The UC Natural Reserve System provides a library of ecosystems throughout California. Reserves offer outdoor laboratories to field scientists, classrooms without walls for students, and nature’s inspiration to all.

Founded in 1965 to provide a network of wildland sites available for scientific study, the NRS has grown to include more than 40 locations encompassing more than 756,000 acres across the state.

The NRS is the world’s largest university-operated system of natural reserves; no other network of field sites can match its size, scope, and ecological diversity.
Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve

Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve protects coastal live oak woodland, chaparral, and stream habitats in the nation’s densest urban area. The reserve offers a glimpse of wild California to the thousands of Los Angeles schoolchildren who visit each year.

White Mountain Research Center

The four research stations of White Mountain Research Center are spread across 10,000 feet of elevation. Home to the world’s oldest trees, unusual geologic formations, and an unspoiled landscape, White Mountain has attracted scientists for over 60 years. It remains a locus for high altitude physiology, astronomy, and climate change research.
Reserves are listed by administering campus

**Berkeley**
1. Angelo Coast Range Reserve
2. Blue Oak Ranch Reserve
3. Chickering American River Reserve
4. Hastings Natural History Reservation
5. Jenny Pygmy Forest Reserve
6. Sagehen Creek Field Station

**Davis**
7. Bodega Marine Reserve
8. McLaughlin Natural Reserve
9. Jepson Prairie Reserve
10. Quail Ridge Reserve
11. Stebbins Cold Canyon Reserve

**Irvine**
12. Burns Piñon Ridge Reserve
13. San Joaquin Marsh Reserve
14. Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center

**Los Angeles**
15. Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve
16. White Mountain Research Center

**Merced**
Sierra Nevada Research Stations:
17. Merced Vernal Pools and Grassland Reserve
18. Yosemite Field Station

**Riverside**
19. Box Springs Reserve
20. Boyd Deep Canyon Desert Research Center
21. Emerson Oaks Reserve
22. James San Jacinto Mountains Reserve
23. Motte Rimrock Reserve
24. Sweeney Granite Mountains Desert Research Center

**San Diego**
25. Dawson Los Monos Canyon Reserve
26. Elliott Chaparral Reserve
27. Kendall-Frost Mission Bay Marsh Reserve
28. Scripps Coastal Reserve

**Santa Barbara**
29. Carpenteria Salt Marsh Reserve
30. Coal Oil Point Natural Reserve
31. Kenneth S. Norris Rancho Marino Reserve
32. Santa Cruz Island Reserve
33. Sedgegwick Reserve
34. Valentine Eastern Sierra Reserves:
35. Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory
36. Año Nuevo Island Reserve
37. Fort Ord Natural Reserve
38. Landels-Hill Big Creek Reserve
39. Younger Lagoon Reserve