

FRANKLIN CANYON PARK

Address: 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills Phone: (310) 858-7272 Tip: Make a complete stop at the Camera Stop Signs, violators will be ticketed via mail.

PICTURE:

Located between Beverly Hills and the San Fernando Valley, Franklin Canyon Park's 605 acres of land have something for everyone. Its three main trails - Discovery, Berman, and Hastain - are great for novice to intermediate hikers. This fantastic park for young students has a relatively flat loop trail around Franklin Canyon Reservoir and Heavenly Pond that provides respite for a variety of birds journeying on the Pacific Flyway, and where plenty of ducks, turtles and fish call the canyon home year-round. A visit to the small Sooky Goldman Nature Center to view exhibits is a nice ending for the outing.

Reservations and Bus Parking: No reservations are needed but the park docents run their hikes Tuesday through Thursday, so our best days for self-guided hikes are Friday and/or Monday.

Bus parking, FREE. at large lot below Sooky Goldman Nature Center.

HIKES:

Easy: Discovery Trail: 0.3 miles round trip. Loops through the black walnut woodland along the canyon bottom. Opportunities to see ducks, fish, turtles, frogs and birds. Near Heavenly Pond's picnic tables young students may climb a low growing Oak tree.

Advanced: Those looking for a more robust hike can climb to beautiful vistas of the City.

Hastain Trail: 2.3 miles round trip, moderate to strenuous—Rising steadily on a fire road through a chaparral covered slope, you will arrive at an overlook offering views of the lower canyon, west Los Angeles and, on a clear day, the Pacific Ocean. From there, the trail drops down to a single-track trail to the lawn at the Ranch Area next to the old Doheny house.

Berman Trail: 1 mile to Mulholland Drive, moderate to strenuous—Allows you to hike across the Santa Monica Mountains from Franklin Canyon to Coldwater Canyon Park and Wilacre Park.

DIRECTIONS:

Buses and Cars: Franklin Canyon Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr (Upper Franklin Canyon): From Ventura Fwy (101), go 2.5 miles south on Coldwater Cyn Ave. At intersection with Mulholland Dr and Franklin Cyn Dr (directly across from Tree People on the left), veer right on Franklin Cyn Dr. Go 0.5 mile and turn left at Camera Stop Sign. Park in lot on left below the Sooky Goldman Nature Center.

Cars: From Sunset Blvd, turn north on Beverly Dr. Continue on Beverly Dr turning left at "to Coldwater Cyn Dr" sign and left at intersection with Coldwater Cyn Dr (look for Beverly Hills Fire Station #2). Turn right on Franklin Canyon Dr. Continue beyond the Camera Stop Sign at the dam until Lake Dr. dead ends at another Camera Stop Sign. Turn right and enter the parking lot on the right. Sooky Goldman Nature Center is at the top of the hill.

MAP:

Nature Trails at Upper Franklin Canyon Park

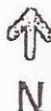
William O' Douglas
Outdoor Classroom
Santa Monica Mountains
Recreation Area

To San Fernando
Valley

TRAILS OPEN TO ALL
DAY USE ONLY

MAP NOT
TO SCALE

Old Road
Trail



To Mulholland

BE ON THE
LOOKOUT for
Poison Oak
and Snakes



Berman Trail

Chapparell
Trail

Rosenfeld
Auditorium

Handicap
Parking
Staff
Parking

Fire Road
No Exit

Sooky
Goldman
Nature
Center

Ampitheatre

Blinderman
Trail

Hewitt Hwy

Fire Exit

Look View of
Canyon

Surge
Basin

Tongva
KI

Redwood
Room

Chernoff
Trail

Blinderman
Trail

Emergency
Exit

Redwood
Grove

Blinderman
Trail

Grape
Arbor

Trail Accessible
to Persons with
Disabilities

Geology
Rock

Wild
Pond

Sycamore
Meadow

Heavenly
Pond

Rowan
Trail

Franklin
Canyon
Lake

Dam

Private
Residence

To Franklin
Canyon
Ranch

NO FIRES
NO SMOKING
NO FISHING
NO SWIMMING

PLEASE DO NOT
FEED THE DUCKS

DOGS MUST BE
ON LEASH

To Ranch Trail

To Upper Franklin Canyon Park and Nature Center



Nature Trails at Lower Franklin Canyon Park

Franklin Canyon Ranch
Santa Monica Mountains
National Recreation Area

Trails Open to all-Day Use Only
Map not to scale

- Road
- Hiking Trail
- Park(NPS) Boundry Line
- Bridge
- Picnic Area
- Bench Rest Area
- Parking
- Gate
- Restrooms

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