

# News Release

## USDA Forest Service

### Los Padres National Forest



## National Forests Honor Veterans Day

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GOLETA, CA...November 3, 2009 --- In honor of America's Veterans and Armed Services personnel, Wednesday, November 11, has been designated as a "Fee Free Day" in Southern California National Forests. A National Forest Adventure Pass will not be required for visitors recreating in the Los Padres, Angeles, San Bernardino and Cleveland National Forests.

"Veterans Day is a great way to connect communities with public lands while honoring the sacrifices made by America's Veterans and Armed Services personnel" said Los Padres National Forest Supervisor Peggy Hernandez. "The Fee Free Day is an opportunity to get outdoors and appreciate the open spaces and national treasures of our public lands here in Southern California."

The Veterans Day-Free Day is observed each year on November 11, regardless of the day of the week. In addition to Veterans Day, Southern California National Forests also waive the Adventure Pass requirement on National Trails Day in June and National Public Lands Day in September.

Visitors who inadvertently commit a Daily Adventure Pass on a Free Day, can have it replaced free-of-charge. Visitors are reminded that even though the Adventure Pass fee will be waived on November 11, other fees such as campground, reservation and group site fees may still be applicable.

Note: The November 11 Fee Free Day applies to all areas of Los Padres National Forest EXCEPT the Lower Santa Ynez Recreation Area.

For more information regarding recreational opportunities, current fire restrictions and volunteering, contact the Forest Service office listed below which is nearest to your area of interest.

Santa Lucia Ranger District (Santa Maria) – (805) 925-9538  
Santa Barbara Ranger District (Santa Barbara) – (805) 967-3481  
Ojai Ranger District (Ojai) – (805) 646-4348  
Mt. Pinos Ranger District (Frazier Park) – (661) 245-3731  
Monterey Ranger District (King City) – (831) 385-5434

Information is also available on the Los Padres National Forest website at: <http://fs.usda.gov/lpnf>

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