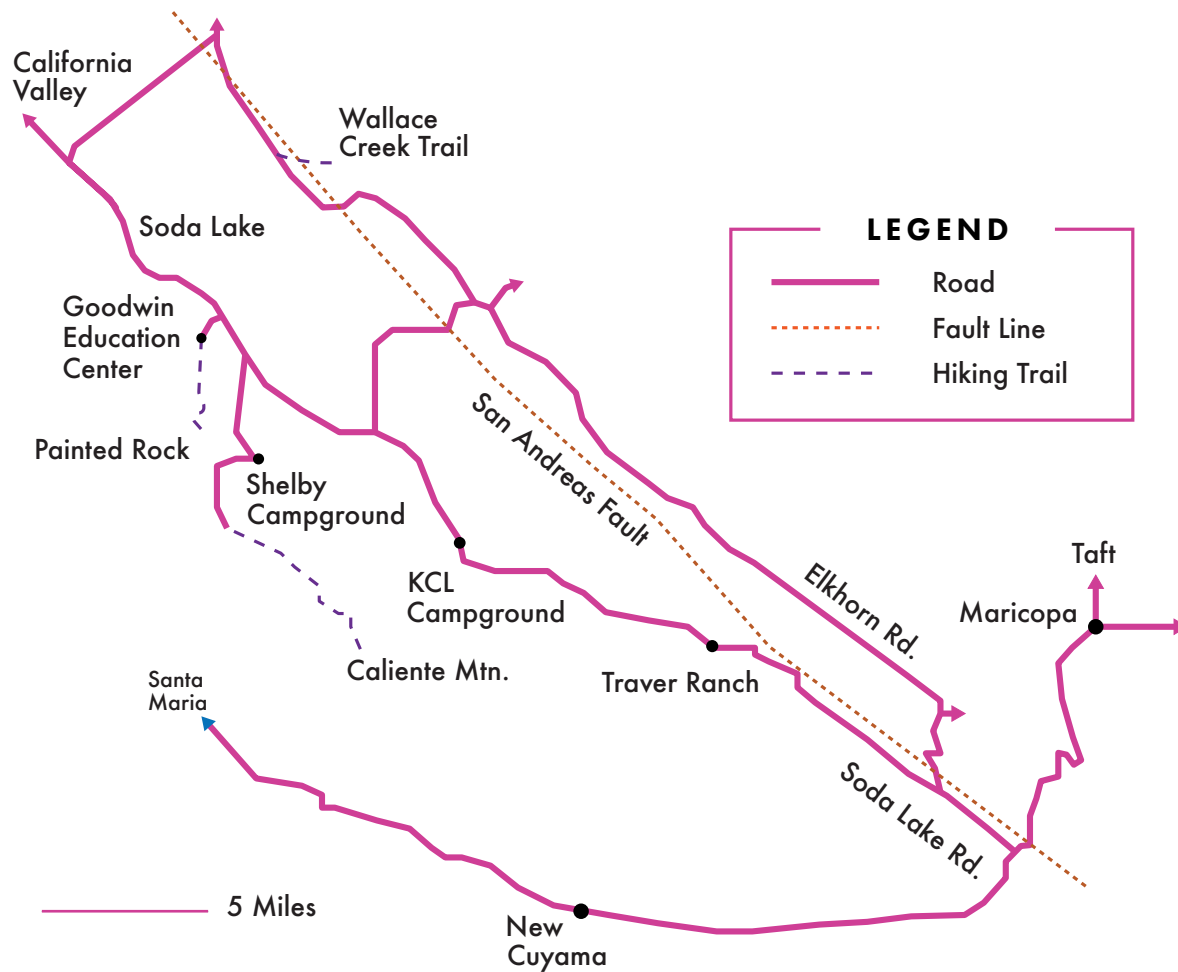


Carrizo Plain National Monument

REFERENCE MAP



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About the monument



Stretching for over 250,000 acres, the Carrizo Plain is a serene and scenic National Monument that is located parallel to the Cuyama Valley. An area culturally important to Native Americans and early settlers, there is a number of historical sites scattered throughout the National Monument, accessible by car or foot. It is also home to fifteen of California's threatened and endangered plants and animals. Soda Lake, a stark white dry lake bed, is one of the dominant geographic features of the Carrizo Plain. It is the largest remaining natural alkali wetland in southern California. In the Spring, the plain blooms with yellow, orange, and purple flowers that cover the rolling hills as the site of one of the state's "superblooms."

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Activities



CAMPING



HIKING



ATVING



BIRD WATCHING



BIKING



SUPER BLOOM



Warnings

No provisions
Cell service is spotty
Sections of the road are dirt

Distance

25-minute drive
19.6 miles



Directions from New Cuyama

Turn Right onto Highway 166. Stay on Highway 166 for 14.6 miles until you see a sign for Soda Lake Rd. The entrance for Carrizo Plain National Monument will be 5 miles down Soda Lake Road. Continue on Soda Lake Rd. for the next 30 miles to experience different areas of Carrizo Plain National Monument.