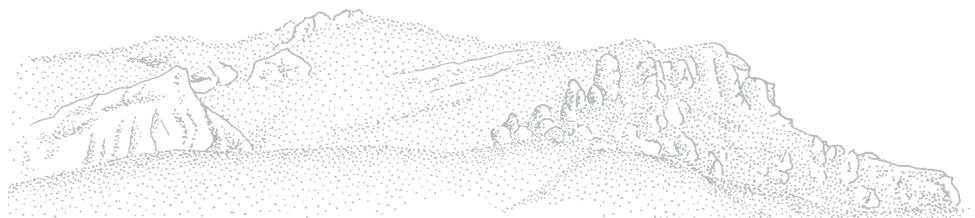
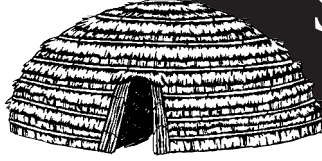


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# RANCHO SIERRA VISTA/ SATWIWA



elcome to the western edge of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. This site was home to the Chumash, Spanish Rancho El Conejo, and modern ranching and farming operations. Stroll through serene hills, view Boney Mountain or experience Native American traditions at the Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center.

### *Satwiwa*

For many years, the Santa Monica Mountains sustained the Chumash and Tongva/Gabrielino cultures. Sycamore Canyon, which cuts through Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa and Point Mugu State Park, was part of a Chumash trade route. Satwiwa, which means “the bluffs,” was the name of a nearby Chumash village. To reflect this heritage, *Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center and Natural Area* was established by the National Park Service in partnership with the Friends of Satwiwa. A Native American guest host or a park ranger is on hand to answer questions from 9am to 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Native American workshops, programs and art shows occur throughout the year. Call for information on accessibility parking.

### *Rancho Sierra Vista*

Local ranching history began in 1803 when former soldiers Jose Polanco and Ignacio Rodriguez were granted Rancho El Conejo by the King of Spain. Through the years, this 48,672 acre land grant was subdivided and sold to various landowners. Modern ranching began here in 1937 when Carl Beal christened the area *Rancho Sierra Vista*. Carl Beal constructed most of the current ranch buildings and his house and barbecue pit in Sycamore Canyon. The last private landowner of this property was Richard Danielson. For 32 years, he and his family farmed and ranched here. The National Park Service purchased the property in 1980. The western boundary of present day Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa reflects the original land grant of the Rancho El Conejo.



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Visitor Center 805-370-2301  
Satwiwa Culture Center 805-375-1930

In emergency: dial 911  
Angeles Dispatch 661-723-3620

## **Information & Safety**

**Be prepared:** take water, food, flashlights and first-aid supplies when hiking, biking or horseback riding. Watch for and avoid rattlesnakes and poison oak.

**Dogs** must be on a leash at all times; leash cannot be longer than 6'. For the health and consideration of others, clean up after your pet. Dogs are not permitted on backcountry trails in Point Mugu State Park.

