



MAGMA TO MINES

Thirty-four million years ago, magma oozed up through the earth's crust into sediments deposited by an ancient inland sea. Heat from the magma combined with groundwater formed acid-rich hot springs, rotting igneous rock, dissolving minerals, and eventually forming veins of copper, galena, iron, manganese, turquoise and zinc. Over the next 30 million years, erosion shaved off some 5,000 feet of surrounding land, leaving the mineral deposits near the surface and the interior plumbing of the volcano exposed.

This land's multicultural mining history reveals that not all cultures value minerals equally. Indigenous people mined turquoise and galena, a lead-silver sulfide, for pottery glaze. The Spanish valued galena too, but for different reasons. They extracted its silver and used the lead byproduct for munitions. During the late 1800's, people from all over the world staked claims hoping to make it big during the territorial mining boom. Go deeper, learn more: hike the trails past historic mine sites and view the exhibits at the park Visitor Center.

WELCOME

Hours:

Open sunrise to sunset, year-round.

Visitor Center:

37 Main Street, southwest of the railroad crossing

In the village of Los Cerrillos.

Open, Sat & Sun. 10am-4pm.

Fees:

New Mexico Residents Day Use

- May - Sept. \$5 per vehicle.
- Oct. - April, free.

Out of State Day Use

- Jan. - Dec. \$10 per vehicle.

Use the permit envelopes to deposit your fee, and place the white portion on your vehicle. Annual Day use passes are available from any Ranger.

REMEMBER



Rock collecting and metal detecting are not allowed in this State Park.



Keep pets leashed.



Stay on the trails.



Pack litter out.



Respect private property boundaries.



Always yield to horseback riders.



CERRILLOS HILLS STATE PARK

TRAILS MAP & INFORMATION

37 MAIN ST . PO BOX 460
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CERRILLOS HILLS STATE PARK TRAILS MAP

Private Property
Dead End

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KEY

- Historic Mine
- Interpretive Sign
- Parking Area
- Pay Station
- Picnic Tables
- Toilets
- Visitor Center

Park Elevation
5,800 - 6,100 ft.

Distance

Miles
0 0.05 0.1

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