

**SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES**  
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024 — 6:00 p.m.

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Jones.*

**II. ROLL CALL**

*Vice Chair Warren and Commissioners Diaz, Jones, and Gabbard were present. Chair Shawver and Commissioner Hanson were absent.*

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of public interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission and are not contained in tonight's agenda.

*Shirley Grindle commented on the history of an effort to construct a pedestrian and bike trail along Santiago Creek, including a pedestrian bridge, that would connect to Santiago Oaks Regional Park and requested that OC Parks follow up on the effort.*

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A)**

The following item(s) on the consent calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Commissioner requests to pull a specific item.

**A. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2024 MEETING**

*Motion: Commissioner Diaz  
2nd: Commissioner Gabbard  
Approved 4-0*

**V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A-B)**

**A. COUNTY OF ORANGE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PRESENTATION**

Staff will provide a presentation on their efforts to update the County of Orange's General Plan.

*Cindy Salazar, OC Public Works Land Use Manager, presented on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.*

*Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, answered the Commissioners' questions.*

*Ashley Brodtkin, De Novo Planning Group Senior Planner, answered the Commissioners' questions.*

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Receive and file.

*Motion: Commissioner Jones  
2nd: Commissioner Diaz  
Approved 4-0*

**B. COMMISSION'S PROPOSED 2025 MEETING AND FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE**

The Commission's 2025 meeting and field trip schedule is provided for review and approval.

*Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, presented on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.*

*Mike Wilson, OC Parks Deputy Director of Operations, answered a Commissioner's question.*

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Approve the Commission's 2025 meeting and field trip schedule.

*Motion: Commissioner Gabbard  
2nd: Commissioner Jones  
Approved 4-0*

**VI. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT (ITEM(S) A-B)**

**A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

*Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, provided updates and answered the Commissioners' questions.*

**B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS**

Candlelight Walk – Heritage Hill Historical Park – Friday, Saturday, Sunday, December 6 – 8 from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

- The 38th annual Candlelight Walk will take place over three festive evenings Dec. 6, 7 and 8 from 5 to 9 p.m. Enjoy an evening stroll through the decorated grounds as well as live musical performances, holiday crafts for kids and a visit with Santa Claus!

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2024 Holiday Lights – Heritage Hill Historical Park – Friday – Sunday,  
December 13 – 15 from 5 – 9 p.m.

- Wander through twinkling light displays during special park hours. Pets are welcome outdoors only on leashes no longer than 6 feet. Please note that no additional entertainment or refreshments will be provided at Holiday Lights.

Christmas at the OC Zoo – OC Zoo at Irvine Regional Park – Saturday,  
December 14 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Join us for holiday fun at the OC Zoo! Activities include visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus and holiday crafts for kids. Come see zoo animals receive treat-filled “gifts” and treats hidden inside Christmas trees throughout the day!

**VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORT**

At this time Commissioners may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT** *6:33 p.m.*



