# **Peters Canyon Regional Park**

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

8548 E. Canyon View Ave. Orange, CA 92869 714-973-6611 or 714-973-6612 REGIONAL

Tucked away in the peaceful hills behind Orange, 354-acre Peters Canyon Regional Park is a unique blend of native vegetation and scenic trails that appeals to nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts of all types. There is abundant wildlife, including many different types of birds. Lush groves of willows and black cottonwoods intertwine with a rambling creek and a 50-acre lake. And numerous trails let hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians explore the park in their favorite ways.

WHAT THERE IS AT PETERS CANYON REGIONAL PARK.



### A BRIEF HISTORY.

The land that is now Peters Canyon Regional Park was part of a Spanish land grant, Rancho Lomas de Santiago.



In 1897, the rancho was purchased by James Irvine, who leased out the canyon to several farmers, including James Peters, who farmed in the upper part of the canyon.

To support Irvine Ranch's water needs, two reservoirs were built within Peters Canyon. The upper one was completed in 1931 and the lower one in 1940. Both were used to regulate the Irvine Company's water supply draft from Santiago Reservoir, known today as Irvine Lake. During World War II, Peters Canyon was used as a training area for the U.S. Army. Known as Camp Commander, it was established near the lower reservoir.

In March 1992, the Irvine Company dedicated 354 acres of Peters Canyon to the County to establish the regional park.



"All the trails are wonderful, but be sure you hike the East Ridge View Trail at least once. The view of Orange County is magnificent."

## LOOK SHARP.

Rufous-crowned sparrows. Cactus wrens. Gnatcatchers. Red-tailed hawks. Cooper's hawks. They're all here, awaiting you and your binoculars.



### THIS IS HOME TO MANY.

So many creatures call Peters Canyon Regional Park home. There are fun ones like squirrels and rabbits, but remember that not-so-friendly creatures like snakes live here, too.



### FEET, TIRES OR HOOVES.

Peters Canyon Regional Park offers many trails, all of them beautiful. The East Ridge View Trail offers a panoramic view of Peters Canyon and the surrounding area. The Lake View Trail showcases the lake and the magnificent wildlife it attracts. The Peters Canyon Creek Nature Trail leads hikers through lush groves of willows and rare black cottonwoods with a creek running through. The lower Peters Canyon Trail offers grassland, coastal sage scrub and riparian areas to meander through.

### JOG AROUND THE LAKE.

The 2.5-mile Lake View Loop Trail is a beautiful place to run. The lake is lined with graceful willows, towering sycamores and rare black cottonwoods. Plenty of migrating waterfowl stop and rest here. If you get tired, you're welcome to stop and rest here, too.





### DOGS AND HORSES WELCOME.

Dogs and horses enjoy the great outdoors, too. Just remember to keep your dogs on a maximum 6-foot leash at all times, and your horses on the multi-use trails.









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