

Topanga State Park General Plan Declaration of Purpose

The following revised Declaration of Purpose is being proposed for the park's updated General Plan; however, a core of the Declaration is based upon the 1977 general development plan:

Topanga State Park is a significant place of scenic wildlands within a fragmented and ever-encroaching urban setting. Although it is in the middle of the most densely populated area of the State, the Park maintains a sense of wholeness and integrity. It is a landscape shaped by its underlying natural history and by its rich and diverse cultural history. Some of the earliest known areas of human habitation in California were established here thousands of years ago. Today, many people have a great respect and passion for Topanga State Park, including the descendants of those ancient inhabitants who hold these lands as sacred.

The purpose of Topanga State Park is to preserve, interpret, and protect a substantial and meaningful portion of its natural and cultural resources, so that the Park can:

- restore and sustain dynamic natural processes,
- retain its unique, rugged, and inherently majestic character,
- maintain and enhance wildlife corridors,
- nurture and promote superior coastal water quality,
- defend vital open space and ecological integrity,
- provide a refuge that promotes the physical and mental well-being of its visitors,
- offer high-quality recreation and outdoor experiences,
- fulfill its highest potential for interpretation and education,
- present self-sustaining programs, services, and activities,
- honor and teach awareness, appreciation, and better understanding of the people who lived here before,
- facilitate the discovery and recognition of our relationships with the natural world and with each other,
- inspire us and our children to realize the importance of these landscapes to our health and to the health of our urban environment.

Park Information

Address: Topanga State Park
20825 Entrada Road
Topanga, CA 90272
Phone: (310) 455-2465



Park Sector: Topanga Sector
Park District: Angeles District

Average Annual Attendance: 404,302 (1996 to 2008)
2008 School Programs: 1,717 students; 42 schools

Current Acreage: 11,525 acres (8,960 acres within City of LA)
Miles of Trails: 50.8 miles (approximately half are fire roads)
Trailheads & Entrances: 60 (approx.)
Scenic Overlooks: 6 (at least)

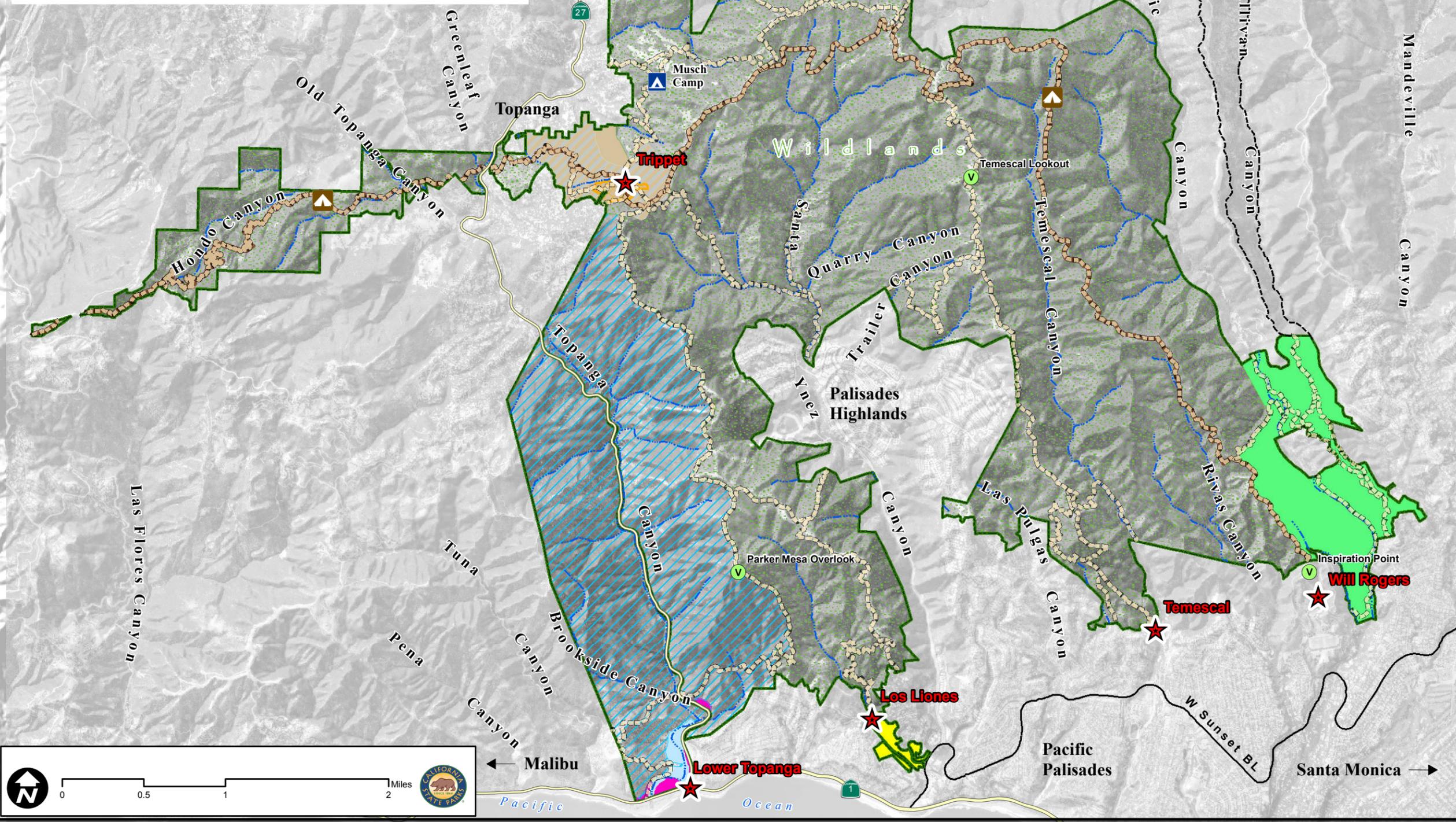
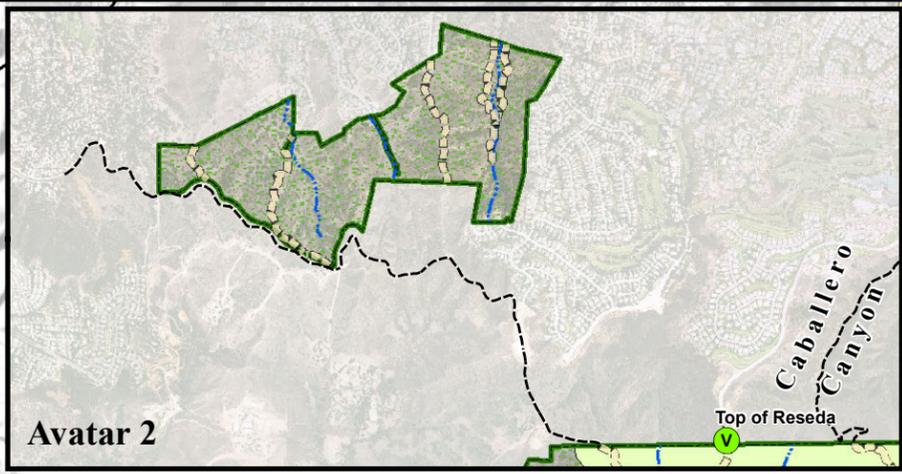
Wildlife Species: 425 potentially occurring wildlife species (277 avian, 85 mammal, 46 reptile, 17 amphibian)
Special Status Wildlife: 13 wildlife, 3 fish, and 5 invertebrate species
Plant Species: Approximately 300 plant species (Muns 1983)
Special Status Plants: 20 plant species
Habitat Communities: 6 rare natural communities; the mouth of Topanga Creek is identified as critical habitat for the tidewater goby (USFWS Recovery Unit LA-2)