# Red Rock Wilderness Overview and Trail Naming

OC Parks Commission  
February 6, 2025



# Overview

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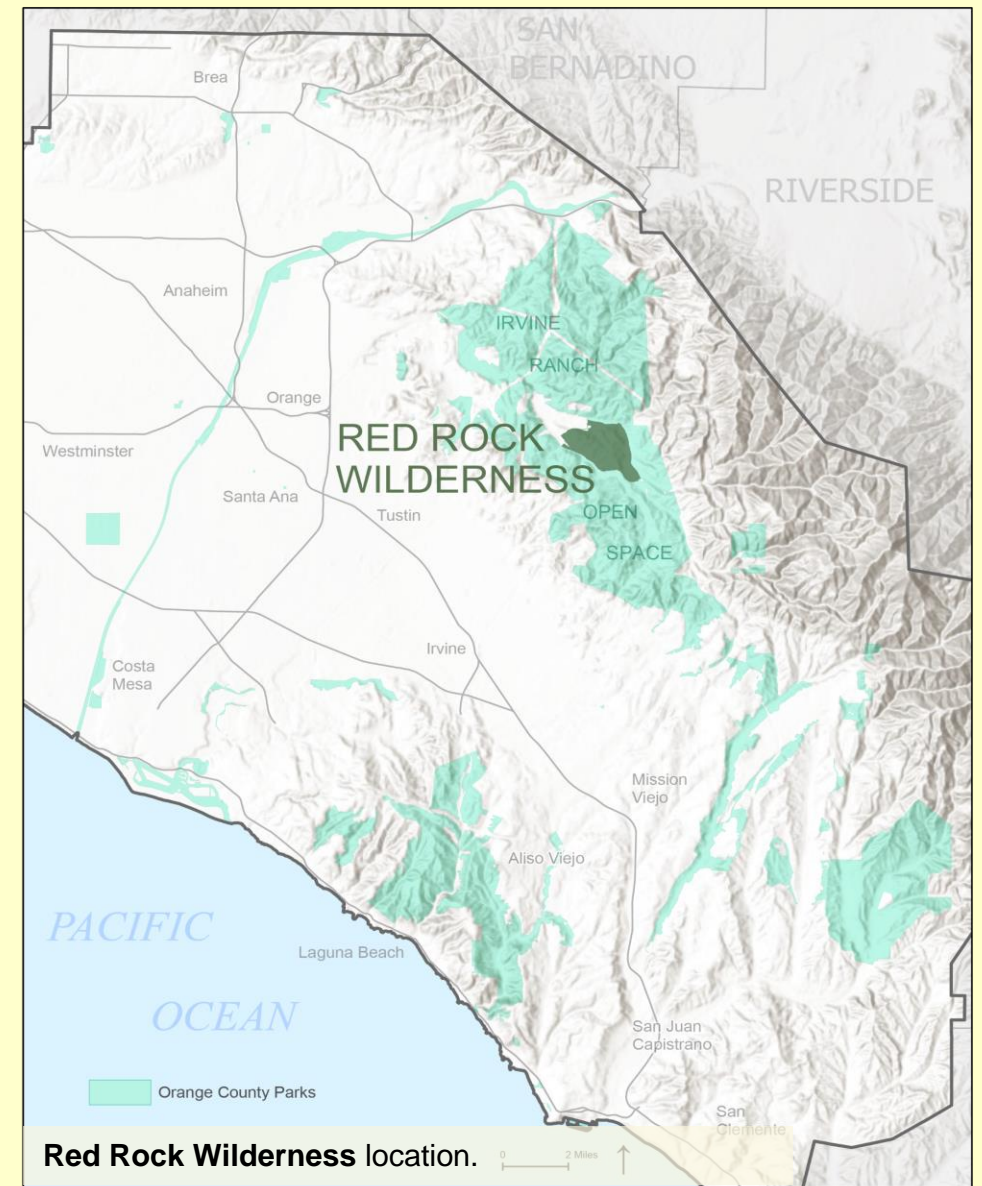
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- ❑ Planning and Improvements
- ❑ Trail Network
- ❑ Trail Naming Process
- ❑ Individual Trails & Overlook
- ❑ Recommended Action



# Background:

## Location and Description

- Just southeast of Irvine Lake in the foothills of the Santa Ana Mountains along Santiago Canyon Road
- Approximately 1,500-acres with eight miles of new trails
- Named for its dramatic red rock faces
- Situated on top of the 20 to 40-million-year-old Sespe Formation, the ancestors to modern rhinos and crocodile once roamed the area
- Contains acreage covered by the Orange County Parks Foundation and The Nature Conservancy easements, as well as the NCCP/HCP
- The area offers a protected and preserved natural habitat for a variety of plants and animals, including bobcats, mule deer, gray fox, a large variety of bird species



# Background: History

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- 2014: Donated to OC Parks by The Irvine Company
- 2015–2019: Developed and completed the Interim Recreation and Resource Management Plan (IRRMP)
- 2020–2021: Conducted baseline biological surveys to inventory and monitor the area's flora and fauna
- 2021: Performed preliminary trail routing
- 2022–2023: Formalized final trails and improvements
- 2024: Opened for managed public access and visitor surveys



