Safety & Trail Etiquette

RESTROOMS AND WATER can be found at the Little League ball fields, usually open on weekends only. There is no drinkable water on the trails.

BE AWARE of the potential and inherent dangers that exist in any wilderness setting. Watch for and avoid rattlesnakes, poison oak and stinging nettle.

DOGS must be on leash at all times as required by LACC Section 10.32.010. Please clean up dog waste and pack out all litter.

FIRE AND SMOKING are not permitted in the Preserve due to the potential for serious fire damage.

FIREARMS are not permitted in the preserve per RE City Municipal Code 12.24.030.

NATURAL FEATURES are protected in the preserve and are to be admired, but not removed.

HORSES are allowed on the Preserve trails. If you are on foot, please stand quietly aside to allow horses to pass.

BICYCLES are not allowed in the Preserve.

TRAIL CLOSURES will be in effect during and following significant rainfall to protect trails. Closures may also go into effect at various times for habitat protection and erosion prevention when deemed appropriate. Please respect any signs regarding these closures.

TRAIL MODIFICATIONS of any kind are not permitted in the Preserve. This includes construction of jumps, wooden ladders, earthen mounds, formation of berms and brush clearing.

How You Can Help

If you would like to donate, participate in trail work or other volunteer projects, join a nature walk or become a member, please visit the PVPLC website at: www.pvplc.org or call (310) 541-7613.

IN EMERGENCY: Dial 911

Crimes and violations should be reported to the LA County Sheriff Department at 911 or (310) 539-1661

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Linden H. Chandler Reserve
Palos Verdes Drive North & Dapplegray Lane
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274
No one is permitted in the Preserve after dark.

The Linden H. Chandler Reserve offers 28 acres of open space for hiking and horseback riding. The Preserve is named for Linden H. Chandler, founder of Chandler’s Palos Verdes Sand and Gravel in Rolling Hills Estates. Formerly a private farm, the property was donated to the City of Rolling Hills Estates and the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy by the Chandler family and dedicated in 1994.

The Chandler Preserve is now being restored to its historical condition with coastal sage scrub plants and riparian woodlands species such as willow.
**Loop Trail, 0.9 Miles, Easy to moderate**

Begin at the trailhead near the Little League ball fields. Walk eastward along the equestrian trail past the interpretive sign. You will pass a flourishing riparian area with tall willows. When you reach a point where two trails meet, continue straight up the slope.

At Buckskin Lane, take the trail to the left to make a loop around the top of the eastern section of the Preserve. Then descend back down to the riparian woodlands. Bear right and continue up the slope to the right. At the next fork, turn left. You will pass by the Empty Saddle Club. Complete the loop and return to the parking area near the ball fields.

**Habitat Restoration**

The Chandler Preserve is the site of a rigorous effort by the Land Conservancy to restore the native habitat known as California coastal sage scrub. Development, agriculture, and the introduction of exotic plant species, have reduced this ecosystem by 75-90%. This rare ecosystem is home to intensely fragrant and highly drought resistant shrubs and flowering plants.

Perfectly adapted to the local climate, these plants survive long hot summers and periods of drought through survival mechanisms like deep tap roots and the shedding of moisture-seeping leaves.

Winter rains bring a welcome growth spurt resulting in a blanket of green leaves and colorful wildflowers. Living throughout this rare habitat are many different animals, including the threatened California gnatcatcher (left).