

# Rocky Oaks

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Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area



## A Walk in the Park



Hidden amid houses, roads, and other signs of modern life, Rocky Oaks features a seasonal human-made pond and a variety of plant communities that provide habitat for wildlife.

While taking a gentle hike along our loop trails, enjoy vistas of the pond. Once used as a watering hole for the cattle, the pond now supplies drinking water to native animals such as rabbits, coyotes, bobcats, raccoons, and deer. Plants such as tule, cattail, and willow grow in and near the water, while water birds

such as buffleheads, mallards, and coots perform take-offs and landings.

Just as humans commute to and from work on roads and highways, animals use the area to rest and commute between other habitats in the Santa Monica Mountains.

The Rocky Oaks parking area is open from 8:00 AM – sunset, and the easy trails, picnic area, drinking water, amphitheater, and restrooms make this site a great place to introduce new hikers to a natural area.

## Information and Safety

**TRAIL ETIQUETTE** Hikers should yield to equestrians. Equestrians should communicate with passing hikers and bicyclists. Horses should not graze or leave the trail. Remove manure from parking areas. Bicyclists should ride courteously and yield to hikers and equestrians; speed limit is 15 mph unless conditions require a slower speed. Bicyclists, equestrians, and dog walkers are allowed on designated trails only (avoid social trails and fire lines).

**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.

**BE PREPARED** by taking water, food, flashlight, map, and first-aid supplies. Be alert for ticks, bees, rattlesnakes, and poison oak.

**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.

**STAY ON ESTABLISHED TRAILS** and off of private property.

### Rocky Oaks

Mulholland Hwy and Kanan Road Intersection, west of Kanan on the north side of Mulholland Hwy Malibu, CA, 90265

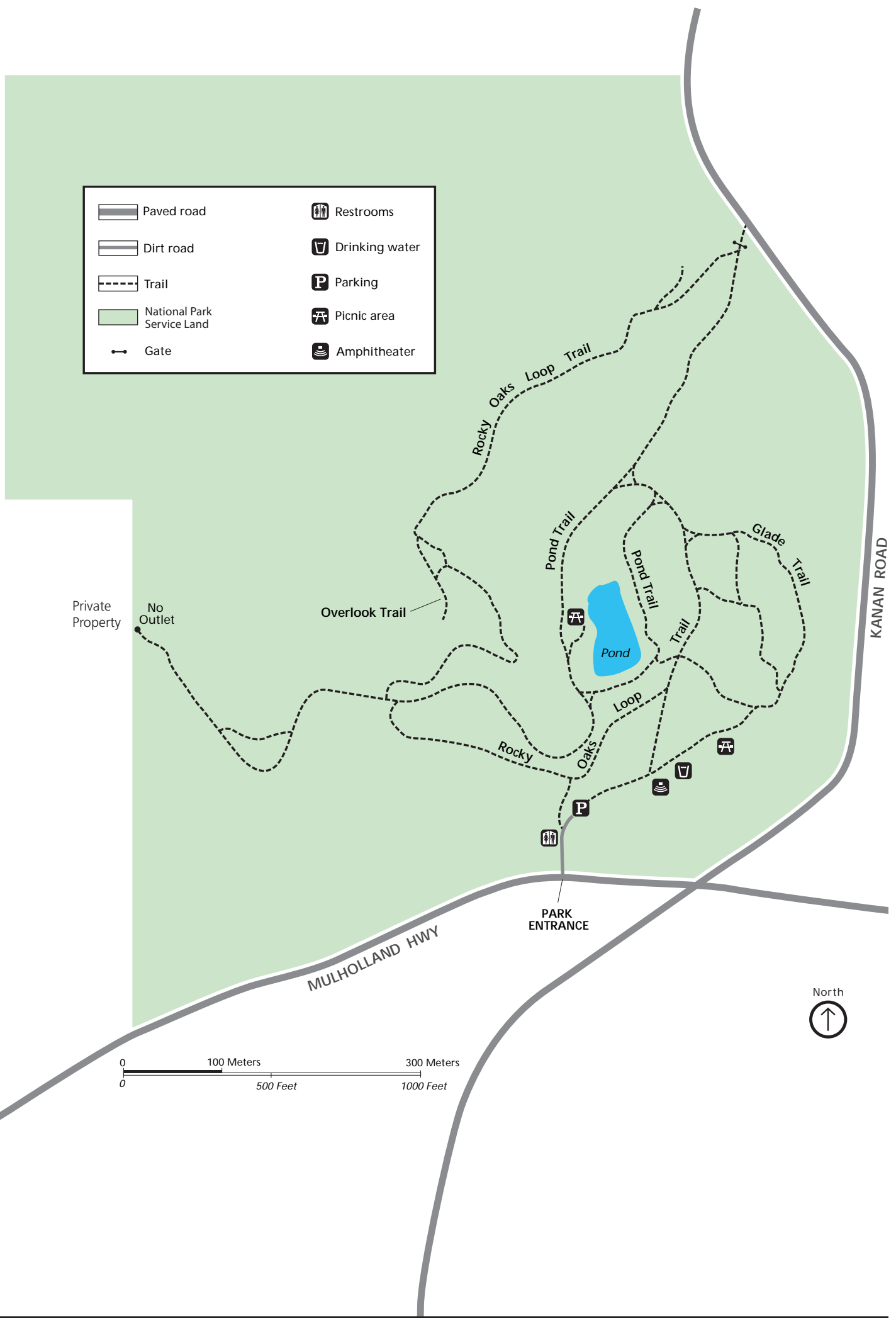


The main parking area is open from 8:00 AM – sunset.

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

### EMERGENCIES

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



### Trail Information

Directions to main parking lot (open 8am to sunset): Ventura Freeway (101) to Kanan Rd exit. South on Kanan Rd to Mulholland Hwy. Turn west (right) on Mulholland Hwy and right again into parking lot.

- Easy
- Moderate
- ◆ Strenuous

**Rocky Oaks Pond Trail** ● 0.4 miles—Stroll around the pond and rest at the water's edge.

**Rocky Oaks Loop Trail** ● 1.1 miles—Stop, take a deep breath, and smell the sage as you walk along this trail.

**Overlook Trail** ■ 100 yards—Hike to the top and be rewarded with a panoramic view of the Santa Monica Mountains.

**Glade Trail** ● 0.3 miles—Look for quail, rabbits and deer mice as you walk through the grassland. Most of the grasses you see today are non-natives such as wild oats. Explore the oak woodland that is a remnant of what once covered much of California.