

CAMPAIGN FOR THE CALIFORNIA DESERT

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Holcomb Creek Proposed Wild and Scenic River



Did You Know?

- The CDPRA proposes to **protect 14.5 miles** of Holcomb Creek.
- Holcomb Creek's diverse plant communities and habitats support more than 16 rare, sensitive and endemic plants.
- The **Pacific Crest Trail** parallels 6 miles of Holcomb Creek.
- The rare **San Bernardino flying squirrel** is found in this area of the San Bernardino Mountains.

Located in the northern San Bernardino Mountains, Holcomb Creek originates in a large wet meadow in Holcomb Valley and then flows west for more than 15 miles to its confluence with Deep Creek.

The source of Holcomb Creek in Holcomb Valley incorporates three rare plant habitat types that support numerous rare and sensitive plants. The creek's banks and wetlands provide nesting sites for the endangered southwest willow flycatcher. Nesting spotted owls and the rare San Bernardino flying squirrel are also found in mature conifer forests along the creek.

Much of the upper creek is the route of a popular off highway vehicle trail. Further downstream, access is by foot only along the Pacific Crest Trail, which follows the creek through a truly wild canyon all the way to the confluence with Deep Creek.

The creek's outstanding scenery is enhanced as it carves its way downward through numerous life zones, including mixed conifer, mixed oak, and pinyon-juniper forests.

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