



THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY

"To preserve the beauty and biodiversity of the earth, and to provide programs so that children may know the wonder and joy of nature."

WHITEWATER PRESERVE

Thank you for your interest in The Wildlands Conservancy's Whitewater Preserve. The Wildlands Conservancy (TWC) has preserved more land in California with private funds than any other conservation organization-1,200 square miles. TWC owns the largest nonprofit preserve system in California which includes our 97,000 acre Wind Wolves Preserve and our 33,000 acre Sand to Snow Preserve System. The 2,851 acre Whitewater Preserve is part of the Sand to Snow Preserve System, and provides trailhead access to the San Geronio Wilderness, the Whitewater River, and the Pacific Crest Trail.

Our ranger station, picnic areas, and trailhead are open daily from 8 AM to 5 PM with the exception of Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. The Preserve is surrounded by public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). To check with the local BLM office regarding permissions and restrictions on this land, including the San Geronio Wilderness, call (760) 833-7100.

Walk-in tent camping is available for individuals and families by permit on a first come, first serve basis. Groups of more than ten people are required to make a reservation with preserve staff prior to arrival. Campers are welcome to stay up to three days. Our facilities include restrooms, potable water, and a communal shade structure. Camping permits and reservations are available from the Ranger Station during open hours. **If you are a hiker coming from the Pacific Crest Trail after the Ranger Station has closed, please camp in the large open grassy area south of the Ranger Station, and check in the following morning if you wish to stay more than one night.**

A variety of interpretive programs are available at the Preserve. Check our website or Ranger Station for more information.

We have a few simple rules for visitors:

- **No fires** of any kind, including charcoal BBQs. Gas stoves and grills only!
- No smoking and no alcohol
- No shooting, hunting or collecting of any kind
- **All dogs must be on leashes at all times**
- Children must be accompanied by an adult
- Help keep Whitewater Canyon beautiful. **Pick up all trash** and **LEAVE NO TRACE!**

***Note to hikers:** You are required to sign in at the Ranger Station or trailhead sign –in so that we can track visitor use in case of an emergency. Hikers planning on coming in early, leaving late or staying the night in the wilderness while leaving a car parked in our lot need to check in at the Ranger Station and fill out a Special Day Use Permit.