

Carrizo Plain National Monument

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/carrizo-plain-national-monument>

Directions - From Highway 58, take Soda Lake Road south. From Highway 166, take Soda Lake North.

Parking/Size of rigs that can access/How many rigs

Countless inside the monument. Several large pullouts, turnarounds, wide spots.

Cost

Free admission, no camping fee.

Camping:

Selby Cow Camp:

Latitude/Longitude: 35.1281, -119.8409

Once on Carrizo Plain National Monument, continue on Soda Lake Road until you arrive at sign for

Selby Campground. Turn onto Selby Road and travel 4.5 miles to campground.

Camping is available on a first come-first serve basis. Thirteen campsites with picnic tables, fire pits, four horse pens and a wheelchair accessible vault toilet. Electricity and drinking water is not available. There is no garbage service, please act responsibly and pack out any refuse you have. This campground is more secluded and the camper is only steps away from unlimited hiking in the Wilderness Study Area that lies outside the campground.

KCL Campground: (35.0905, -119.7348) Once on Carrizo Plain National Monument, continue on Soda Lake Road until you arrive at sign for KCL Campground. Turn onto KCL Campground Road and travel 1/2 mile to campground.

Camping is available on a first come-first serve basis, we do not take reservations. Twelve campsites (two are elevated ADA compliant), with picnic tables, fire pits, horse corrals and ADA compliant vault toilet. Electricity and drinking water is not available. There is no garbage service, please act responsibly and pack out any refuse you have. It has some of the few shade trees on the monument. Formerly owned by the Kern County Land Company, the KCL still has a few of the original barn structures as well as some of the corrals. Please refrain from entering the barn structures.

Trail condition

The monument includes countless miles of cow trails, wildlife trail, roads and truck trails of varying difficulty levels. The Temblor Range to the east and Caliente Range to the west offer rugged riding for more adventurous explorers. No water. No services. No cell. Download maps before arrival or pick up at Goodwin Education Center/ Visitors Center if it's open (seasonal and limited hours).

At Selby Camp: Rugged, single-track with climb to ridge road that offers miles of riding with expansive views. Random trails onto BLM lands.

At KCL Camp: Single-track into Caliente Range both easy and technical.
Farm roads.

Who uses the trail.

Hikers, occasional horseback riders, never seen a mountain bike on the single-track, but it doesn't appear to be off limits. Cars/trucks/motorcycle potential on ridge trail/road for a couple miles. Various vehicles on valley floor roads. Pedestrians throughout the monument

Best time to ride trail

October-May (Summer/Fall = HOT)

CPNM Recreation Guide and

Map: <https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/documents/files/media-center-public-room-california-carrizo-plain-national-monument-recreation-map-and-guide.pdf>

Pictures of the area

(See Google)

And see maps on BLM links provided.

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