

News Advisory



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California State Parks

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Long-Awaited, Major Public Access Improvements Coming to Chino Hills State Park

WHO: California State Parks and the National Park Service

WHAT: Announcement and celebration of \$4.2 million, major funding grant for access and visitor recreational improvements for Chino Hills State Park.

This funding will finally fix what has been the main complaint of visitors, the extremely poor access to a recreational area with high visitor demand.

WHEN: Wednesday, November 30, 2005 – 11 a.m.

WHERE: Bane Canyon Campground on Bane Ridge -- The Bane Canyon Entrance to Chino Hills State Park is located off CA Highway 71 near the City of Chino Hills. Take the Soquel Canyon Parkway exit and travel 1.3 miles west, then left onto Elvinar Drive. Park entrance is approximately ¼ mile on the right.

National Park Service Deputy Director Donald Murphy will be coming to California to join State Park Director Ruth Coleman to commemorate the recent award of a \$ 4.2 million Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for the improvement of the Bane Canyon Road and the construction of a multipurpose trail and other visitor and maintenance facilities at Chino Hills State Park. This project will increase long-awaited public access opportunities into the interior of the 12,500 acre state park that stretches across three counties.

In the Los Angeles Basin, this oak and woodland park is one of the last remaining islands of wilderness that allows wildlife to move and flourish in their natural habitat. It is reported to be the last state park in an urban area that still has nesting golden eagles. Mountain lions roam the hills. It is a last-frontier kind of place in the midst of an expanding suburbia where our citizens can see nature at its raw best.

Many park supporters will be on hand, including Nature of Wildworks, which will be bringing many of the living examples of birds and animals found at the park, such as a red tail hawk and a great horned owl, along with several small mammals, including a raccoon and a fox. These are mostly creatures that have been injured and cannot be returned to the wild.

In the event of high winds on the day of the event or measurable rain on the day or days prior to the event, contact 951-780-6222, extension 19 to confirm location or possible alternate site.

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