

Peter Strauss Ranch

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Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area



Hollywood Retreat

For nearly a century, people have enjoyed leisure and recreation at this site. Named for Emmy Award-winning actor Peter Strauss, this park delights nature lovers and intrigues history buffs. Oak woodlands, a seasonal creek, easy trails, a lawn area, and an amphitheater provide a wonderful location for visitors of all ages to have fun outdoors.

Near the main house, you will discover an Italian terrazzo tile concert area (1939) where country legends Johnny Cash and Willie

Nelson performed in the 1950s. Also, you will see the relic of an enormous outdoor swimming pool with a small stage in the center.

Recreational activities are still popular at Peter Strauss Ranch. The National Park Service hosts public programs, including Sunday concerts during the summer. Visitors may also reserve the site for private weddings, birthdays, retirement parties, and other special events. For information about reservations visit: www.nps.gov/samo

Information and Safety

NATURAL AND CULTURAL FEATURES

including rocks, plants, and animals are protected by law and may not be collected or disturbed. Do not climb on structures. Weapons, nets, and traps are not allowed in parklands.

WATER that comes from streams is not safe to drink due to possible contamination or the presence of the giardia protozoan.

FIRE is a year-round concern. During times of high fire danger, smoking and all fires are not permitted.

TRAIL CLOSURES will be in effect during and following extreme weather or hazardous conditions.

PETS must be under control and on a leash, not to exceed 6 feet, at all times. Pick up after your pet.

VEHICLES are restricted to designated roads and parking areas.

PERMITS may be required for certain activities such as special and group events, filming and photography. For more info, contact the Office of Special Park Uses at 805-370-2308 or visit nps.gov/samo/planyourvisit/permits.htm

WASPS AND BEES are plentiful during the summer. Cover food and sweet beverages while picnicking.

