THE TRAILS

Stay on designated trails. You are entering a wild area. You are responsible for your own safety. All features protected. No collecting of any kind.

WILDFLOWER LOOP TRAIL

0.85 miles (one way) | Easy | 35 ft elevation change

A short, loop trail for all ages. Most popular in early spring during peak wildflower bloom.

REDTAIL TRAIL

1.2 miles (round trip) | Easy | 128 ft elevation change

A short loop trail for all ages, featuring shrubs, pollinator plants, and endangered Bakersfield cactus.

MESQUITE GROVE TRAIL

0.3 miles (one way) | Easy | 65 ft elevation change

A trail that connects the San Emigdio Campground to the canyon trailheads. Discover fun interpretive signage for families on this trail.

EL CAMINO VIEJO BIKE TRAIL

5.2 miles (one way) | Easy | 1200 ft elevation change

A wide trail with a gentle incline and minimal shade. The San Emigdio Canyon, Tule Elk, Reflection Pond, Los Osos Wetlands, El Camino Viejo Wilderness Trailheads, and three restrooms are accessed along the way.

SAN EMIGDIO CANYON TRAIL

3.8 miles (one way) | Easy | 900 ft elevation change

Trail parallels San Emigdio Creek with intermittent shade. A short, uphill hike to Raven's Landing offers stunning views of San Emigdio Canyon.

TULE ELK TRAIL

4.6 miles (one way) | Moderate to Strenuous | 900 ft elevation change

A steep incline to the Tule Elk Overlook, the trail offers excellent views. Returns to the Crossing parking lot via the El Camino Viejo Bike Trail for a total trip of 7.4 miles.

REFLECTION POND TRAIL

1.05 miles (one way) | Moderate to Strenuous | 400 ft elevation change

A steady incline to Reflection Pond, a dry sag pond surrounded by sandstone rocks containing Chumash bedrock mortars. Trail offers stunning views. Accessed via the El Camino Viejo Bike Trail or San Emigdio Canyon Trail for a total trip of ~8 miles.

LOS OSOS WETLANDS TRAIL

1.1 miles (one way) | Moderate | 500 ft elevation change

Trail features diverse habitats and plant communities. The trail ends at private property. Accessed via the El Camino Viejo Bike Trail for a total trip of 10.6 miles.

EL CAMINO VIEJO WILDERNESS TRAIL

3.23 miles (one way) | Moderate | 900 ft elevation change

Trail treks through a diverse wilderness area and supports a variety of wildlife including horned lizards, bears, and raptors. Accessed via the El Camino Viejo Bike Trail, for a total trip of 13.63 miles.

THINGS TO DO

- Please Stay on Trail
- Please Keep Dogs on Leash
- Designated Trails Only
- Picnicking
- Birdwatching
- Wildlife Viewing
- Wildflower Viewing (Seasonal)
- Free Tent Camping
- Point and Shoot Photography from Trails Only

PROHIBITIONS

- No Fire of Any Kind
- No Hunting or Shooting
- No Charcoal BBQs
- No Alcohol, Smoking, Vaping, or Illegal Substances
- No Collecting of Any Kind
- No Unmanned Aircraft Systems
- No Off-trail Use
- No Littering
- No RVs or Trailers
- No Equestrian Use
- No Approaching or Harassing Wildlife or Livestock

CAUTIONS

- Mountain Lions
- Black Bears
- Rattlesnakes
- Ticks
- Poison Oak & Stinging Nettle
- Steep Cliffs