

To help preserve the area for your camping pleasure and for future generation, please follow these rules:

-  All plants, animals, natural and cultural features are protected.
-  Park vehicles and trailers within rock lined areas only.
-  Bicycle riders must stay on all roads (improved and primitive).
-  Shooting and hunting, possession of loaded firearms and any explosive devices are not permitted.
-  Fires are allowed only in the provided metal fire rings.
-  Dogs must remain leashed and are not allowed on established trails.
-  To make the camping experience enjoyable for all, observe reasonable quiet time from 8:00pm through 10:00am. Please, no generators operation during these hours.
-  All licensed vehicles; street legal and OHV with green stickers, may travel on the primitive (dirt) road system within the park. All drivers of vehicles within the park must be licensed drivers. Exception - Cantil Wash and the frontage road south of Cantil Wash is open to unlicensed operators of OHV green sticker vehicles when accompanied by a parent or guardian and operating pursuant to the requirements of CVC 38503-38506.

To learn more about this unique and fragile area, you are encouraged to drop by the visitor center, attend the weekend campfire programs, and enjoy the nature walks. We hope you enjoy your visit and please come again.



Welcome

This beautiful and scenic wonder of California was established as a state park in 1968 when legislation was passed and signed to create Red Rock Canyon State Park, the first state park in Kern County.

The spectacular gash situated at the western edge of the El Paso Mountain range was on the trade route for thousands of years by Native Americans. About 1850, it was used again; this time by footsore survivors of the famous Death Valley trek including members of the Arcane and Bennett families along with some of the Illinois Jayhawkers.

Later some prospecting was done in the 1860s, then in 1893, placer gold activity began with hundreds of miners sifting the sands in the canyon. The canyon was also used as a passage in driving large flocks of sheep northward; as a stagecoach stop; as a railroad route; and later as a truck stop.

In more recent times, Red Rock Canyon has been the location of many movies, videos, and commercials. In addition, the canyon is considered a wonderful classroom for the study of geology, paleontology, and photography as well as an ideal place for family camping and exploration.

The unique and colorful layers of white, pink, red, and brown cliffs grace both east and west sides of Highway 14. These fluted folds are the result of wind and rain eroding the softer materials beneath the dark caprocks, which were formed by a harder lava flow layer.

First time visitors may think of the desert as an empty and uninteresting badland. However, appreciation and interest grows as one becomes more acquainted with the area and the extreme conditions in which the different biotic communities exist.

Legend

- State Park Boundary
- Dirt Road (Primary)
- 4-Wheel Drive Recommended
- Serious 4-Wheel Drive Route
- Hiking Trail
- Change in Terrain
- Paved Highway
- Day Use Area
- Campground

Map Labels:

- To Mesquite Canyon
- Burro Schmidt's Tunnel
- 1.4
- .1
- 9
- Pleasant Valley Rd.
- 3.5
- 3.1
- Red Buttes
- Last Chance Canyon
- Cudahy Camp
- 3.6
- 6
- 1.1
- Opals
- Barnett's Opals
- Nowak's Opals
- Roaring Ridge
- Opal Peak
- Opal Canyon Rd.
- 1.0
- 1.6
- 9
- SC94
- New Aqueduct Rd.
- To the "Bowl"
- Dove Springs (BLM)
- Power Line Rd.
- 103CS
- 7
- Nightmare Gulch
- Private
- Private
- Gate
- Scenic Cliffs
- Richardo Camp
- Red Cliffs
- Iron Canyon
- Hagen Canyon
- EL PASO FAULT ZONE
- 2.6
- 1.4
- 3.6
- Salt Dale
- To Randsburg (16 miles)
- Red Rock - Randsburg Rd.
- 4.6
- Tamarisk Grove
- Donley
- Red Rooster
- Power Line Rd.
- To Mojave (20 miles)

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