



Malibu Creek State Park

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Malibu Creek State Park preserves for public use almost 8,000 acres of rugged, mainly virgin land in the middle of the Santa Monica Mountains—within the largest metropolitan area on the West Coast.

Ancient Forces Made for Filming Paradise

Rapid, dramatic geologic changes created the spectacular landscape of Malibu Creek State Park. Its jagged mountains, rock outcroppings, cliff-like slopes, and deep gorges were formed over two million years by severe climate changes, earthquakes, erosion, and tectonic plate collisions. These forces continue to shape the landscape today.

In the early days of the film industry, rugged terrain that could double for far-off locations was difficult to find near Hollywood. Filmmakers transformed this area into exotic locales such as old Mexico, outer space, and an army hospital in Korea. Movies and television shows filmed here include *M*A*S*H*, *The Planet of the Apes*, *Pleasantville*, and *How Green Was My Valley*. The Angeles District Headquarters building here served as the “dream house” in the 1948 classic, *Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House*.

Native People

This land was home to the Chumash people for thousands of years. Grasslands, chaparral (drought-resistant, fire-adapted shrubs), oak woodlands, and riparian woodlands (stream areas) provided abundant resources. Early Spanish explorers found a Chumash culture of settled villages, established class structures, and extensive trade systems. The Chumash were known for their extraordinary craftsmanship, oral traditions, music, and rich religious life. Archaeologists have uncovered the site of a small village once known as Talepop in the northeast section of the park. European immigration and exploration changed the lives of the Chumash people forever. Their descendants still carry on many of their traditions today.

The Sepulveda Adobe, at the corner of Las Virgenes and Mulholland, housed a homesteading family in the 1860s.

The Park Today

Malibu Creek slopes from west to east through the middle of the park. The creek was dammed in the early 1900s to form the seven-acre Century Lake. Numerous small seasonal creeks empty into Malibu Creek from the highlands.

Please Remember:

- Check-out time is noon.
- Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Generators may be operated only between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- All bicycle riders under age 18 must wear a helmet.
- The maximum speed limit in the park is 15 mph.
- Dogs must be on a six-foot maximum leash at all times and must be inside a tent or RV at night. Dogs are **NOT** permitted on trails or dirt fire roads.
- Campfires are permitted only in the metal fire rings provided. Wood may be used during low fire danger conditions and charcoal during medium fire conditions. No fires are permitted when fire risk is high. Please check at entrance station for fire conditions.
- Alcohol consumption is permitted in the camping and picnic areas only, and only by those 21 years of age or older.
- Minors, when camping or visiting alone, must have written permission from a parent or guardian, including contact phone number, to enter the park.
- Park only in the campsite for which you have been registered. Limit of 2 vehicles per site. All vehicles must remain on the pavement.
- Please do not occupy any campsite until you have registered and paid for it.
- Accessibility is continually improving; please visit <http://access.parks.ca.gov> for specific information.

CAMPING RESERVATIONS: You may make camping reservations by calling (800) 444-7275 (TTY 800-274-7275).

To make online reservations, visit our website at www.parks.ca.gov.

