

Native American Culture



Prickly Pear
(*Opuntia chlorotica*)



Cattail
(*Typha latifolia*)



Lemonadeberry
(*Rhus integrifolia*)



Valley Oak with Acorns
(*Quercus lobata*)



Toyon
(*Heteromeles arbutifolia*)



Yucca
(*Yucca whipplei intermedia*)

The park was the domain of the Chumash people, although it is part of an interface area also shared by the Tongva. Chumash settlements close to this present day parkland included El Escorpion (near Bell Canyon), Shimiya (present day Simi Valley), Talepop near Malibu Creek State Park, and the large coastal village of Humaliwo (present day Malibu). The vast grasslands, oak woodlands, streams and pools provided bountiful hunting and foraging land for the native people. Sacred and cultural sites exist on the parkland and are still important to modern Chumash and Tongva.