

## Chino Hills State Park Visitor Survey, 2008–2009

Chino Hills State Park (SP) was one of 26 parks surveyed during a statewide survey effort between 2007 and 2009. There were 285 responses collected from visitors to Chino Hills SP during four different seasons: fall 2008 (43), winter 2008 (16), spring 2009 (113), and summer 2009 (113). Trail-related responses are summarized below.

### Gender

Gender	Percentage
Male	62.8%
Female	24.6%
No Answer	12.6%

### Age

Age	Percentage
18-24	7.7%
25-34	24.6%
35-44	23.2%
45-54	18.6%
55-59	8.1%
60-64	2.8%
65-74	2.1%
75 and older	0.4%
No answer given	12.6%

## Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Percentage
Hispanic or Latino	9.8%
Asian	8.8%
Black or African American	0.7%
White / Caucasian	59.6%
American Indian and/or Alaska Native	0.0%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Other / Multi-racial	6.7%
No answer	14.4%

## Activities of Respondents at Park\*

Activity	Chino Hills SP Percentage
Hiking	41.8%
Mountain biking	41.4%
Jogging/running	11.6%
Other recreation	6.7%
Relaxing in the outdoors	4.2%
Picnicking	3.5%
Walking for pleasure	3.2%
Camping	2.8%
Bird watching	2.5%
Wildflowers	2.5%

\*Respondents checked all activities that applied.

## Primary Activities at Park of Group (2 or more persons)\*

Activity	Percentage
Mountain Biking	40.4%
Hiking	35.1%
Jogging/Running	9.8%
Other recreation	4.6%
Walking for pleasure	2.1%

\*Respondents checked all activities that applied.

**Question:** Based upon what you've experienced at this park so far, are there programs you might like here at this park but that aren't currently available. If so, what activities and programs would you suggest?

**Answers:**

### **Biking, Hiking, and Equestrian**

- Nature hikes
- Guided hikes
- Night rides on horseback or bikes
- Guided mountain biking trips
- Guided youth hikes and nature walks
- More guided hikes (how is this different from #2 above? Are these straight quotes?)

### **Amenities**

- More signs on pathways
- Add more trail signs (How are these two different from each other?)

### **Use Volunteers To:**

- Volunteer to keep the trails and park clean
- Trail maintenance programs
- Help clean up single-track trails
- More organized volunteer park cleanup
- Trail cleaning programs
- Trail maintenance days - especially after rains

**Question:** Are there any additional amenities you would like to have in this state park beyond what are currently offered? If so, what amenities do you suggest?

**Answers:**

### **Biking, Hiking, and Equestrian Riding**

- Group hike options lead by a ranger

### **Signage/Maps**

- Signs leading to water, flowers and ranger station
- More interpretive signs on trails
- Signs on trail ethics showing who has the right of way and when
- Mile markers at trail junctions
- More signage for trails, (mileage, information on flora/fauna/habitat)
- Signs at every trail junction and, if possible, intermediates so people can know they're still on the right trail
- Signs with maps or mileage at trail junctions
- Better trail maps

### Amenities

- Trail restrooms
- Trail exercise course
- More trees on trails
- Recycle bins
- Benches with shade
- Toilets near horse area
- A faucet/spigot somewhere along the trail
- Water sources on trail
- Emergency phones on trail
- Backpacking sites on long trails

### Education

- More information on riding trails
- More pamphlets on trails and in the park
- Information on points of interest
- Educational signs
- More information at the entrance as to what's up ahead (parking, fees, trails, etc.)

### Trail Design

- Cutback single-track trails
- Easier way out from Aliso Canyon. Trail alongside the RR toward Yorba Linda. Open Brush Canyon trail.
- Separate trails for hikers and bikers separate from cars
- Paved road
- More trails that dogs can go on
- More trails for mountain biking (single tracks instead of roads)

**Question:** *Is there anything else that you would like State Parks to know about this park? How about the state park system as a whole? If so, what?*

**Answers:**

### Trail (design)

- The single-track trails are really bad
- Trails need to be cut back and the brush needs to be cleared from around the picnic tables
- Rutted out trails need to be fixed
- Keep trails maintained
- Single-track trails are terrible
- The trails need to be wider and there should be an in and an out lane for the main entrance
- Open up trails for just hikers and bikers

- Very against any kind of a toll road through the area
- There should be a better road leading into the park, perhaps pavement
- The proposed road is as bad idea
- Keep the park as is, no concessions or roads
- The Bovinian Trail is completely overgrown and it's a very common stretch of track
- The trails should be enlarged a foot or two
- They should take advantage of the moist trails and grade them to keep up the paths/bike trails
- Open up some of the trails that do not allow mountain bike access,

### **Hours of Park Operation**

- Open the park up earlier during the summer

### **Safety**

- Regulate speed limits, cars go too fast
- Also concerned with the safety of the hill being supported with concrete (on the left on the way in before the first kiosk)
- Poison oak on the trails needs to be better controlled

### **Other**

- Why don't you use prison workers for maintenance of trails?

### **Signage/maps**

- More signs and maps
- Bulletins need to be updated
- There should be a sign at the trailhead asking visitors not to wear ear phones
- The brochures need to be restocked at the trailhead too
- Would like to see good trail maps made available online