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# Holcomb Creek

Proposed Wild & Scenic River



## Quick Facts

- The CDCRA proposes to protect 14.5 miles of Holcomb Creek as a Wild & Scenic River.
- **Holcomb Creek's** diverse plant communities and habitats support more than 16 rare, sensitive, and endemic plants.
- The **Pacific Crest Trail** parallels 6 miles of Holcomb Creek upstream from the Deep Creek confluence.
- The rare **San Bernardino flying squirrel** is currently found only in the San Bernardino Mountains.

Located in the northern San Bernardino Mountains, Holcomb Creek originates in a large wet meadow in Holcomb Valley and then flows west for more than 15 miles to its confluence with Deep Creek.

Holcomb Creek drains an area of high ecological significance. The source of the creek in Holcomb Valley incorporates three rare plant habitat types that support numerous rare, sensitive, and plants. The creek's rich riparian habitat provides nesting sites for the endangered southwest willow flycatcher. Nesting spotted owls and the rare San Bernardino flying squirrel are also found in mature conifer forests along the creek.

Much of the upper creek is the route of a popular off highway vehicle trail. Further downstream, access is by foot only along the Pacific Crest Trail, which follows the creek through a truly wild canyon all the way to the confluence with Deep Creek. The creek's outstanding scenery is enhanced as it carves its way downward through numerous life zones, including mixed conifer, mixed oak, and pinyon-juniper forests.

