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PALM SPRINGS AERIAL TRAMWAY
AN ADVENTURE FOR ALL SEASONS

PALM SPRINGS, CA – Think of the desert and pictures of swimming pools and golf courses come to mind. But adventure? For that you can take the 10-minute, 2.5-mile ride which 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. Visitors can try their hand at cross-country skiing or snowshoeing, enthusiasts have found the area to be unsurpassed in its challenging trails. Didn't bring your own? Rental equipment is available at the Adventure Center, which is open from mid-November until mid-April (snow conditions permitting). For the more adventurous and well-experienced, snow camping offers a special way to spend a weekend or plunge into a good old-fashioned snowball fight.

During the summer months, when it is well into the 100s in the desert, the mountains offer more than 54 miles of hiking trails, camping and guided nature walks as a pleasant alternative to chilling out. Remember it's nearly 40 degrees cooler at the top. Trails range from the awe-inspiring 5½-mile trek to the peak of San Jacinto, at 10,834 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 Long Valley.

For those who are truly environmentally oriented, the Mount San Jacinto State Park Volunteers conduct free-guided nature walks each weekend during the summer. The Natural History Museum located on the lower level offers maps and nature books for a nominal fee.

At the Mountain Station enjoy viewpoints, cocktail lounge, gift shop, Natural History Museum and two documentary style movies about the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway and the Mount San Jacinto State Park. Dine at one of the two restaurants – it is a one of a kind experience. Elevations Restaurant offers fine dining, while the Top of the Tram Restaurant offers an affordable cafeteria-style alternative.

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