# Irvine Ranch Open Space

DAY USE: THROUGH SCHEDULED PROGRAMS OR ON DESIGNATED WILDERNESS ACCESS DAYS ONLY

By advance registration
For a list of activities,

The Irvine Ranch Open Space is part of the 40,000 acres of the historic Irvine Ranch that have been designated as both National and California Natural Landmarks; the property was selected based on its outstanding biological and geological resources.

Prized for its beauty, unusual geology and extraordinary diversity of flora and fauna, the Irvine Ranch Open Space provides a sanctuary that will be preserved for generations to come.

#### WHAT THERE IS AT THE IRVINE RANCH













### DISCOVER THE IRVINE RANCH OPEN SPACE

The Irvine Ranch Open Space is jointly managed by OC Parks and the Irvine Ranch Conservancy. The Conservancy has managed the 40,000-acre Irvine Ranch Natural Landmarks since their designation in 2006 and oversees the public's access to the land–including the Irvine Ranch Open Space–through an extensive program of tours, hikes, trail rides and wilderness access days. Visit www.irlandmarks.org for details.



## SORRY BOY, NOT THIS TIME.

Unfortunately, not every animal is appropriate for the Irvine Ranch Open Space. We know your dog is part of the family, but when you visit this sensitive open-space land, please leave him or her at home.



"The Sinks in Limestone Canyon is one of Orange County's most magnificent geological formations. And the hike to get there is breathtaking."



Interpretive Programs

### A NATIONAL NATURAL LANDMARK.

The National Park Service has designated the Irvine Ranch Open Space as a National Natural Landmark, recognizing this area as an outstanding biological and geological resource. Impressive features in the Irvine Ranch Open Space include the Sinks, with its formations reminiscent of the Grand Canyon; Black Star Canyon, with its stunning red rock cliffs; and Fremont Canyon, with its massive granite cliffs.



## A 20,000-ACRE GIFT.

On June 29, 2010, the Orange County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to accept a gift of historic proportions: 20,000 acres of protected open space donated by Chairman Donald Bren of The Irvine Company.

The largest-ever single donation of land to the County, the Irvine Ranch Open Space gift increased OC Parks' parkland to 60,000 acres. The gift includes nearly 2,000 acres of land that will become the future Black Star Canyon Wilderness Park.



#### **DIVERSE INHABITANTS.**

The Irvine Ranch Open Space is in the Mediterranean climate zone that covers just 2% of the Earth's land surface, but supports almost 20% of the world's known vascular plants. Many different plants and animals make their homes here, including golden eagles, mountain lions, bobcats, tecate cypress trees and a vast array of wildflowers.





TRAILS: MAY BE CLOSED FOR UP TO THREE DAYS FOLLOWING RAIN

Information on free hikes, other activities and the calendar of events is available at www.irlandmarks.org/activities

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#### LIKE IRVINE RANCH OPEN SPACE? YOU'LL LIKE THESE PARKS, TOO.

ALISO AND WOOD CANYONS WILDERNESS PARK • CASPERS WILDERNESS PARK • LAGUNA COAST WILDERNESS PARK • LIMESTONE CANYON AND WHITING RANCH WILDERNESS PARK • RILEY WILDERNESS PARK • TALBERT NATURE PRESERVE

OC Parks has been entrusted with the care and protection of this park. Help us preserve our county's natural and cultural resources for your and your fellow guests' future enjoyment. Please check with your Park Ranger for this park's specific rules, or see them online at