

RED ROCK CANYON STATE PARK HIKING TRAILS



Legend

	Hiking		High Clearance Dirt Road
	Parking		Dirt Roads
	Restrooms		Easy
	Picnic Area		Moderate
			Difficult

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Welcome to Red Rock Canyon State Park. Red Rock Canyon is known for its spectacular landscape of tributary canyons each with unique dramatic shapes and colors. We have a few dedicated hiking trails for you to explore and create your own adventure.

Red Rock Canyon Visitor Center
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Trail Descriptions

TRAIL NAME	PARKING LOT/TRAIL HEAD	ROUND TRIP DISTANCE	DESCRIPTION HIGHLIGHTS
EASY			
Hagen Canyon Trail	Hagen Canyon Trailhead is just west of the intersection of Highway 14 & Abbott Drive. Parking is available in the dirt lot next to the trailhead.	1 mile loop	Hagen Canyon Trail is an easy hike and is partially sheltered from the wind by the nearby rock formations. It is a great place to view wildflowers in the spring. A lot of famous Sci-Fi movies and Westerns were filmed in this area.
Ricardo Nature Trail	The Ricardo Nature Trailhead is located south of the visitor center across the parking lot.	1/4 mile	Ricardo Nature Trail is an easy hike with many stunning views of the White House Cliffs. You will pass some of the iconic plants found throughout the Mojave Desert. Keep a look out for birds and other wildlife along the trail.
MODERATE			
Desert View Nature Trail	The Desert View Nature Trailhead is located on the eastern end of the Ricardo Campground near Campsite 50.	1/4 mile	Walk through time along the Desert View Nature Trail to see how volcanic lava once flowed over the landscape and a geologic fault tilted the layers of rock at an angle. Enjoy the multicolored wildflower blooms in the spring.
Red Cliffs Nature Trail	From the Visitor Center, drive 1/3 of a mile south on Highway 14 from Abbott Drive. Turn left into the Red Cliffs Nature Preserve. The Red Cliffs Trailhead is located at the west end of the dirt parking lot.	1/2 mile	Use your imagination on this moderate hike as you catch a glimpse of how Red Rock Canyon was formed and changed over the years. The trail can be sandy and steep at times.
DIFFICULT			
Whistler Ridge	Whistler Ridge Overlook is located at the top of the Desert Nature View Desert Trail. Begin this difficult hike at Campsite 50 at the eastern end of the Ricardo Campground.	1/4 mile to Ridge summit 3/4 mile Ridge trail	This hike is a steady incline to reach the summit of the ridge, which offers stunning views of the surrounding landscape. The trail has some slippery sections and rock scrambling. Caution is advised.



EASY:
Minimal uphill sections and some uneven terrain.



MODERATE:
Uphill sections include up to 100ft of elevation gain, single digit mileage, uneven terrain and some rock scrambling.



DIFFICULT:
Generally, lots of uphill sections; possibly more than 200ft of elevation gain; difficult terrain and rock scrambling.

EQUESTRIAN TRAILS

There is a dedicated area at the southeast portion of the Red Cliffs Natural Preserve parking area for horse trailers. Equestrians can stage at this area and ride on designated trails. There is no overnight camping.

GET INVOLVED

DONATE

Help RRCIA protect and preserve the unique and extraordinary landscape of Red Rock Canyon State Park, by making a tax-deductible donation.

- In person at the Visitor Center
- By mail at the address listed below
- Online at www.RedRockRRCIA.org

PRESERVE

The unique landscapes of Red Rock Canyon State Park. The flora and fauna found here, are well-adapted to a hot, dry climate, but are vulnerable to human disturbance. The geologic formations and plant communities here take decades, centuries, or even longer to develop, but can be damaged very quickly. Please bear this in mind as you explore and observe the natural resources of this rare and picturesque land.

VOLUNTEER

Give back to your community and to Red Rock Canyon State Park by volunteering. Volunteer opportunities are available and include docents, beautification projects, trail maintenance, plant management, interpretation, and more.

Tread Lightly - Enjoy Respectfully - Return Often



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