



Malibu Creek State Park

A Renewed Landscape for the Visitor's Center

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incredible biodiversity

chaparral forest



rare native plants



sacred waters

Indigenous traditions

CHUMASH
GATHERING SUSTAINABILITY
WATER LAND
EDUCATION CONNECTION DROUGHT
FIRE RESISTANCE TOLERANCE
COMMUNITY RENEWAL
INDIGENOUS
KNOWLEDGE



MALIBU CREEK VISITOR'S CENTER

KNOWLEDGE IS A CREEK THAT FLOWS THROUGH GENERATIONS



Welcome to the Malibu Creek State Park Visitor's Center: a sanctuary where the past, present, and future converge amidst the breathtaking landscape.

Step into a realm where nature's wisdom intertwines with human history, where the Chumash people have woven stories into the very fabric of the land for millennia. Here, ancestral knowledge flows like the creek itself, carrying tales of resilience, reverence, and renewal.

In this sacred space, shamans adorned cave walls with pigments sourced from the earth, passing down traditions that echo through time. Yet, for too long, the narrative of this land has been overshadowed by a narrow educational lens, neglecting the vibrant tapestry of Chumash culture and history.

It's time to renew this narrative. Let us extend an invitation to the next generation, guiding them on a journey of discovery where the land itself becomes the ultimate teacher. Together, we'll forge a deeper connection to the beauty and wisdom that have always been present, yet often overlooked. Join us as we embrace Malibu Creek as more than just a geographical feature, but as a conduit for inspiration, unity, and understanding.

As the creek flows, so does knowledge, through generations.

COLOR PALETTE



- A1 *Agrostis densiflora*
California Bent Grass
- A2 *Stipa pulchra*
Purple Needlegrass
- A3 *Delphinium patens*
Spreading larkspur
- A4 *Eschscholzia californica*
California Poppy
- A5 *Achillea millefolium*
Common Yarrow
- A6 *Epilobium canum*
California Fuchsia
- A7 *Asclepias eriocarpa*
Woolypod Milkweed
- A8 *Pseudognaphalium biolettii*
Bicolored Everlasting
- A9 *Salvia apiana*
White Sage

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ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN



VISITOR CENTER AT MALIBU CREEK SP










LOCATION: MALIBU CREEK STATE PARK, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CA

PROJECT TYPE: PUBLIC - STATE PARK

STAGES OF WORK: CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

YEAR: 2024

PLANT LEGEND

A1	<i>Agrostis densiflora</i> California Bent Grass		A4	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i> California Poppy		A7	<i>Asclepias eriocarpa</i> Woolypod Milkweed	
A2	<i>Stipa pulchra</i> Purple Needlegrass		A5	<i>Achillea millefolium</i> Common Yarrow		A8	<i>Pseudognaphalium biolettii</i> Bicolored Everlasting	
A3	<i>Delphinium patens</i> Spreading larkspur		A6	<i>Epilobium canum</i> California Fuchsia		A9	<i>Salvia apiana</i> White Sage	



SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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PROGRAM DETAILS

PROPOSED SITE ELEMENTS LEGEND

- ① "THE CIRCLE" GATHERING AREA
- ② SMALL GROUP AREAS
- ③ PRIMARY PATHWAY
- ④ SECONDARY PATHWAY
- ⑤ TERTIARY PATHWAY



The primary gathering area, under the shade of the sycamore, will hold the average class size in the public school districts. Materials gathered from site.



Wood sourced from the site makes the planks for these smaller group areas. There is one ADA-compliant area.



The primary pathway is made of decomposed granite and allows for ADA access and water percolation.



The mulched secondary pathways invite visitors to wander into the various spaces in the area. Mulch is sourced from site.



Encouraging further wandering, tertiary stone pathways meander through spaces. Stone is sourced from site.