Archaeological Sites: 52 recorded (29 are Native American; 1.5% of park surveyed)
Historic Resources: 17 historic sites (includes historic buildings and historic archaeological sites)
Paleontology: 4 geologic formations dating from circa 10 million to 100 million years; primarily fossil fish species

Perennial Streams: Topanga, Santa Ynez, and Temescal Creeks
Seasonal Streams: Many – see map on reverse
Watersheds (parts of): 5 (Calwater 2.2, 1999)
Waterfalls: 5 (at least)
Named Rock Features: 4 (at least)
Soils: 11 series (USDA)

Note: Data are for general reference only and do not necessarily reflect definitive or final statistics. Wildlife and special status species counts were based on USGS 7.5-minute quadrangles for Malibu Beach, Topanga, and Canoga Park.

Project Website: http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=25956



Legend

- ★ Primary Entrance
- Ⓥ Vantage Points
- ▲ Existing Camping
- ▲ Proposed Camping
- Trail Corridors
- Backbone Trail
- Other Agency Trails
- Creeks and Drainages
- Arterial Street
- Highway
- Topanga State Park Boundary

Management Zones

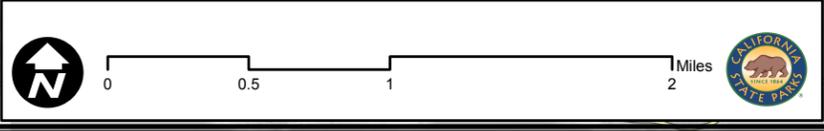
- Trippet Ranch Area
- Historic Zone
- Cultural Preserve
- Los Liones
- Mulholland Corridor
- Rustic Canyon
- Wildlands
- Lower Topanga
- Watershed Management Conservation Zone
- Lagoon Zone

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Preferred Plan

Parcel boundaries are approximate and should not be considered legal descriptions. Maps are intended for study purposes only.

Data Sources: NPS, USGS, CA State Parks



San Fernando Valley

Nike Missile Site

Topanga

Wildlands

Palisades Highlands

Pacific Palisades

Santa Monica

Malibu

Lower Topanga

Los Liones

Temescal

Will Rogers

Top of Reseda

Trippet

Temescal Lookout

Inspiration Point

Parker Mesa Overlook

Topanga

Quarry Canyon

Temescal Canyon

Rustic Canyon

Sullivan Canyon

Mandeville Canyon

Hondo Canyon

Old Topanga Canyon

Greenleaf Canyon

Musch Camp

Santa Ynez Canyon

Trailer Canyon

Las Pulgas Canyon

Rivas Canyon

Topanga Canyon

Brookside Canyon

Tuna Canyon

Pena Canyon

Las Flores Canyon

W Sunset BL

Pacific Ocean