

WILDWOOD CANYON PARK PROPERTY 6/16/2025 PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

California State Parks held a public meeting for the Wildwood Canyon Park Property Classification and Naming on June 16th, 2025. Attendees had the opportunity to engage with State Parks Headquarters and Inland Empire District staff. Input will help reinforce feedback from stakeholders and the public survey and will inform the classification and naming recommendations.



Informational poster with a historic timeline and map of Wildwood Canyon Park Property.

The following summary details the feedback received during the meeting and will be used to ensure alignment with community and park visitor values. It includes an overview of feedback received at each station.

Station 1: Introduction and Overview

Attendees were asked to mark their favorite places to visit in the park. One place was marked – the Hi-Up House.



Map of Wildwood Canyon Park Property showing people's favorite places in the park.



Station 2: Resource Management

Attendees were asked to prioritize resource management opportunities that are most important to them. The comments are provided below:

- I like it how it is, please just preserve the natural beauty, and quiet peace it gives
- No hunting, leave equestrians and bikes. No camping.
- Leave it alone! No paved roads, protect wildlife, no camping.
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- I like it as it is.
- Leave it like it is.
- No hunting on park lands.
- Protect coast live oak, natives (plants), and wildlife
- Please no hunting. There's enough hunting at Lake Perris and we like it how it is.
- Cultural History noted/signed where appropriate.
- No hunting, water troughs, keep hiking, horses, ranger (guides).
- Bio-blitz, interpretive ecology programs, fire management, camping, no RVs, no hunting.
- Duplicate Bio-blitz, interpretive ecology programs, fire management, camping, no RVs, no hunting.
- Environmental management, fire management practices (reduce fires), protect animals, flora, fauna.
- Fire management, pest management, many bee hives near ranch which are dangerous to people.
- Protect & preserve wildlife corridors/nature's courses, leave the historical sites as is with some "preservational" measures -ie. trash removal, safety precautions/blocks (like stairwells etc.) With the addition of some informational placards, maybe? Maintain the multi-use trail system! #1 in this community.



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Station 3: Recreation

Attendees were asked to identify recreational opportunities that they would like to see implemented in the park. The comments are provided below:

- Hiking with dogs (on leash).
- Horse staging, hiking, bicycle, dog walking, horseback riding.
- Trail signage.
- If we change the park it won't be wild. Don't interrupt wildlife, no paved roads.
- I like it how it is- hiking, biking, and equestrian. <u>Undeveloped.</u>
- Equestrian.
- Equestrian use is very important to me.
- Mountain biking (bell boxes would be good).
- Horseback riding.



- <u>Hiking!</u> Best local trail system in the area I cherish the wide-open spaces and I believe that the <u>solitude</u> that Wildwood Canyon Park provides it's community -right in our backyard is <u>priceless</u> <3.
- Leave it as it is.
- Equestrian, hiking, biking.
- Leave as is please, camping.
- Horse trails.
- Biking.
- Horse trials (equestrian), hiking, biking, no hunting, <u>No</u> overnight camping (fire risk).
- Equestrian horse trails.
- Equestrian.
- Equestrian horse trails.
- Mountain bike trails.
- Equestrian.
- More biking trails, public use, access of bells at trail heads.
- Minimal changes, add trails, future connectivity to surrounding natural areas (wildlands, USFS, wilderness).



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- Mountain biking hikes.
- Hiking, biking, NO hunting, NO RVs, multi-use trail system, dry camping but you have to hike-in.
- Multi use trail, systems to include trail connection to USFS trails. Biking, hiking, equestrian. Pedal bikes only, <u>No E=bikes.</u> Allow class I low assist e-bikes on trails.
- Hiking, biking. No Hunting! Equestrian trails.

