

Placerita Canyon provides a safe sanctuary for native plant and animal species to live and thrive. All things, living and non-living, comprise this beautiful ecosystem.



The public should enjoy and learn from this ecosystem, but take care to never disturb it. It is all of our responsibility to protect and conserve this natural area so it can be enjoyed for many future generations.



A Few Things to Remember

- ⬇ Hiking alone is never recommended.
- ⬇ Keep all pets safe and on a proper leash.
- ⬇ Don't forget your water and hiking gear.
- ⬇ Please, do not litter.
- ⬇ Do not remove any part of the ecosystem, living or non-living. It is illegal.
- ⬇ Avoid poison oak.
- ⬇ Never approach or touch any animal.
- ⬇ Keep an eye out for rattlesnakes and natural predators.

Placerita Canyon Natural Area Hours

Open daily sunrise to sunset
Any person/vehicle present in the park during closed hours is subject to arrest and/or fine.

Saturday Special Events

The Placerita Canyon Nature Center holds guided educational walks every month that the entire family can enjoy.

Nature Walk: Every Saturday, 11am–12pm

A short, easy nature walk for the entire family

Bird Walk: Every 2nd Saturday, 8am

Fun for both beginner and advanced birders

Blooms of the Season: Every 4th Saturday, 9:30am – 10:30 am

A beautiful walk to learn about wildflowers currently in bloom

Maps, brochures and trail information can be found on our website and in the Placerita Canyon Nature Center Gift Shop.

For more information, please call (661) 259-7721 or visit our website at www.placerita.org

Placerita Canyon Nature Center



Local Trail Guide

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Placerita Canyon is home to eight different hiking trails. They are within the Placerita Canyon Natural Area and the Walker Ranch Area. All of the trails provide a beautiful escape from city life and a chance to get back in touch with nature.



The trail terrain ranges significantly from a leisurely stroll to a rugged, uphill hike. This allows visitors of all ages and physical fitness levels to decide which trail is best suited for them.



We all need a break from our chaotic schedules every once in a while. Visiting Placerita Canyon and exploring nature on fun hiking trails is not only beneficial for physical health, but also for mental well-being! Whether you are seeking adventure in the wilderness or a relaxing stroll through nature, Placerita Canyon has the trail for you!

Placerita Canyon Natural Area Trails

- **Botany Trail** 0.05 mile (one-way)

A short trail that gives visitors a sneak peek of all the beautiful, local plant life such as wild rose and coast live oak.

Completion Time: 15 minutes

- **Heritage Trail** 0.30 mile (one-way)

A trail that takes visitors past Walker Cabin and ends at the Oak of the Golden Dream. This is a concrete, wheelchair accessible trail.

Completion Time: 30 minutes

- **Ecology Trail** 0.65 mile (one-way)

An easy loop trail behind the Placerita Canyon Nature Center that explores chaparral, oak woodland and riparian plant communities.

Completion Time: 45 minutes

- **Hillside Trail** 0.30 mile (one-way)

A short trail, with steep areas, that connects to different area trails.

Completion Time: 30 minutes

- **Manzanita Mtn. Trail** 0.90 mile (one-way)

A trail with very steep terrain that ascends rapidly along ridges and hillsides.

Completion Time: 45 minutes

- **Canyon Trail** 1.85 miles (one-way)

A trail with rugged terrain, following and crossing Placerita Creek in several places and ends at the Walker Ranch Area.

Completion Time: 90 minutes

- **Waterfall Trail** 0.75 mile (one-way)

A short, shaded trail that ends at a 15-foot waterfall that runs during rainy seasons.

Completion Time: 45 minutes

- **Los Pinetos Trail** 2.35 miles (one-way)

A very steep, rugged hike with breathtaking views of the San Fernando Valley, downtown Los Angeles, the Pacific Ocean and the Channel Islands. This is the only trail that allows bicycles.

Completion Time: 3 hours

The Waterfall Trail and Los Pinetos Trail are found in the Walker Ranch Area, a portion of the Placerita Canyon Natural Area about 1 mile east of the Placerita Canyon Nature Center. Visitors can hike from the Placerita Canyon Nature Center or park just off Placerita Canyon Road at the Walker Ranch trailhead.

Feeling Adventurous?

- **The Seven Mile Loop** ~7.20 miles

Experienced hikers can follow several different trails through a seven mile loop. Take the Canyon Trail to the Los Pinetos Trail. Turn right onto the Santa Clara Divide and another right onto the Firebreak Ridge. Continue to the Manzanita Mountain Trail and proceed back down to the Canyon Trail. Please be advised portions of this hike are outside the Placerita Canyon Natural Area and may not be maintained as hiking trails.

Completion Time: 5 hours