Whitewater Preserve is open daily from 8 am to 5 pm, with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days, or in the event of severe weather conditions. Permits for camping, backcountry-trip parking, and after-hours hiking are available at the Whitewater Preserve Visitor Center and Ranger Station.

Dogs on leash are welcome at all Wildlands preserves. Please Leave No Trace; take only pictures, leave only footprints.

CANYON VIEW LOOP TRAIL
3.5 miles | Moderate
From the Preserve trailhead, follow the rock-lined path across the river to the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). Turn left and head south on the PCT. At the top of the ridge, turn left at the Canyon View Loop Trail. Turn left again when you reach the road. In approximately 300 yards, turn left at the trail marker to return to the Visitor Center.

PCT TO RED DOME
4 mile round-trip out and back | Easy to Moderate
From the Preserve trailhead, follow the rock-lined path across the river to the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). Continue north on PCT for 1.5 miles to Red Dome, a small, red rock outcrop beside the river.

WHITEWATER TO MISSION CREEK TRAIL
6.5 miles one-way | Moderate
From the Preserve trailhead, follow the rock-lined path across the river to the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). Cross the river past Red Dome and hike over the ridge to a marked fork in the trail. Turn right toward the Mission Creek Stone House. The gate and parking lot for Mission Creek Preserve is 1.5 miles past the Stone House.

COTTONWOOD TRAILHEAD
8 miles one-way | Moderate
The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) connects the Cottonwood Trailhead to Whitewater Canyon in a roughly 8-mile (one-way) hike. Some hikers leave a vehicle at the Cottonwood Trailhead (accessed from the Haugen-Lehmann exit of Interstate 10) and begin at the Whitewater Visitor Center.

PACIFIC CRESCENT NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
(2,650 miles from Mexico to Canada)
This internationally famous trail is enjoyed by hikers for short day hikes and backpack trips, as well as multi-month "through hikes." The PCT can be easily accessed from both Whitewater and Mission Creek Preserves.