

Deukmejian Wilderness Park: Before, During and After the Station Fire

A photo exhibit by Bill Weisman

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Deukmejian Wilderness Park is a rough diamond set into the mountain crown of the Jewel City of Glendale. The mostly undeveloped 700+ acre park features steep chaparral-covered slopes leading up to knife-edge ridges, deep shady canyons filled with tall riparian trees and the sound of trickling water, abundant native wildlife, scenic overlooks with magnificent views of the Crescenta Valley, the Verdugo Mountains and beyond, and a network of hiking trails giving park visitors access to all of these things.

Since retiring in 2007 from a career in Information Technology, Bill Weisman (who lives in the neighborhood below the park) has spent many hours hiking the trails with camera in hand. The 75 photos in this exhibit were chosen from hundreds of images taken between January 2008 and June 2010, including the Station Fire of August/September 2009. Although most of the park's vegetation was burned by backfires, the winter rains have spurred phenomenal regrowth.

Unless otherwise noted in the photo caption, all photos were taken in, or of, Deukmejian Wilderness Park. Most photos were taken in the park; a few were taken of the park from different vantage points in the Crescenta Valley, as noted. Photos are in chronological order.

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Technical Information

Camera:

- Canon EOS 5D

Lenses:

- Canon EF 24-105mm f/4L
- Canon EF 100-400mm f/4.5-5.6L
- Canon EF 50mm f/1.8

Image Format:

- Canon camera RAW – 4368 x 2912 max resolution (12.7 megapixels)

Software:

- Bibble 5 Pro® Photographic Workflow
 - Asset Management (Importing, cataloging, rating and tagging of images)
 - Image Adjustment (Color temperature and saturation, exposure, scaling, cropping, straightening, sharpening, vignette and chromatic aberration correction, selective editing, lens distortion correction, blemish removal, etc.)

Printing:

- Xerox DocuColor® 12 with EFI Fiery® Document and Color Management

Biography

Bill Weisman is a native Southern Californian who has lived in Far North Glendale with his wife Sharon since 1986. He grew up in the Silver Lake / Los Feliz area, graduating from John Marshall High School in 1971, UCLA in 1975, and the UCLA Anderson School of Management in 1984. He retired from Warner Bros. in 2007, after having previously worked at the Getty Center, and JPL. He currently volunteers as a Transportation and Parking Commissioner for the City of Glendale.

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