

LINDEN H. CHANDLER Preserve

Trails

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).



Equestrian trails

