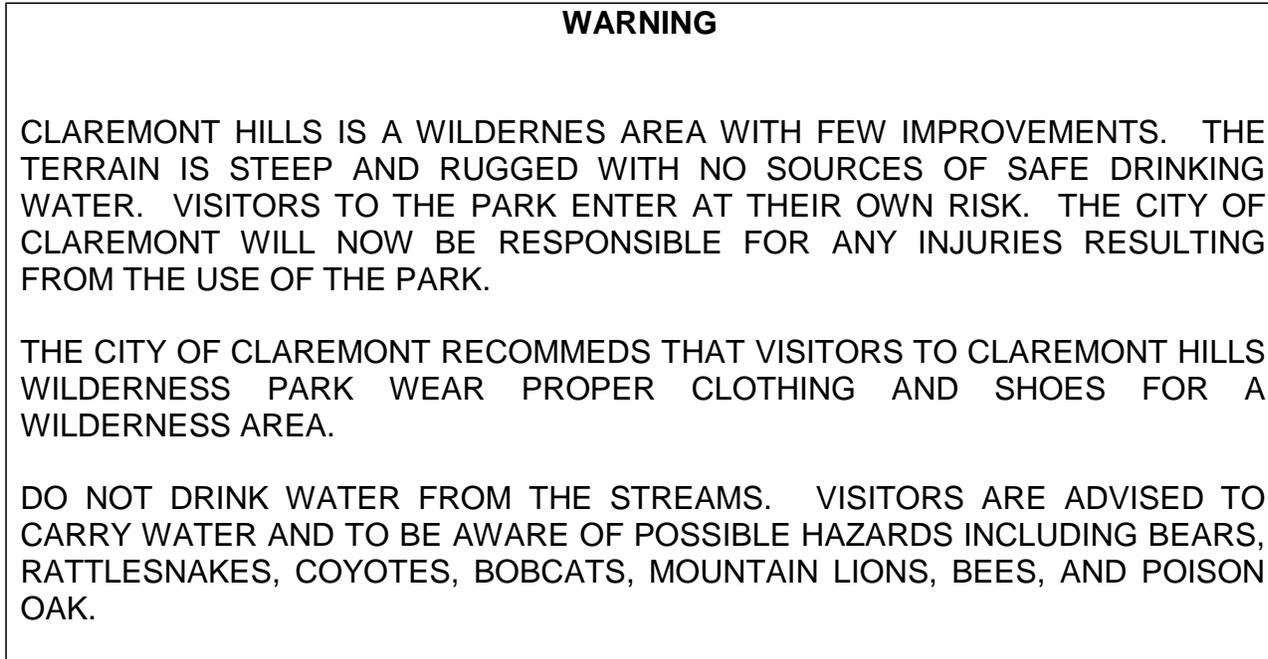
Park Entrance Signs*

A regulatory sign shall be posted at the main entrance. The sign shall contain the following information:

While visiting the park we ask that you please observe the following precautions and rules (per CMC 11.10 and 11.04):

- Park hours shall be posted at entry gate. No after hours use is permitted.*
 - The cutting, pruning or injury of native vegetation or digging of any ground surface within the park is not permitted.*
 - Hunting, trapping, or harvesting of any living or dead thing is not permitted.*
 - The possession or use of firearms, air guns, bows, and arrows, or slingshots or other weapons is not permitted.*
 - For your pet's protection, dogs must be kept on a leash of less than six feet in length at all times. In consideration of other visitors, please remove your dog's waste products from the roads and trails.*
 - Glass containers can start brush fires; therefore, they are not permitted within the park.*
 - Fires of any kind including smoking, camp stoves, flammable liquids or fireworks are not permitted in the park.*
 - Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted.*
 - Except for emergency and maintenance vehicles, no motor vehicles are permitted in the park.*
 - Please take all trash and litter out of the park with you when you leave.*
 - Stay on designated city trails (along the fire roads) at all times.*
 - Practice trail etiquette. Bicyclists and hikers must yield to horses. Bicyclists yield to hikers.*
 - Bicyclists must maintain safe speeds at all times.*
 - No safe drinking water, trash receptacles or restroom facilities are available beyond this point.*
 - Groups of 20 or more are required to obtain a permit prior to using the park. Contact the Community Services Department at (909)399-5431 for more info*
- CMC 11.10.150*

A warning sign shall also be placed at the main entrance containing the following information:



The design of these signs shall be submitted to the Community Services and Architectural Commissions for review and approval. Once approved, the design shall be included as a part of this plan.

Trail Signs

Simple directional signs should be posted at major road and trail junctions indicating road/trail name and direction. These should be simple wooden signs labeled with the trail or road name and a directional arrow.

Informational and directional signs indicating routes and distances shall be placed at the park entrance points and at major trail/road junctions.

Hiking, bicycle, and equestrian warning signs may also be posted informing the park visitors of potential hazards or the degree of difficulty of the trail.

Boundary Signs

Signs shall be posted along major trails and roads indicating the park boundaries and city limits. Depending upon location, the signs will display the following information:

- A: Claremont City Limit
- B: Private property beyond this point
- C: Angeles National Forest beyond this point
- D: Do Not Enter

Safety Warning Signs

Safety warning signs will contain some or all of the following information:

- A: Subject to Flooding/Do not enter when flooded
- B: Do not disturb or feed animals
- C: Bicyclists watch downhill speed
- D: Beware of falling rocks
- E: No horse trailer parking beyond this point
- F: Park at your own risk
- G: Equestrian/pedestrian/bicycle

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- visitor information and safety
- park security including the opening and closing of the park

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For the purpose of public safety, the City may at times partially or entirely close the park.

Fire Hazard Management

LACFD will develop a local vegetation management plan in cooperation with the City within one year from the park's opening to the public. Any recommendations for fuel modifications shall be implemented with assistance from Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles County Probation Department, California Department of Forestry, California Conservation Corps, private contractors, or adjacent property owners as provided for in the Management Plan.

Prior to the plan's approval, the Community Services Commission shall conduct a public hearing to review the plan and receive public comment. Following approval, the plan shall be reviewed every five years at a public hearing by the Community Services Commission.

Vegetation Management

The City shall receive notification of any planned prescribed burning for vegetation management purposes prior to the work being performed. In the case of prescribed burning, the LACFD shall notify all adjacent property owners and conduct a public meeting to review the planned work. Other methods of vegetation treatment, e.g. mechanical brush removal, hand clearing or biological control, may be performed without notification.