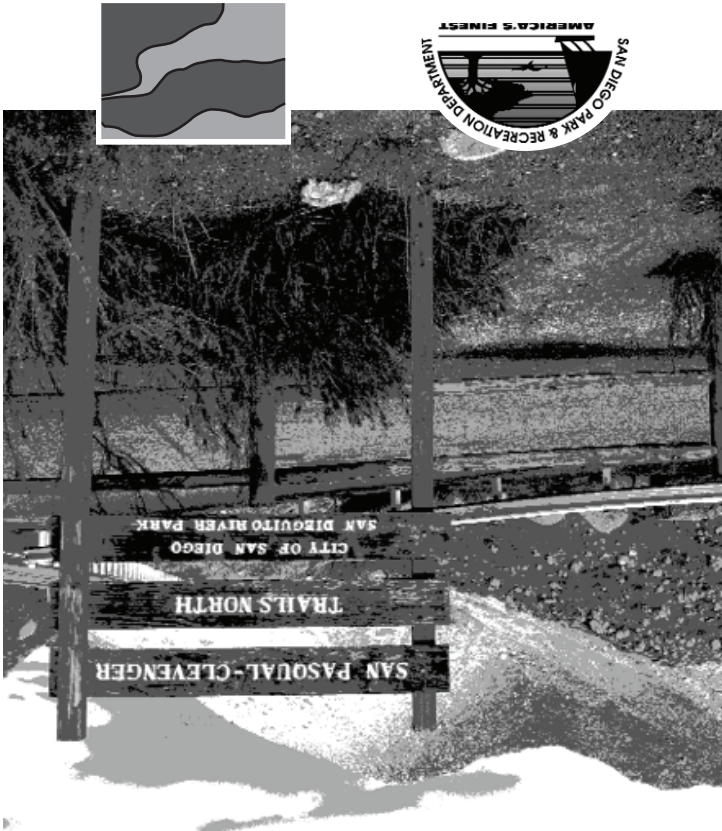


Trails of the San Dieguito River Park



CLEVENGER CANYON NORTH & SOUTH TRAILS

For your safety and the preservation of sensitive habitat...

- Please stay on designated trails and obey posted information.
- Dogs are welcome and must be on leash at all times. Please pick up after your pet!
- Open fires and smoking are prohibited.
- Overnight camping is prohibited and overnight parking is not permitted in staging areas.
- Possession of firearms or other weapons is prohibited.
- Motorized vehicles are not allowed on trails.
- Please help protect the special nature of the river valley... the collection of plant, animal or cultural specimens is strictly prohibited.

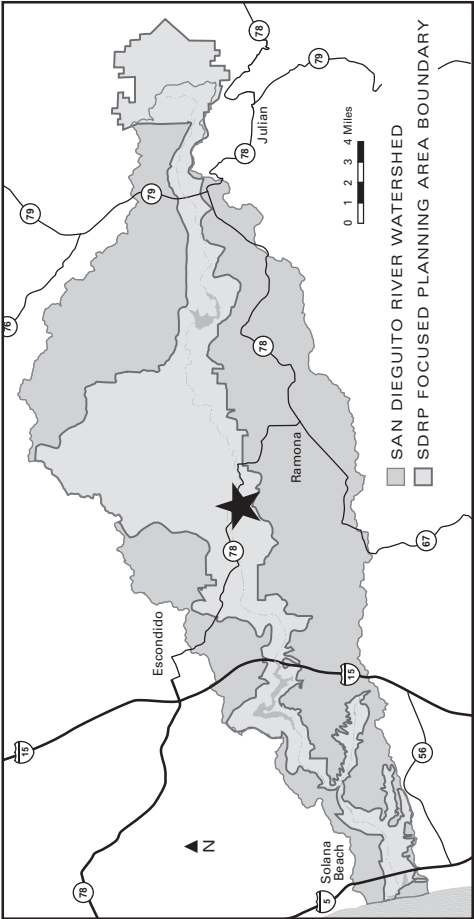
There are no facilities on the trails. Please remember to bring along enough water for you and your canine companion. The staging areas and trails are open from sunrise to sunset. The Clevenger Canyon Trails are not open to mountain bikes or equestrians.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: San Dieguito River Park trails and activities are limited to public lands and private lands whose owners have given written consent. Inclusion in the Park's Focused Planning Area in no way affects the property rights of the owner. Private property may not be entered without the owner's permission. Trespassers may be subject to prosecution.

Established in 1989, the 92,000-acre San Dieguito River Park provides nature enthusiasts with striking examples of San Diego County's natural landscape from the Pacific Coast to the Pacific Crest. Learn more at www.sdrp.org.

Enjoy your visit!

Park Overview



With special thanks to the City of San Diego's Think Blue storm water pollution prevention program for a generous grant that made this series of trail guides possible. For more information about how you can "Think Blue!" at home and on the trail, visit www.thinkblue.org.

About the Trails

The run of Santa Ysabel Creek from Lake Sutherland west to San Pasqual Valley is characterized by granite outcroppings and steeply sloped canyons formed along a local fault. The outcrops are the upper margins of the batholith, an immense chunk of granitic rock which underlies most of the region. The canyon is named after John Clevenger and his family, who settled in San Pasqual Valley in 1872 to begin wheat and dairy farming. The Clevenger home was the oldest house in the valley until it was lost in the October 2007 wildfires.

The North and South Trails in Clevenger Canyon are reached from separate staging areas, both accessible from Highway 78 between Escondido and Ramona. The hillsides traversed by the South Trail are populated by low-lying coastal sage scrub and taller, denser southern mixed chaparral. Many types of wildflowers emerge from the rocky soils to treat hikers in the Spring, lending color to the hillsides along with wild lilac and other blooming shrubs. The trail splits to reach three summits at 1550' on the west fork, with sweeping views of San Pasqual Valley, and 1755' and 1635' on the east fork, with views of Boden Canyon beyond to Palomar Mountain, Volcan Mountain, and the Laguna Mountains.

The North Trail crosses the lush riparian ribbon of Santa Ysabel Creek in the canyon bottom and then more rugged terrain on the slopes. The original 10-mile trail is overgrown with vegetation and not well-defined past a certain point, so hikers are advised to turn back when the trail is no longer easily visible.

Clevenger Canyon is managed by the City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department. For more information, contact ranger staff at (858) 538-8082. For maps and information about all the trails in the San Dieguito River Park, visit www.sdrp.org.



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