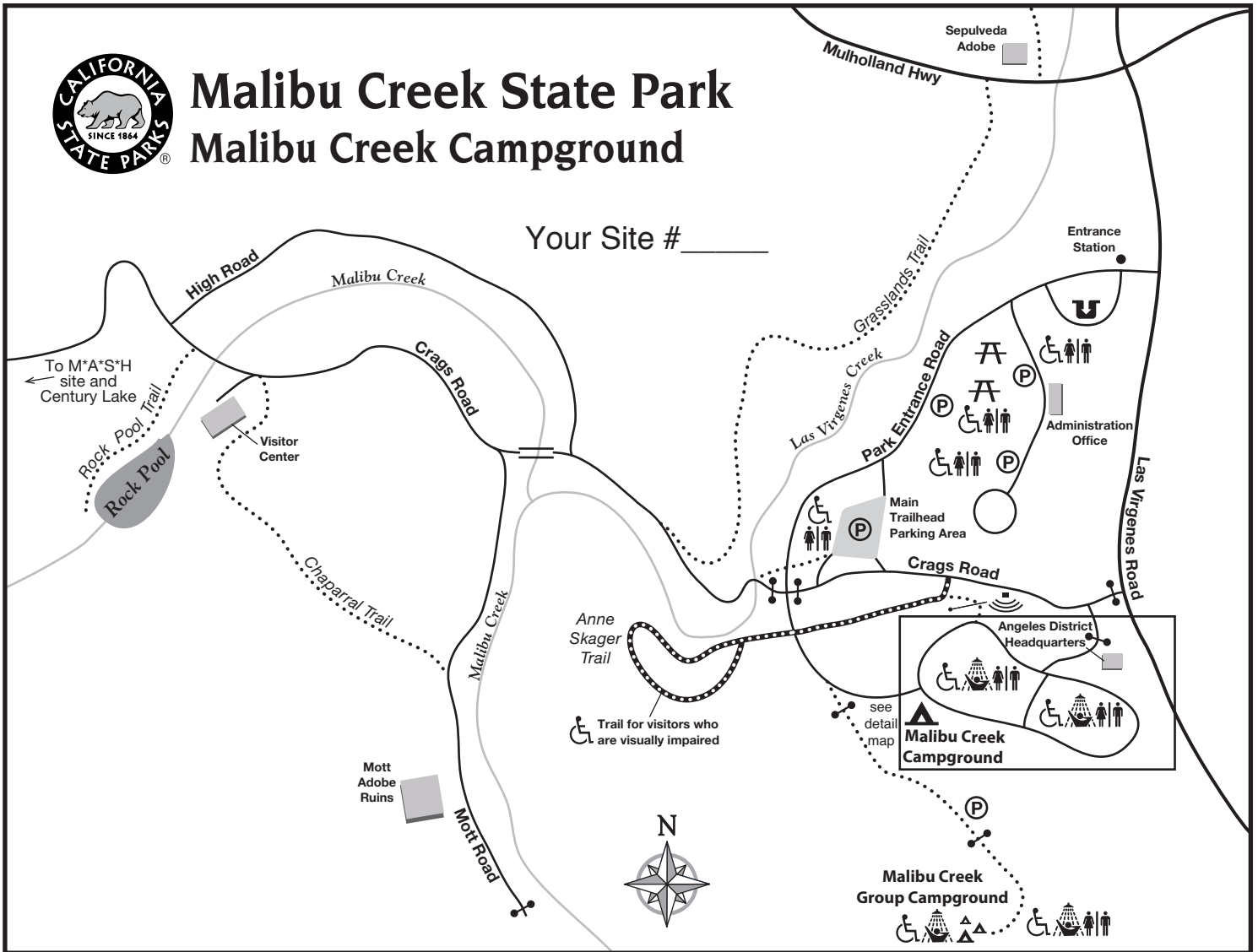
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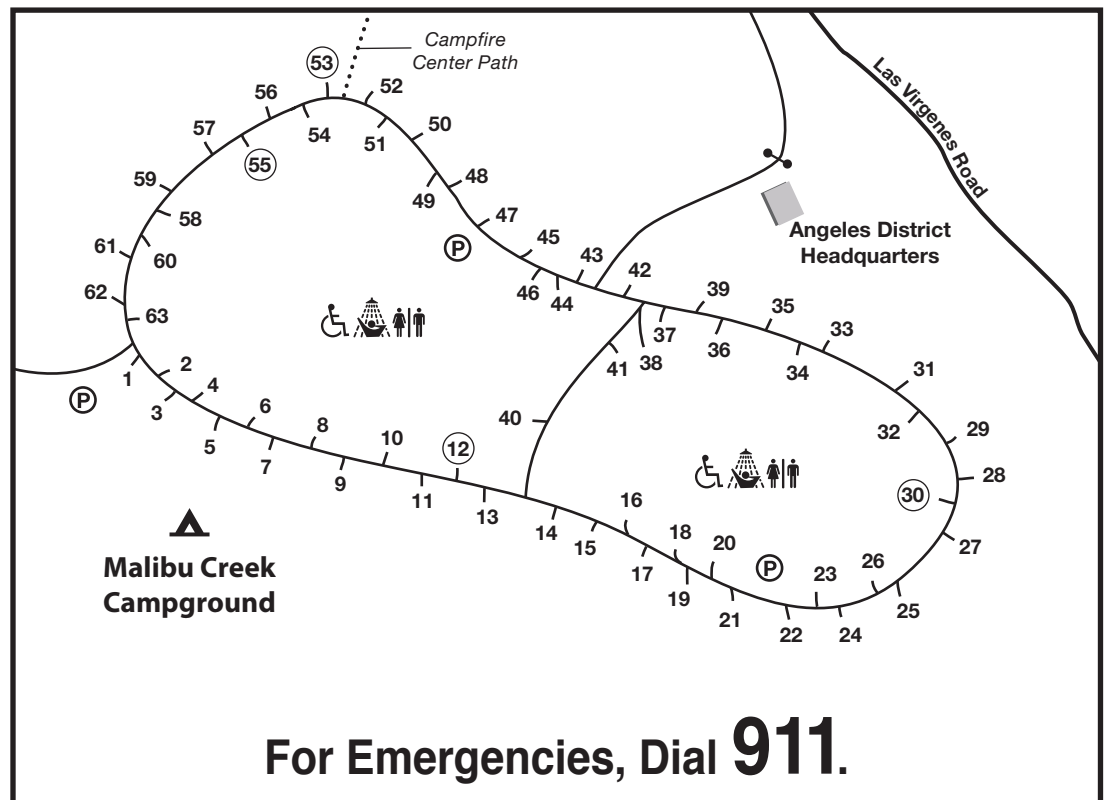
Malibu Creek Campground

Your Site # _____



Legend

- Trail: Accessible
- Trail: Hike
- Accessible Campsite
- Accessible Feature
- Bridge
- Campfire Center
- Campground
- Campground: Group
- 1-63 Campsites
- Locked Gate
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Restrooms
- RV Sanitation Station
- Showers



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