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Free Field Trips in the Mountains

Franklin Canyon in the Santa Monica Mountains

Creating connections between the classroom and nature

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At Franklin Canyon Park, students are immersed in the perfect outdoor experience with a 2-hour docent led nature discovery hike focusing on urban wildlife, Native American Tongva culture, and watersheds of the Santa Monica Mountains. Our educational program incorporates curriculum tied to California State Science Standards and the Education and the Environment Initiative (EEI) with hands-on and experiential-based learning to build upon classroom lessons. Our free field day trips are available for Title 1 elementary schools and special needs groups. We are now accepting reservations for this school year.

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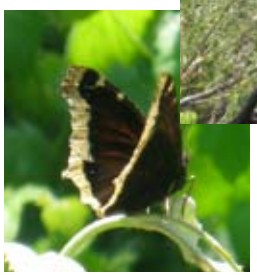

Students will also have the opportunity to view wildlife first-hand, including hawks, ducks, lizards, rabbits, and butterflies.

For almost 30 years, the William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom (WODOC) in Franklin Canyon has introduced underserved youth to Los Angeles' natural resources, reaching 10,000 school children annually. Franklin Canyon has 605 acres of natural open space, including accessible trails, a 3-acre lake, duck pond, chaparral covered slopes, shady grassland meadows, and is home to the Sooky Goldman Nature Center.

The programs are operated by Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority with funding from Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and National Park Service.

Location:

Franklin Canyon
2600 Franklin Canyon Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

To request an information package or for booking:

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