# Trail Network

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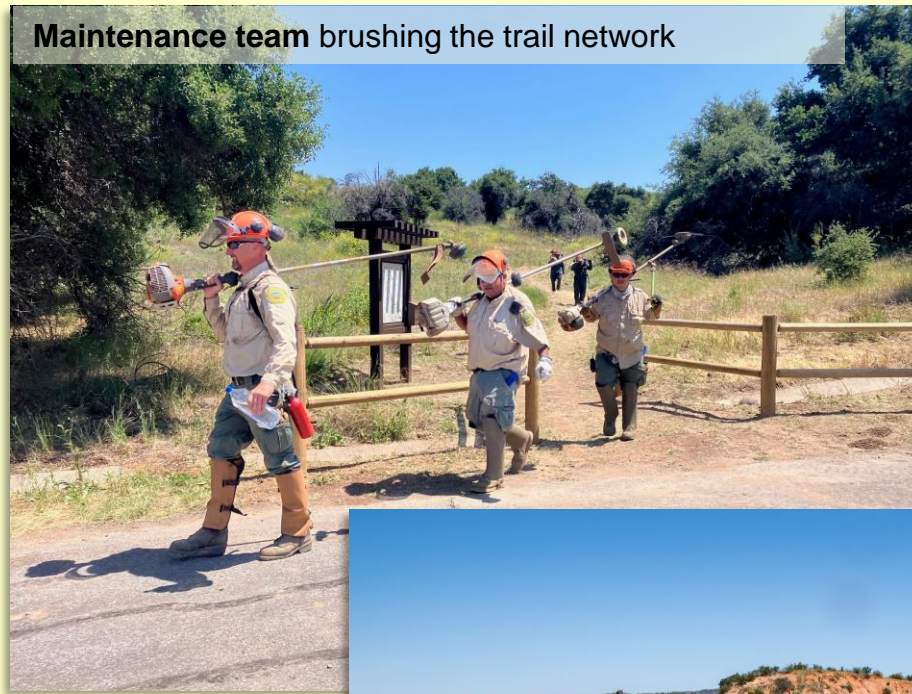
## Trail planning:

- Evaluations conducted by field personnel, along with experts from OC Parks specializing in Planning & Design, Geographic Information System (GIS), Natural Resources, and Archaeology & Paleontology

## Trail installation:

- Collaboration between OC Parks staff and contracted services, including the Irvine Ranch Conservancy

