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PALM SPRINGS AERIAL TRAMWAY-
AN ADVENTURE FOR ALL SEASONS

PALM SPRINGS, CA – Think of the Palm Springs, and pictures of swimming pools and golf courses come to mind. But adventure? For that you can ride the 10-minute, 2.5-mile Palm Springs Aerial Tramway. Your adventure begins at the Valley Station—elevation 2,643 feet—and ends at the Mountain Station—elevation 8,516 feet and is the gateway to the Mount San Jacinto State Park and Wilderness Area.

The top of the Tramway is transformed into a pristine snow-covered playground during the winter months. Visitors can bring their cross-country skis or snowshoes and explore the Mount San Jacinto State Park and Wilderness Area. Enthusiasts have found the area to be unsurpassed in its challenging trails. Families often bring sleds into the State Park, make snowpals, and have snowball fights for a truly unique experience for the whole family in Palm Springs. For the more adventurous and well-experienced, snow camping is offered.

During the summer months, when it is well into the 100-degree temperatures on the valley floor, more than 50 miles of hiking trails can be explored in the State Park. Remember—it is 30-40 degrees cooler at the top. Trails range from the awe-inspiring 5½-mile trek to the peak of Mt. San Jacinto (at an elevation of 10,834 feet, it is the second tallest mountain in Southern California) to the one-mile nature walk through picturesque Long Valley, located just behind the Mountain Station. Primitive campsites are located throughout the State Park. Wilderness permits are required for any hiking or backpacking and may be obtained from the Ranger Station located in the Long Valley.

From Memorial Day through Labor Day, the Mount San Jacinto State Park Volunteers conduct free, guided nature walks on weekends. Also, a natural history museum is located on the lower level of the Mountain Station, where maps and nature books are offered for sale alongside exhibits about the flora and fauna of the state park.

Visitors can learn even more about the animals in the State Park by downloading the free Palm Springs Aerial Tramway mobile app. There are numerous audio-stops throughout the natural history museum that visitors can scan with their mobile phone camera. These audio-stops give listeners to ability to hear what the animals sound like, how they live within the alpine ecosystem, as well as other fun and interesting facts. Additionally, there are virtual reality stops in both the Valley Station and Mountain Station in which visitors can see the Tram's founder, Francis Crocker, speak, watch the cables move through poles in the boarding room, and much more.

At the Mountain Station, you may also enjoy viewpoints, a cocktail lounge, a gift shop and two documentary-style movies about the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway and the Mount San Jacinto State Park. Dining is also available in two restaurants—Peaks Restaurant, offering waiter-service dining, and Pines Café, a cafeteria-style dining experience.

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