

VASQUEZ ROCKS!

About 25 million years ago, a violent earthquake in northern L.A. County uplifted sandstone at a 45-degree angle. Today that area is known as Vasquez Rocks County Park in Agua Dulce, and it's been featured in thousands of TV shows, movies, commercials, and music videos.

- One of the first movies filmed there: 1931's *Dracula*. In *Werewolf of London* ('35), the Rocks double as Tibet. Classic Westerns include John Wayne's *Dakota* ('45), and Burt Lancaster's *Apache* ('54).
- Many people call the area "Kirk's Rock." Why? Because it's the location of the cheesy *Star Trek* scene where Captain Kirk fights the lizardlike Gorn. Vasquez doubled for several planets in the *Trek* shows and films: It was Vulcan in *Star Trek IV* ('86) and the 2009 reboot *Star Trek*. Kirk's fight scene was also re-enacted at the Rocks in the sci-fi spoofs *Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey* ('91) and *Paul* (2011).
- Classic Western TV shows shot at the Rocks: *The Lone Ranger*, *The Gene Autry Show*, *Cheyenne*, *Gunsmoke*, *Broken Arrow*, *Bonanza*, *The Wild Wild West*, and *Hondo*.
- In 1994's *Flintstones* movie, the park was transformed into the town of Bedrock.
- Other classic TV shows to use the location: *The Six Million Dollar Man*, *Battlestar Galactica*, *Buck Rogers in the 25th Century*, and *MacGyver*.
- Recent shows to film scenes there: *Numb3rs*, *CSI*, *Monk*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *24*, *The X-Files*, and *Friends* ("The One with Joey's Big Break").
- More films: *Blazing Saddles* ('74), *Army of Darkness* ('92), *Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery* ('97), *Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back* (2001), *Bubble Boy* ('01), *Holes* ('03), and *Little Miss Sunshine* ('06).
- Vasquez makes an animated cameo in Pixar's *Cars* ('06). The familiar triangular rocks also show up in the *Shrek* movies and on *Futurama*.
- In the 1991 *Black or White* music video, Michael Jackson dances with Native Americans at the Rocks. In the 2008 *Rehab* music video, Rihanna and Justin Timberlake look really, really hot there.