Peter Strauss Ranch
Ranch House
30000 Mulholland Hwy
Agoura Hills CA 91301

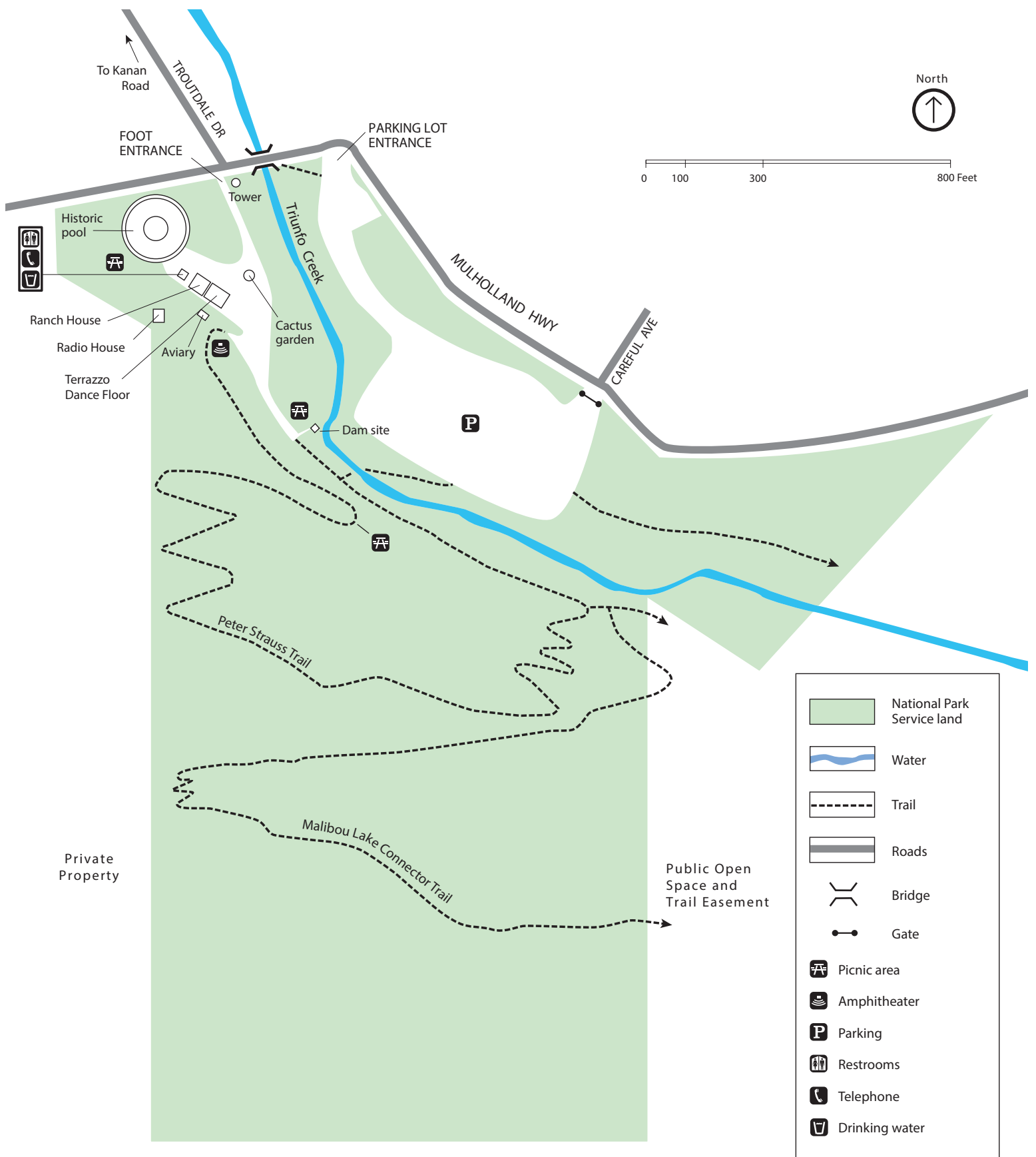


The main parking area is open from 8:00 AM – sunset. Visitors can access the park from the parking area by walking along a short connector trail. When Triunfo Creek is running high, please use the pedestrian path along Mulholland Hwy.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Santa Monica Mountains
Interagency Visitor Center
26876 Mulholland Hwy
Calabasas CA 91302
805-370-2301
www.nps.gov/samo

EMERGENCIES

Call 911. For a ranger, call Angeles Dispatch at 661-723-3620.



Trail Information and Site Highlights

Directions to main parking lot (open 8am to sunset): Ventura Freeway (101) to Kanan Rd exit. Go south on Kanan 2.8 miles. Turn left on Troutdale Dr to Mulholland Hwy. Left on Mulholland Hwy 400' then right into the parking lot.

- Easy
- Moderate
- ◆ Strenuous

Peter Strauss Trail ● 0.6 mile round trip—

This pleasant trail is suited for the novice hiker. It traverses chaparral and oak riparian habitats. Watch out for poison oak.

Lake Enchanto Dam

Built in the 1940s, this dam created the centerpiece of "Lake Enchanto." It was a popular spot for fishing, rowing, and swimming. The dam was breached in the late 1960s by severe flooding. Part of the dam structure still exists in the creek bed near the picnic area.

Terrazzo Dance Floor/Patio

Made in 1939 of Italian terrazzo with a pointed star to commemorate "Hollywood," the patio was a popular place for Big Band concerts, dancing, and performances by popular musicians such as Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson and the Mandrell Sisters.

Radio House

Harry Miller purchased the property in 1923. Along with building the Ranch House, Miller also built the radio house for playing cards and listening to the radio.

Swimming Pool

Built in 1940, this was the largest pool on the West Coast. It had a capacity for 650,000 gallons of water and could accommodate up to 3,000 people.

Parking Area

The parking lot entrance is east of the pedestrian entrance. Parking lot is open 8am to sunset. Park and then walk across the bridge on Mulholland Hwy to the foot entrance.