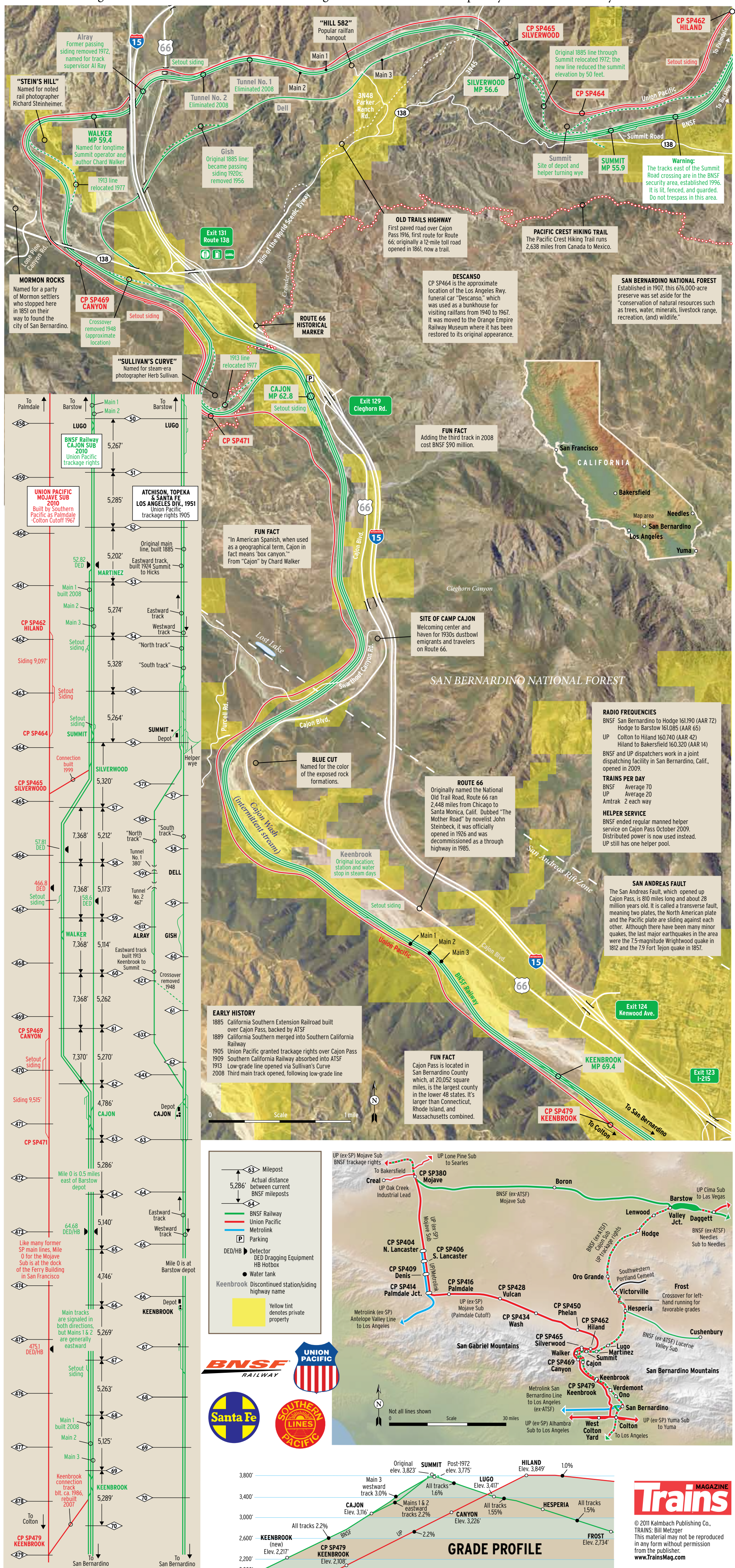


## Cajon Pass as you've never seen it

Your all-time guide to the busiest railroad mountain crossing in the United States. We map 126 years of railroad history



**"HILL 582"**  
Popular railfan hangout

**Tunnel No. 1**  
Eliminated 2008

**Tunnel No. 2**  
Eliminated 2008

**Gish**  
Original 1885 line; became passing siding 1920s; removed 1956

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**EARLY HISTORY**  
1885 California Southern Extension Railroad built over Cajon Pass, backed by AT&F  
1889 California Southern merged into Southern California Railway  
1905 Union Pacific granted trackage rights over Cajon Pass  
1909 Southern California Railway absorbed into AT&F  
1913 Low-grade line opened via Sullivan's Curve  
2008 Third main track opened, following low-grade line

**FUN FACT**  
Cajon Pass is located in San Bernardino County which, at 20,052 square miles, is the largest county in the lower 48 states. It's larger than Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts combined.

**FUN FACT**  
Adding the third track in 2008 cost BNSF \$90 million.

**FUN FACT**  
"In American Spanish, when used as a geographical term, Cajon in fact means 'box canyon.'" From "Cajon" by Chard Walker

**ROUTE 66**  
Originally named the National Old Trail Road, Route 66 ran 2,448 miles from Chicago to Santa Monica, Calif. Dubbed "The Mother Road" by novelist John Steinbeck, it was officially opened in 1926 and was decommissioned as a through highway in 1985.

**BLUE CUT**  
Named for the color of the exposed rock formations.

**SITE OF CAMP CAJON**  
Welcoming center and haven for 1930s dustbowl emigrants and travelers on Route 66.

**DESCANSO**  
CP SP464 is the approximate location of the Los Angeles Rwy. funeral car "Descanso," which was used as a bunkhouse for visiting railfans from 1940 to 1967. It was moved to the Orange Empire Railway Museum where it has been restored to its original appearance.

**SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST**  
Established in 1907, this 676,000-acre preserve was set aside for the "conservation of natural resources such as trees, water, minerals, livestock range, recreation, (and) wildlife."

**Warning:**  
The tracks east of the Summit Road crossing are in the BNSF security area, established 1996. It is lit, fenced, and guarded. Do not trespass in this area.

**UNION PACIFIC MOJAVE SUB**  
2010  
Built by Southern Pacific as Palmdale-Colton Cutoff 1967

**ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE LOS ANGELES DIV., 1951**  
Union Pacific trackage rights 1905

**BNSF Railway CAJON SUB**  
2010  
Union Pacific trackage rights

**Original main line, built 1885**  
Eastward track, built 1924 Summit to Hicks

**Main 1 built 2008**  
Main 2

**Keenbrook connection track bll. ca 1986, rebuilt 2007**

**Connection built 1999**

**Crossover removed 1948 (approximate location)**

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