



ATV rentals.

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Angel's *Be Alive!*

Send your photos to me at agomez@cityemployeesclub.com. I would love to see them!

Jawbone Canyon



Jawbone Recreation Area.



Nice terrain behind me.

Hello again, everyone!

This month we decided to revisit Jawbone Canyon. The last time we were here, we shot some guns and stopped by the visitor center. This time, we needed some outdoor pictures for our newest Club gear, so Jawbone Canyon was an ideal place.

Our "*Be Alive!*" turned into a much needed photo shoot for Club gear. I would like to introduce our newest line of City Seal bags. These are must-have items.

We have a vintage trail laptop bag, \$44; a vintage explorer shoulder bag, \$42; a vintage medic bag, \$17; a vintage tech bag, \$18; and of course the "world famous" M51 engineers bag" for only \$45. Excellent deals!

If you want to see the entire collection, stop by our Club Store on Second and Spring Streets downtown.



The Jawbone Store.

Nearby History

Red Rock Canyon State Park: Historically, the area was once home to the Kawaiisu Indians, who left petroglyphs in the El Paso mountains and other evidence of their inhabitation. The spectacular gash situated at the western edge of the El Paso mountain range was on the Native American trade route for thousands of years. About 1850, it was used by the footsore survivors of the famous Death Valley trek, including members of the Arcane and Bennett families along with some of the Illinois Jayhawkers. During the early 1870s, the colorful rock formations in the park served as landmarks for 20-mule-team freight wagons that stopped for water. The park now protects significant paleontology sites and the remains of 1890s-era mining operations, and has been the site for a number of movies.

Activities at Jawbone

I really like this area. If you take the trip on a weekend, you will have the option of riding ATVs (bring your own, or for rent at FunTimeATV.com, (323)-707-3478, next to Jawbone Canyon). You can also stop by the visitor center. Reminder: Once you turn off the main highway, you will lose phone reception. Be sure to pick up all your supplies before you begin the trip, but if you need some last-minute supplies, stop at the Jawbone Canyon Store.

Once we picked up our last-minute supplies, we traveled a few minutes into the mountains behind the Visitor Station and explored all the peaks and valleys in this area. We took our photos for the "New" City Seal bags, completed that mission and that's when the real fun began, exercising the right of the people to keep and bear arms.

We will show you the guns we brought, but in the interest of keeping this good for families, we will not be showing the actual shooting. But, under control and with proper supervision, this is a really fun activity, says the Marine, Navy, and avid shooting range expert (me).

Finding an open area for target practice was very easy. Just drive, and almost any foothill will do.

Let's talk about gun safety basics.

1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. Firearms should be unloaded when not actually in use.
3. Don't rely on your gun's safety.
4. Be sure of your target and what's beyond it.
5. Use proper ammunition.
6. If your gun fails to fire when the trigger is pulled, handle with care.
7. Always wear eye and ear protection when shooting.
8. Be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions before shooting.
9. Don't alter or modify your gun, and have it serviced regularly.
10. Learn the mechanical and handling characteristics of the firearm you are using.

I hope these two activities help relieve some stress and get you out into the great outdoors. I had so much fun. This is the second time I have fired a weapon since the early 1990s, when I was in the Marines. I really enjoyed myself. Enough about me, go out and have a blast! "Semper Fi."

As always, Be Alive!,
Angel



New City Seal bags.



Vintage tech bag.



Vintage medic bag.



M51 engineers bag.

Jawbone Canyon

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HIGHLIGHTS: Lots of space, many hillsides to use for target practice, and not far from Los Angeles

DISTANCE: 118 miles, about two hours drive time.

DIRECTIONS: From downtown Los Angeles take the CA-110 north (2.6 miles), then merge on to I-5 toward Sacramento (24.3 miles). Take the CA-14 toward Palmdale/Lancaster. After about 90 miles you'll arrive at Jawbone Canyon. You will pass the Jawbone Canyon Store (stop and pick up lots of water and plenty of snacks). The next stop is Jawbone Canyon Visitor Center, 28111 Jawbone Canyon Rd., Cantil, Calif.