

## **RED ROCK CANYON RAILROAD, KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

This report is part of a research project that describes the relationships between mines and railroads in the Mojave Desert and southwestern Great Basin of southeastern California and southwestern Nevada. t

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*Italics* indicate quotations.

### **HISTORY**

The Red Rock Canyon line (RR) was a spur line from the Nevada and California railroad to access the Los Angeles Aqueduct. The Red Rock railroad was built by Southern Pacific from September 1908 to January 1909. The 23-mile long line was dismantled in December 1910 after 22 months of operation (Myrick, 1962, p. 205).

From a point 0.3 miles east of Cantil siding on the N&C, the RR commenced at Red Rock Junction. From there the RR went northeast and north to cross the Randsburg-Red Rock Road. From there the RR went north to the Mouth of [Red Rock] Canyon and then northwest along the route of present Highway 395 to Richardo. This section of the RR cuts through the eastern Chuckwalla Mountains.

From Richardo, the RR went north-northwest for 3.4 and 4.8 miles to the Los Angeles Aqueduct. In this area there are two branches of it.



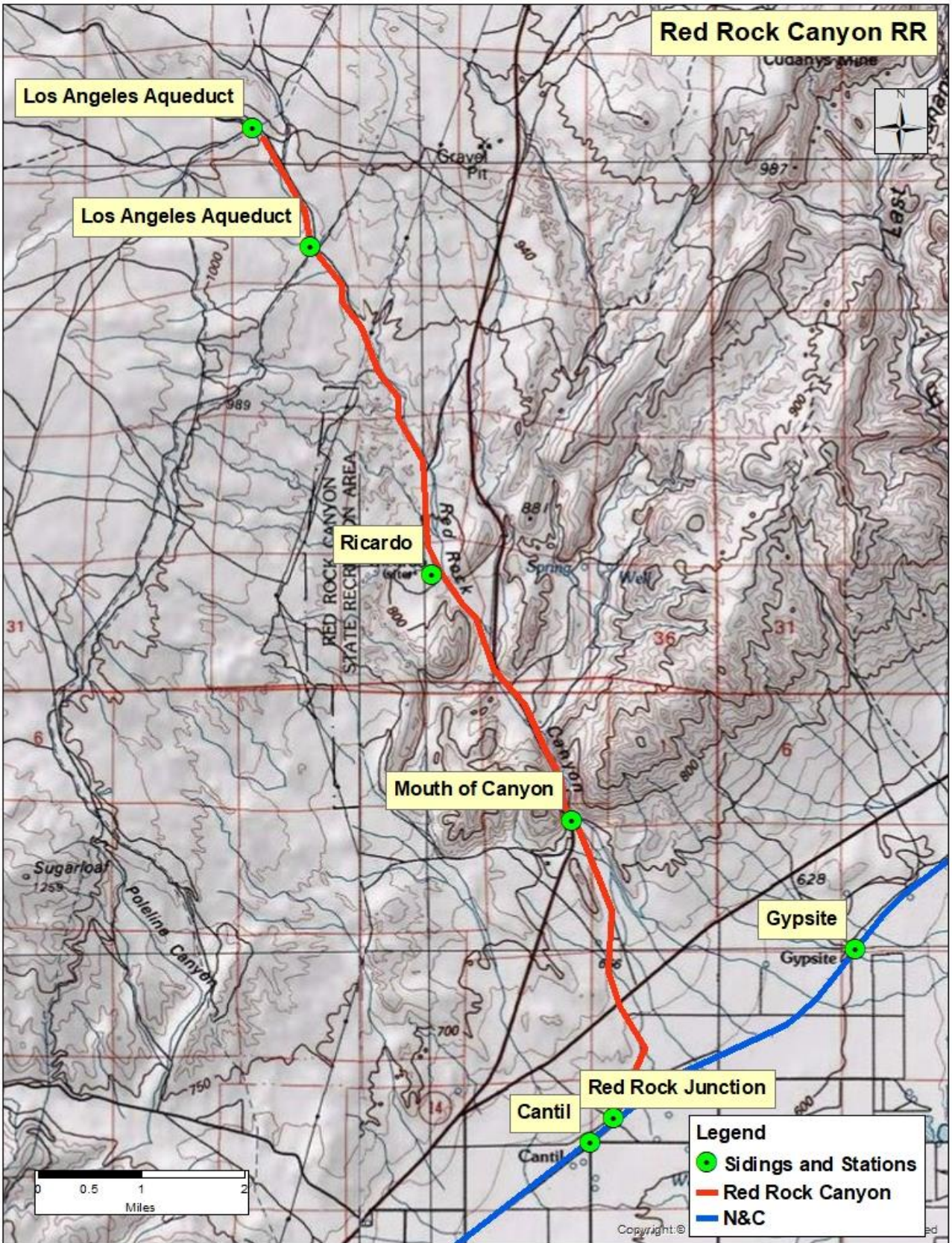
Caption: Los Angeles Aqueduct at Red Rock Canyon. From VenturaCountyTrails.org; <https://venturacountytrails.org/RecentPhotos/2015-03-25RedRockCynSP/ Page.html> accessed Feb. 11, 202.



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Caption: Red Rock Canyon State Park. From [https://www.tripadvisor.ru/Attraction\\_Review-g32160-d116955-Reviews-Red\\_Rock\\_Canyon\\_State\\_Park-Cantil\\_California.html](https://www.tripadvisor.ru/Attraction_Review-g32160-d116955-Reviews-Red_Rock_Canyon_State_Park-Cantil_California.html) accessed Feb. 11, 2024.



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