

**NATIONAL PARKS
IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA**

**Santa Monica Mountains
National Recreation Area**
www.nps.gov/samo
(805) 370-2301

Channel Islands National Park
www.nps.gov/chis
(805) 658-5730

Joshua Tree National Park
www.nps.gov/jotr
(760) 367-5500

Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail
www.nps.gov/juba
(510) 817-1438
anza.uoregon.edu

**STATE AND CITY
PARK INFORMATION**

California State Parks
www.parks.ca.gov

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
www.smmc.ca.gov

**City of Los Angeles Department of
Recreation and Parks**
www.ci.la.ca.us/RAP/



Participating Agencies Include:

California Department of Parks and Recreation
California State 4-H Sports Fishing Program
Channel Islands National Park
City of L.A. – Environmental Affairs Department
Crenshaw / Dorsey RESCUE
Esperanza Community Housing Corp.
Expo Environmental Group
L.A. Works
Los Angeles Conservation Corps
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
National Park Service
North East Trees
National Parks Conservation Association
Outward Bound Adventures
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area
The Wildlands Conservancy
The Wildwoods Foundation
Troutco
Trust for Public Lands
U.S. Forest Service
Woodcraft Rangers

And many others – join us!

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**Los Angeles
Community
Partners**



***Connecting all people to
all parks through education,
outreach, employment,
volunteerism and access
to resources.***



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THE NATIONAL PARKS COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAM

THE ISSUE

Although the National Park System has been called one of the best ideas America ever had, it has yet to fully reflect the cultural and historical diversity of the United States. Recent surveys have shown that people of color remain largely absent from the national parks as visitors, subjects of interpretation, supporters and contractors. National Park Service (NPS) workforce diversity also remains largely inadequate. If the current trend continues, NPS runs the risk of becoming out of touch with and irrelevant to a large and increasing segment of the American population.



THE NEED

As the United States becomes a more ethnically and culturally diverse society NPS must increase workforce and visitor diversity to remain relevant and effectively serve the American public. Also, as people of color begin to comprise a larger segment of the population, the larger their role must be in park advocacy and protection. Therefore, bringing NPS and communities of color together must be counted as a top priority for the foreseeable future.

THE PROGRAM

One of the best methods for beginning the crucial process of “engagement” is the National Parks Community Partners Program (NPCPP), a bold initiative developed by the National Parks Conservation Association to link diverse communities to the parks. The “Community Partners Program” was formed in the aftermath of the Mosaic in Motion Conference (San Francisco, January 1999). The founding objectives of the program are to make the resources of NPS available to a wider range of the American public, and to assist NPS in enhancing cultural diversity and pluralism through its ranks and programming. NPCPP goals include:

- Exploring the need for change within the culture and traditions of the NPS.
- Developing a dialogue between the National Park Service and diverse community representatives that will lead to effective collaborations between NPS and traditionally under-served constituencies.
- Ensuring Native, Asian, Latino, and African –Americans have unfettered access to the resources of the National Park Service.
- Facilitating the continuous participation of diverse populations in shaping the culture and service priorities of NPS.

The Community Partners currently have programs in six cities — Miami, the District of Columbia, Boston, San Francisco, Atlanta, and Los Angeles.



THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Los Angeles Community Partners meets monthly to network and develop its agenda and programs. The partners include representatives from national, state and city parks, environmental education and action groups, community agencies and non-profits.

Our Agenda and Programs include:

- Community education and outreach
- Junior Ranger and family camping programs
- Employment opportunities
- Grant opportunities
- Community resource guide and website
- Promoting outdoor education.



How do I become a partner?

Any interested organization or community member is welcome to join us. We maintain an electronic mailing list via email with announcements, employment opportunities, and information about the dates and locations of regular monthly meetings.

To subscribe: send an email to:
LACP-subscribe@yahoo.com

Then, join us at one of our monthly meetings and introduce yourself!