

What is the Recovery Planning Process?

Recovery Journey

Following the January 2025 firestorms, California State Parks is working to build long-term resilience to catastrophic wildfires. After the initial response to manage the fire, State Parks took action to stabilize park resources. While State Parks is repairing the parks as they safely reopen and resume operations, **a longer-term recovery planning process is starting.**

We're here!



What Comes Next?

Next steps involve a public engagement process and developing guiding principles and priorities for the future of the parks. The people who love, use and manage the parks are asking:

- How do we move forward?
- How do we honor the historic legacy of Will Rogers and the precious parkland of Topanga State Park?
- How can the parks meet the needs of Angelenos and all Californians today?

Exploring these questions and more will shape next steps in recovery and building toward a more resilient future.



Timeline of the Recovery Planning



Phase 1: Initial Post-Fire Response

Following the fires, Angeles District staff worked with partners and the community to mitigate and remove hazardous material, inventory damage, reduce risk of future wildfires, share information about needs and best practices, repair roads and trails, and begin welcoming visitors back to the park.



Phase 2: Planning Initiation

This phase includes meetings with individuals and organizations who have a history of involvement with the parks and engaging with local California Native American tribes. The public is invited to share memories and photos from before the fire and share initial thoughts to inform the planning process.



Phase 3: Guiding Principles and Recovery Priorities

Based on initial stakeholder conversations, tribal input, and community feedback at planning events, State Parks will establish guiding principles for recovery and identify priorities for the parks. This phase will involve a variety of activities to gather a wide range of perspectives, priorities, and creative ideas to inform the final recovery principles and the recovery plan.



Phase 4: Recovery Plan Development

In this phase, State Parks will develop a planning document that reflects the values of the public, the needs of park staff, and the expertise of planning and tribal partners. The document will serve as a roadmap for the recovery of Topanga State Park and Will Rogers State Historic Park.

How to Get Involved

Visit www.myinput.com/topanga-will-rogers or scan the QR code to the right to learn more about the recovery process and stay up-to-date on new participation opportunities. Upcoming participation opportunities include:

- Virtual and in-person workshops
- Stakeholder meetings
- Input opportunities at local events
- Online survey