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PLANT SELECTION DETAILS

HYDROZONE:
FULL-PART SUN

No.	Scientific Name Common Name	Plant Family	Mature Height and Spread	WUCOLS RATING	Summer Water Reduction	Soil Requirements	Bloom Color and Season	Maintenance Requirements and Notes	Cultural Significance to Indigenous Groups
GRASSES									
A1	<i>Agrostis densiflora</i> California Bent Grass	Poaceae	0.33 - 2.8 ft tall	Low	Yes	Requires well-drained soil	Brown flowers emerge from May-August	Excellent for use as a walkable groundcover	Seeds are harvested for food by indigenous peoples.
A2	<i>Stipa pulchra</i> Purple Needlegrass	Poaceae	3.3 ft tall x 1.5 ft wide	Very Low	Yes	Found in virtually every type of soil. Tolerates serpentine & sodic soils	Cream, green, purple, or red flowers emerge in Spring and Summer	Can be cut back when it turns brown at the end of summer	This grass is the preferred material used by Chumash basket weavers for teaching the art of basket weaving.
LOW-HEIGHT HERBACEOUS SPECIMENS: Up to 2.5'									
A3	<i>Delphinium patens</i> Spreading Larkspur	Ranunculaceae	0.7 - 1.6 ft tall	Low	Yes	Prefers well-draining, organic-rich soil	Blue and purple flowers bloom in early to mid Spring	Supports a variety of wildlife and pollinators	Traditional uses include crushing the plants and applying them to hair to control lice and other insects.
A4	<i>Eschscholzia californica</i> California Poppy	Papaveraceae	0.16 - 2 ft tall 1 - 2 ft wide	Very Low	Yes	Prefers sandy, infertile, well-drained soils.	Bright orange flowers bloom in the Spring	Can allow seeds to ripen after bloom for wildlife and to drop for next year's planting.	The colorful flower pollen can be used as face or body paint, the semi-sweet flowers are treated as a gum or candy. The roots of the plant are also used as a sedative to encourage sleep.
A5	<i>Achillea millefolium</i> Common Yarrow	Asteraceae	1 - 3 ft tall, 0.5 - 1.5 ft wide	Moderate	No	Nearly any type except very wet. Deep roots help to control erosion.	White and yellow flowers with a pleasant fragrance emerge in Spring and Summer.	Benefits from division every other year.	The crushed plant is applied to wounds and burn; the dried leaves are used as a tea to soothe colds, fever, and headache.
A6	<i>Epilobium canum</i> California Fuchsia	Onagraceae	0.25 - 1.5 ft tall x 2 - 3 ft wide	Very Low	Yes	Tolerates clay and sand. Tolerates Serpentine Soil.	Abundant, bright scarlet flowers in Summer and Fall	Cut or mow to base in fall or early winter to stimulate for new growth. Unwanted rhizomes can be pulled at any time.	The leaves are applied as a powder or wash to treat cuts, sores and sprains.
A7	<i>Asclepias eriocarpa</i> Woolypod Milkweed	Apocynaceae	1.3 - 3 ft tall 1 ft wide	Low	Yes	Tolerates a variety of soils including clay.	Cream, pink, and white flowers bloom in the Summer.	Perennial; Winter deciduous.	Culturally recognized for material use and ceremonial use
MEDIUM-HEIGHT HERBACEOUS SPECIMENS: 2.5' - 5' feet									
A8	<i>Pseudognaphalium biolettii</i> Bicolored Everlasting	Asteraceae	4ft tall	Low	Yes	Requires well-drained soil	Cream and white flowers appear in the Winter and Spring	Herbaceous perennial in Coastal Scrub and Chaparral communities	Indigenous peoples use this plant to treat a variety of throat and bronchial conditions including coughs, colds, and asthma. Skin or mouth sores and burns are treated with a poultice of rabbit tobacco.
A9	<i>Salvia apiana</i> White Sage	Lamiaceae	3 - 5 ft tall, 3 - 8 ft wide	Very Low	Yes	Adaptable to a variety of soil types.	Fragrant silver-white leaves, and clusters of white flowers with lavender streaks	Flower stalks may be removed when finished in late summer. Sprawling branches may be removed at any time.	This is a sacred plant for indigenous peoples for its ability to purify, cleanse, protect, to heal physical ailments, and to provide well-being. Smudging this plant continues to be an important spiritual ritual for Chumash communities. Chumash also make it into a tea to drink daily for balance and well-being.



Sources: Chumash Medicine Woman; Sukinaniik'ov Garden of Chumash Plants