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Los Angeles' Wilacre Park to Close Temporarily for Upgrades and Renovations

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Announces Temporary Park Closure to Improve Restroom Facilities and Increase Park Accessibility

Los Angeles, CA – The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) announced today plans to upgrade several components of [Wilacre Park's](#) infrastructure throughout the fall of 2017. To do so, MRCA will temporarily close the park from September 5, 2017 through January 5, 2018. The park's trails will be closed to the public during this period to allow crews the opportunity to safely complete improvements to restrooms and increase access to parking and recreational facilities for guests with limited mobility.

"With park goers' needs in mind, we're excited to announce upcoming improvements to Wilacre Park that will provide everyone with a more comfortable and easily accessible park experience," said **Ana Straabe, Chief of Park Development**. "We recognize and understand that the temporary closure will cause some disruption, and are actively working to reduce any inconvenience while providing park users with alternative options for outdoor experiences during the closure period."

MRCA will be updating Wilacre Park's parking lot to become ADA-compliant and wheelchair-accessible, in addition to improving access to picnic tables located at the trailhead. Crews will also be installing permanent bathroom and washroom fixtures, which will include new toilets, bathroom stalls and sinks to provide guests with a fully operational facility.

The closure will allow construction crews to complete the improvements in the most timely, efficient and safe manner possible, ensuring the wellbeing of park goers and construction crews alike.

"We appreciate the patience from neighbors and frequent park goers during the closure and look forward to ringing in 2018 with an improved trail experience that can be enjoyed for generations to come," added Straabe.

Wilacre Park is home to popular Los Angeles hiking trails Betty B. Dearing trail and the Cross Mountain Park trail system, which provides access to Fryman Canyon Park, Coldwater Canyon Park and Franklin Canyon Park. The 128-acre environment-centered park offers hikers and visitors the opportunity to get outdoors and explore the Santa Monica Mountains, providing miles of winding trails and sweeping vistas. Further details about the park's closure and planned improvements can be found at www.wilacrepark.com and www.lamountains.com.

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The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is a local government public entity dedicated to the preservation and management of local open space and parkland, watershed lands, trails and wildlife habitat. The MRCA works in cooperation with the Conservancy and other local government partners to acquire parkland, participate in vital planning processes, and complete major park improvement projects. Find out more about MRCA and its work at www.mrca.ca.gov.