Station 4: Interpretation and Education

Attendees were provided an overview of current interpretive and educations topics and asked that attendees provide input on topics they would like to learn more about at the park. The comments are provided below:

- Safety education for recreation.
- Oak tree info, threats to this habitat, Native American history, settler history, outdoor education in general.
- Native American interpretation, preserve natural resources.
- Local history.
- I want the park to remain the same. I am I6 and enjoy riding my bike there.
- Interpretive ecology program, bio blitz, no paved roads, keep it wild.
- Keep the park as is. Do not limit use. Do not change.
- Preserve the oaks and surrounding buildings, settlers' history.
- Info on native cultures, explanation of the biology & flora/fauna significance, conservation & what people can do in daily lives to preserve places like WWCP.
- <u>Live it wild, no paved roads.</u> The more advertising the more people and more damage. I want to see it stay as is. My 16-year-old rides his bike regularly there.





Activity poster with comments provided by the public on their views for interpretation and education opportunities at Wildwood Canyon Park Property.

Station 5: Park Facilities

Attendees were asked to provide feedback on park facilities they would like to see. The comments are provided below:

- We need flowing water.
- Trail preservation and maintenance, day use only, equestrian use, biking, water fountains.
- Flashing lights at crosswalk with rider height button for equestrians.
- Watering areas.
- I like it how it is. Please preserve its current state.
- Horse stalls for day use.
- Just some basic maintenance like trash removal, site monitoring to repair damage, maybe historical points of interest at the sites for the farm history, indigenous history and native flora + fauna that supports the area's ecosystem. We love the rustic joys and solitude this park offers.
- Please keep bikes & horses with separate trails.
- Keep the houses, keep the parking, restrooms.

- More signage w/ blurbs on history & wildlife in area. More signs on yielding to other activities horse v. bikes v. hikers.
- No paved roads, no campsites, equestrian use, bioblitze, interpretive ecology program.
- Equestrian use.
- Keep Hunt Ranch Barn and horse corrals.
- Need running water.
- Keep the park how it already is with minor additions such as water stations & a restroom.
- No motorized bikes.
- Minimally improved- Let's not turn this into a massive hardscape + heat island.
- Improve parking (and gravel??), put in adequate drainage for lot in winter/rain.
- Water stops, multi-use trails, bio blitz, interpretive ecology program.
- Hook up trails w/ national forest.
- Restrooms (permanent) by parking area + water.
- Biking.
- No E-bikes they're fast like motorcycles.
- Functional use (building) for staff coupled with visitor museum- like space in one for interested folks.
- Restrooms and hydration station.
- Water stations, restrooms.
- Mountain biking water fountains.
- More nature + wildlife preservation.
- Would love to see a few trash cans and improved restroom facilities. Otherwise, the current light recreation use is great!
- Water fountains around the trails.
- NO CAMPSITES refuge for homeless.
- To protect nature and wildlife, it needs to stay as it is. No paved roads or paved trails. This is a corridor for animals to move.
- Trail preservation, restroom, day use only, trail markers.
- Separate walking, bike riding, mountain bike riding, horseback riding trails.
- We'd love for it to stay exactly like it is. Wildwood Canyon State Reserve.
- Trails for equestrians. Allow bikes, horses, hiking. NO motorized vehicles/ dirt bikes/quads. NO hunting or overnight use.





Activity poster with comments provided by the public on their views for facilities at Wildwood Canyon Park Property.

Station 6: Naming and Draft Purpose

Attendees reviewed the draft purpose statement and provided thoughts on a name for the park. The comments on naming are provided below:

- Wildwood Canyon State Park (4)
- Wildwood Shadows State Park or Reserve
- Wildwood Serrano State Park

The comments on the draft purpose statement are provided below:

- Day use only.
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- Mountain bike trails and signage.
- Equestrian trails.
- Equestrian trail riding, hiking, biking, picnicking.
- Leave as is.
- Bio Blitz, interpretive ecology program, informational signage.
- Equestrian.



Activity poster with comments provided by the public on their views for the naming of Wildwood Canyon Park Property



Activity poster with comments provided by the public on their views for the purpose of Wildwood Canyon Park Property.

