



QUICK GUIDE TO NICHOLAS FLAT NETWORK

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Quick Guide courtesy of County of Los Angeles

DESCRIPTION: Located in the hills overlooking Malibu and the Pacific Coast, these trails offer moderate to strenuous hiking opportunities, climbing up single-track trails with rewarding views of the Santa Monica Mountains and the surrounding area. For a good loop head out from Leo Carrillo State Park on Nicholas Flat Trail to the intersection with Leo Carrillo Scenic Overlook Trail. Continue on Willow Creek Trail to connect back to the staging area. Bicycles are not allowed on any trails; horses are allowed on all trails except Leo Carrillo Scenic Overlook Trail.

DIRECTIONS: The network can be accessed from the Leo Carrillo State Park staging area, located on the PCH, approximately 10 miles north of Malibu.



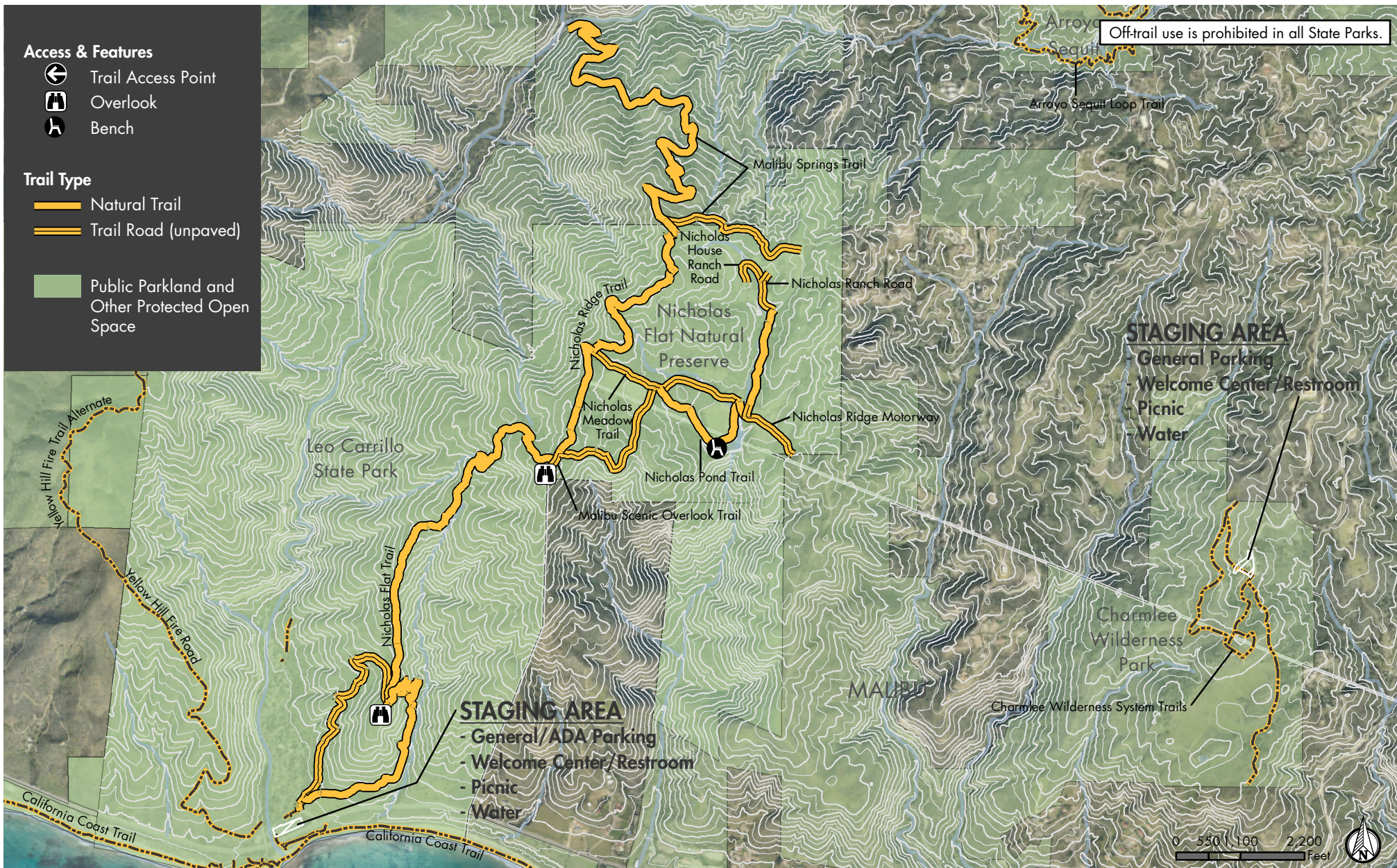
See individual trail pages for allowed trail uses.

Access & Features

- Trail Access Point
- Overlook
- Bench

Trail Type

- Natural Trail
- Trail Road (unpaved)
- Public Parkland and Other Protected Open Space



Off-trail use is prohibited in all State Parks.

QUICKGUIDE INFORMATION

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SAFETY FIRST



In case of **EMERGENCY** dial 911.

For non-emergencies on County trails call the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Parks Bureau Dispatch at (800) 834-0064.

HAZARDS ON THE TRAIL



Rattlesnakes occasionally sun themselves in the middle of the trail. If encountered, keep your distance and allow space for the snake to retreat.



Poison oak can be identified by groups of 3 leaves going up the branch. It's best avoided by staying on the trail and wearing long pants and long-sleeved shirts to prevent contact with skin.



Ticks are most often found in shaded, grassy areas off the beaten path. Stick to established trails and wear long pants to avoid contact. Check for ticks frequently, especially the scalp, waist and other dark places where they can hide.

SHARE THE TRAIL



When trail conditions require a right of way for safe passage, **equestrian users have the primary right of way, hikers next and then mountain bikers**. When trail conditions allow and when there is width to safely pass, common courtesy should prevail for all users. Stand to one side of the trail and allow them to pass. When in a group, avoid blocking the trail. **Mountain bikers yield to all trail users**. Anticipate other trail users as you ride around corners. Mountain bikers traveling downhill must yield to all users, including other mountain bikers, headed uphill. In general, make each pass a safe and courteous one.

WHAT TO BRING

- ✓ Water for you and your animal(s)
- ✓ Trail map
- ✓ High energy snacks
- ✓ Waste bags for your dog
- ✓ First aid kit
- ✓ Extra clothing
- ✓ Sunglasses/hat
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Insect repellent
- ✓ Trekking poles (optional)
- ✓ Flashlight (optional)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For information visit trails.lacounty.gov or any of our partners' websites at nps.gov, parks.ca.gov, smmc.ca.gov, lamountains.com, or rmc.ca.gov. Visitor Center for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, (805) 370-2300

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