30892 Trabuco Canyon Rd. Trabuco Canyon, CA 92678

DAY USE: 7:00 A.M. - SUNSET | TRAILS: MAY BE CLOSED FOR UP TO THREE DAYS FOLLOWING RAIN

Stretching from shady, picturesque Trabuco Canyon to the wilderness areas of Caspers Wilderness Park, O'Neill Regional Park and the Arroyo Trabuco wilderness comprise a 4,000-acre park that lures everyone from group campers to day hikers, and mountain bikers to horseback riders. Whether you want to stay two hours or two weeks, you'll find everything here that your nature-loving heart desires.

#### WHAT THERE IS AT O'NEILL REGIONAL PARK.



## A BRIEF HISTORY.

In 1769, Gaspar de Portola led a Spanish expedition into what is now Orange County and camped in the area near present-day O'Neill Regional Park. While camping, one of his soldiers lost his "trabuco," or musket, the most valuable possession of any soldier. To mark the loss, the nearby creek was named Trabuco. The name "Trabuco" has been associated with the creek that runs through the park and the surrounding area ever since

The land that comprises O'Neill Regional Park today was part of Rancho Trabuco, a Mexican land grant of the 1840s. Originally controlled by Juan Forester, Rancho Trabuco was acquired by Irish immigrants Richard O'Neill Sr. and James Flood in 1882 and became part of the larger O'Neill Ranch.

In 1948, the O'Neill family donated 278 acres of Trabuco Canyon to the County of Orange to establish the County's second regional park. An additional 120 acres were donated in 1963. Subsequent purchases and dedications, including a dedication of more than 400 acres in 2011 by Rancho Mission Viejo, the successor of the O'Neill Ranch, have resulted in the park's growth in size to nearly 4,000 acres.

## LOOK UP LOOK DOWN

The park is full of many amazing sights, from centuries-old oak forests to panoramic views to furry little critters.



# CAMPING WITHOUT COMPLETELY



Among the 78 individual campsites are several restroom buildings that include hot showers.



"Come and hike up to Vista Point. It has an elevation of 1.492 feet at the peak, and gives you a beautiful 360 degree view of Orange County. You can even see as far as Catalina and Palos Verdes. It makes for an excellent destination point from many of our trails."

# WILDLIFE MEANS WILD ANIMALS AND PLANTS.

Get out and see things you've never seen before. Visit O'Neill Regional Park in the early spring and see Mule Deer, the endangered California gnatcatcher, beautiful wildflowers and sage.



# **LEARN FROM OUR** INTERPRETIVE CENT

The Interpretive Center in O'Neill Regional Park gives you an opportunity to see nature up close. Exhibits include a bobcat. mountain lion, fox, hawk, rattlesnake and more. It's a great place for kids and adults alike to learn about animals and plants. Class field trips are welcome. Please call the park office for details.



## REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS.

What's camping without s'mores? For a variation on the traditional s'more, try using a chocolate peanut butter cup instead of a plain chocolate bar.



Dogs are welcome in camping areas, day use picnic areas, and on Mesa Trail. But please remember to keep them on a 6-ft. leash at all times. Why aren't they permitted everywhere? Well, when marking their territory, dogs signal the native animals that there's a predator in the area, which affects feeding and even breeding patterns. We know your dog is part of the family, but please, keep him or her in designated dog-friendly areas.

# HORSES WELCOME, TOO.

O'Neill Regional Park has equestrian facilities for both riding and camping. You and your horse can ride all day, then relax by the evening campfire.

There are miles of trails in O'Neill Regional Park. But if they're still not enough to satisfy your wanderlust, you can take the Live Oak trail, connect to Limestone Canyon



#### GET EVEN MORE OUT OF YOUR VISIT.

Schedule a guided hike, and you'll see the outdoors like you never have before. Did you know you were standing where Native Americans once ground acorns? The outdoors are even

greater when you're with a Park Ranger.



CAMPING: RESERVATIONS (RECOMMENDED) | CHECK-IN 2:00 P.M., CHECK-OUT 12:00 P.M. To reserve a campsite, call 800-600-1600, or visit www.ocparks.com.

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