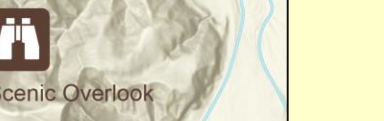
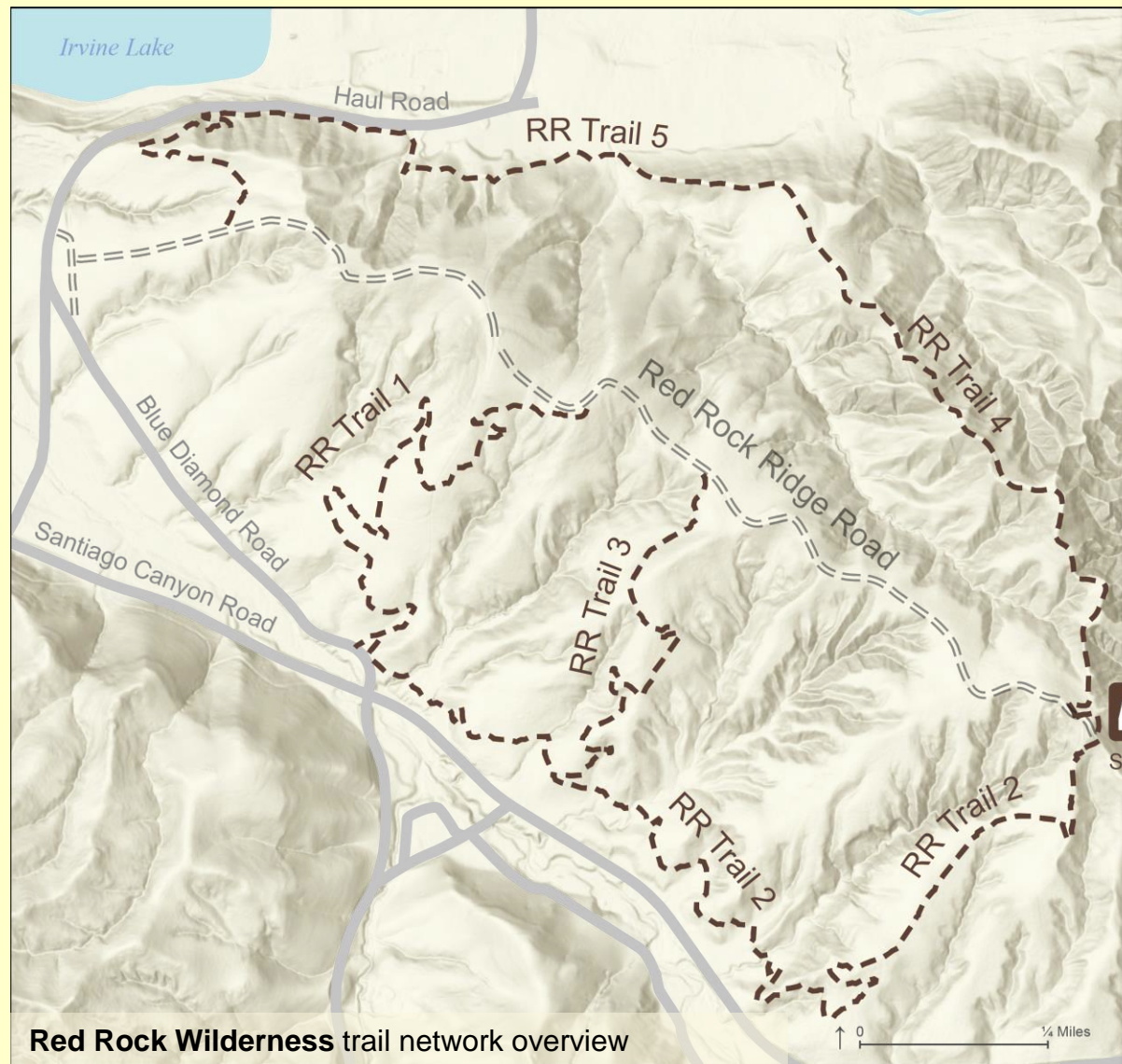
Maintenance team brushing the trail network





# Trail Network

- Eight miles of newly established trails for hiking, biking, and horseback riding
- Five trails, ranging from moderate to challenging
- Breathtaking views of Irvine Lake, the Santa Ana Mountains, and the surrounding canyons



Turkey vultures are a common sight

# Trail Naming Process

- Gather public surveys
- Refine feedback
- Organize feedback by individual trails
- Trails Subcommittee vote to recommend names for approval by OC Parks Commission

## Public Survey Question:

Can you suggest any trail names or trail naming themes for Red Rock Wilderness?



Kiosk on Red Rock Ridge Road

# Trail 1: Animal/Feature

Recommendation: Dragonfly Trail  
Alternative: Mesa Meadows



# Trail 2: Native Mammals

Recommendation: Tuukut Trail  
Alternative: Gray Fox Trail



# Trail 3: Native Plants

Recommendation: Chia Trail  
Alternative: Doveweed Trail



# Trail 4: Birds/Flight

Recommendation:  
Raven Ridge Trail



# Trail 5: Native Plants

Recommendation: Goldenstar Trail  
Alternative: Paintbrush Trail



# Overlook

Recommendation: Wild Sage Overlook  
Alternative: Aura Overlook







# Recommended Action

Approve the names for five trails and one overlook at Red Rock Wilderness, as recommended by the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee.



# Recommended Action

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- Alternative: Mesa Meadows Trail

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