



PALOMAR MOUNTAIN

STATE PARK

WELCOME! Large pine, fir and cedar trees give Palomar Mountain State Park a Sierra Nevada-like atmosphere. The park features camping, picnicking, hiking, and trout fishing. Coniferous forests cover much of the 1,862 acres, in contrast to the dry lowlands surrounding the mountain. Elevation within the park averages 5,000 feet above sea level, making evenings cool even during the summer. A number of vista points offer spectacular panoramic views both westerly toward the ocean and inland toward the desert.

Although colonization displaced the Luiseño/Payómkawiichum and Kumeyaay tribes from their ancestral homes on the mountain, it remains an important place for these native groups today.



Palomar Mountain State Park
19952 State Park Road
Palomar Mountain, CA 92060



Day-Use Areas:
8 a.m. to sunset



Day-Use Parking:
\$10 per vehicle per day



California State Parks

Passes Accepted: Disabled Discount, Distinguished Veteran, Explorer, Golden Bear, Senior Golden Bear, Golden Poppy, State Library



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THINGS TO DO

If you have an hour, visit Doane Pond and hike the Doane Valley Nature Trail. Doane Pond features a short walking path and sweeping views of Palomar Mountain's meadows and dense oak/conifer forests.

If you have half a day, hike 1.5 miles to the Historic Weir Site, one of the park's peculiar historical remnants. Have a picnic at Doane Pond or Silvercrest Picnic Area. Visit Boucher Hill Fire Lookout Tower, which offers unparalleled views of San Diego County and is a working fire lookout tower.

If you have a full day, fish at Doane Pond in the morning, take an extended hike (up to 8 miles), and visit Boucher Hill for sunset.

ACTIVITIES

Fishing—Fishing is available year-round at Doane Pond with a valid California fishing license (required for ages 16+.)

Picnicking—Silvercrest Picnic Area features shaded picnic tables, barbecue pits and restrooms.

Hiking—Please consult the map for hiking routes of varying difficulties.

Boucher Hill Fire Lookout Tower—The tower is available for guided tours when volunteers are available. Boucher Hill features a nearby accessible view deck.

Pets—Except for service animals, dogs are not allowed on unpaved trails. Dogs must be on maximum 6-foot leash in campgrounds and on paved trails and Myers Fire Road.

CAMPING

Doane Valley Campground—Each of the 31 sites has a table, fire ring and barbecue. Restrooms and piped drinking water are available nearby.

Cedar Grove Group Campground—Group Camp 1 is suitable for 25 people and for trailers and camper vans up to 21 feet in length; two other group sites can accommodate up to 15 people for tent camping only.

ACCESSIBLE FEATURES

Three sites at the Doane Valley Campground are designated accessible and one at the Cedar Grove Group Camp #1 is designated generally accessible. Restrooms, the Silvercrest day-use area and the Boucher Hill view deck are accessible.