**Fire** is a constant danger. Open fires are prohibited. Please do not smoke.

**Water** from streams is not safe to drink, due to possible contamination or the presence of the giardia protozoan.

**Natural and cultural features** are protected and may not be collected or disturbed.

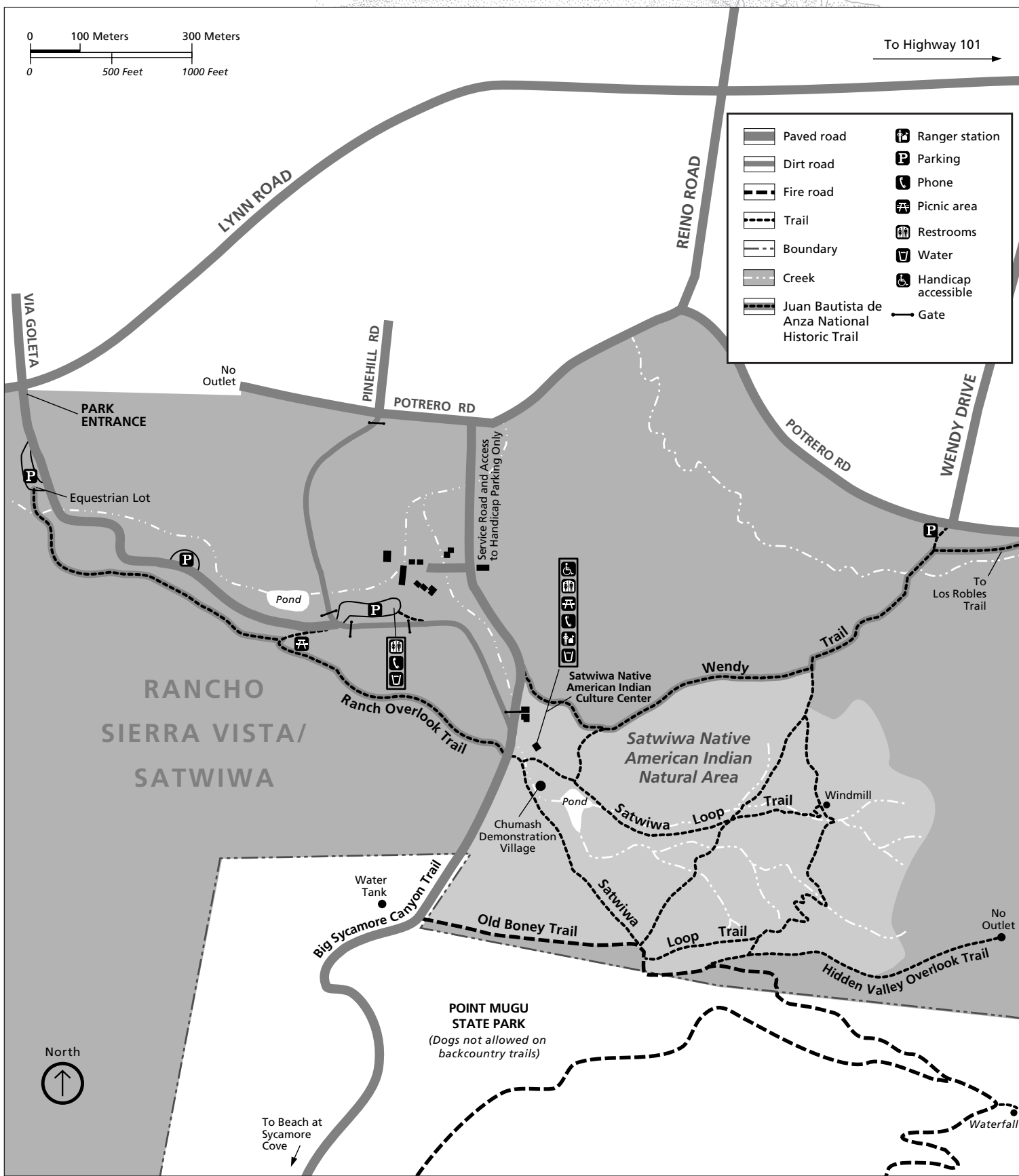
**Hikers** must yield to **horseback riders**. **Bicyclists** must ride courteously and yield to hikers and horseback riders. Bicycles are allowed only on designated trails.

Learn to recognize and be alert for **ticks, bees, rattlesnakes, and poison oak**.

**Trail closures** will be in effect during and following extreme weather or hazardous conditions.

**Firearms, weapons and traps** are not allowed in parklands.

# RANCHO SIERRA VISTA/SATWIWA



## Trails

**Satwiwa Loop Trail** 1.5 miles, easy—Stroll through grasslands and chaparral of the Satwiwa Native American Indian Natural Area. Equestrians and bicyclists are not permitted on this trail. The Natural Area was set aside for the preservation and celebration of Native American cultures.

**Wendy Trail** 1.2 miles, easy—This multi-use trail provides access to Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa from the Wendy Drive Trailhead. A connector trail provides access to the Los Robles multi-use trail across Potrero Road (an additional 0.5 mile).

**Trail to the Waterfall** 1.5 miles one way, moderate; no bikes—From the Big Sycamore Canyon Trail, travel east on the Boney Mountain Trail. This trail will descend into a canyon as you enter the Boney Mountain State Wilderness. After you cross over a streambed, the trail ascends and then makes a sharp right turn. There will be a trail at this bend with a sign reading “No Horses.” Follow this trail for 100 yards to the waterfall.

**Big Sycamore Canyon Trail** 8 miles, moderate to strenuous—Enjoy this trek from Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa through Big Sycamore Canyon in Point Mugu State Park to the sea. This is a

multi-use trail. Please exercise extreme caution when traveling on the steep hill which leads from Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa into Point Mugu State Park. Be alert for the occasional service vehicle on the road.

**Other trails:** Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa provides access to many trails located in Point Mugu State Park. Maps may be obtained at the National Park Service Visitor Center in Thousand Oaks and at the Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center. Campsites in Point Mugu State Park may be reserved by calling 1-800-444-7275. Dogs are not allowed on state park trails.