nature walks

2019

White Point Nature Education Center & Preserve
1600 W Paseo Del Mar | San Pedro, CA, 90731 | Tel: 310.541-7613
Hours: Wed, Sat & Sun 10 am - 4 pm
Family Science & Storytime first Saturdays, 11 am
Native Plant Sale second Saturdays, 11 am
Wild Birds Unlimited Walk third Wednesdays, 8:30 am
Family Nature Walk third Saturdays, 11 am
Nature Education Workshops fourth Saturdays, 11 am
Boy and Girl Scout Badge Activities Sundays by reservation, $15

George F Canyon Nature Center & Preserve
27305 Palos Verdes Drive East | Rolling Hills Estates, CA, 90274 | Tel: 310.541-7613
Hours: Fri 1-4 pm; Sat & Sun 10 am - 4 pm
Family Nature Walk first Saturdays, 11 am
Family Science & Storytime second Saturdays, 11 am
Family Outdoor Volunteer Activity third Saturdays, 11 am
Wild Birds Unlimited Walk fourth Wednesdays, 8:30 am
Native Plant Sale fourth Saturdays, 11 am
Moonlight Hikes June to October by reservation, $12, ages 9 and up
Boy and Girl Scout Badge Activities Sundays by reservation, $15
PV Library Storytime March 1, June 7 and November 8, 10 am

2nd Saturdays

January 12, 9 am
Agua Amarga Reserve
Walk the trail, enjoy the view, and appreciate the results of many volunteers' trail and habitat restoration efforts in this quiet neighborhood canyon in the Agua Amarga Reserve. Moderate. RPV

February 9, 9 am
Filiorum Reserve
Walk Jack's Hat Trail on this 191-acre property preserved in 2009 linking the Three Sisters and Portuguese Bend Reserves. This wildlife corridor boasts beautiful ocean views and native habitat. Strenuous. RPV

March 9, 9 am
Portuguese Bend Reserve
Hike Fire Station trail to Eagle's Nest. Enjoy oceans views while walking through recently restored wildlife habitat. Strenuous. RPV

April 13, 9 am
Linden H. Chandler Preserve
Experience this impressively restored 28-acre nature preserve with its lush oasis of riparian habitat and home for the rare Palos Verdes blue butterfly. Moderate. RHE

May 11, 9 am
Forestal Reserve
Appreciate some of the best wildflower viewing and dramatic geological formations on the cliffs of this former basalt quarry. See the faults, folds and igneous intrusions visible in the sedimentary bedding. Moderate to strenuous. RPV

June 8, 9 am
White Point/Royal Palms
Explore the preserve and demonstration garden followed by a visit to the tide pools at Royal Palms State Beach. See unusual geologic formations on the coastal bluffs walking down to the shoreline while learning more about the cultural history of the area from the abalone fishing industry of the late 1800s to the recent landslide. Easy to moderate. LA

July 13, 9 am
Vicente Bluffs Reserve
Follow the bluff top from Point Vicente to Oceanfront Estates, during El Segundo blue butterfly flight season in an area containing restored coastal sage scrub habitat. Easy. RPV

August 10, 9 am
La Rotunda/South Shores
Walk through impressively restored habitat on top of an ancient slide area with spectacular bluff-top ocean views that are well worth the visit. Moderate. LA

September 14, 9 am
Alta Vicente Reserve
Explore 22-acre restoration site with cactus wren and gnatecatcher habitat with beautiful views of Catalina Island. Moderate to strenuous. RPV

October 12, 9 am
George F Canyon
Wander along a willow filled canyon stream with coastal sage scrub restored habitat. Look down on the Peninsula's rare Catalina Schist from one of the few places you can see the rock exposed. Easy to moderate. RHE

November 9, 9 am
White Point Nature Preserve
Celebrate Veterans Day walking through restored coastal sage scrub habitat and stop at a former gun emplacement to learn about the military history of the area. Don’t miss the Nature Education Center with activities for the whole family. Easy to Moderate. LA

December 14, 9 am
Lower Portuguese Bend Reserve
Follow Sandbox Trail ascending through grasses and low shrubs for nice views of the Pacific Ocean. Easy. RPV

January 11, 2020 3 pm
Abalone Cove Reserve Tide Pools
Visit the newly landscaped trails lined with drought tolerant plants and interpretive signage. Enjoy a walk down to explore the tide pools and pillow lava formations. Moderate. RPV

Special event invitations are sent via email:
To be added to our list and learn other ways to become involved in the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, please email "join our mailing list" at pvplc.org.

2nd Saturdays

Join monthly outdoor walks held year-round for families, groups and individuals. Led by naturalists, historians and geologists, all walks are family-oriented. Most are on dirt trails. Walks are usually one and a half to two hours. Longer walks are noted on the descriptions. Dogs on leash are welcome. Wear walking shoes with good traction and bring sun protection. Bring water. In case of rain, walks are cancelled. For more info: 310.541.7613 or visit www.pvplc.org to RSVP.

Walkers
A few “walk-only” groups will be led by expert trail users. Suggested for those who wish to walk without interpretive stops.
Nature Center Locations

White Point Nature Education Center and Preserve is located at 1600 W. Paseo del Mar, San Pedro, CA 90731, on the north side of Paseo del Mar off Western Avenue. (Mon-Fri) 310.541.7613 (Weekends) 310.547.0882

George F Canyon Nature Center and Preserve is located at 27305 Palos Verdes Dr. East, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274 at the southwest corner of Palos Verdes Dr. East and Palos Verdes Dr. North. George F Canyon is owned by Rolling Hills Estates. (Mon-Fri) 310.541.7613 (Weekends) 310.561.0017

Trail maps
Discover the preserves. View and download trail maps online at: pvplc.org

Directions & Parking

January 12, 9 am Agua Amarga Reserve – On Hawthorne turn west onto Verde Ridge Rd, right on El Rodeo, left on King Harbor Rd. Park on street and meet at Rock Park Drive cul-de-sac. RPV

February 9, 9 am Filiorum Reserve – Park on the street on Ocean Terrace Drive near Pacifica Drive, RPV

March 9, 9 am Portuguese Bend Reserve – Park in lot adjacent to the soccer/baseball field at Rancho Del Mar High School, 38 Crest Rd., RPV

April 13, 9 am Linden H. Chandler Preserve – Parking instructions will be provided upon RSVP. RHE

May 11, 9 am Forrestal Reserve – Park in lot at Ladera Linda Community Center. Meet near gate. 32201 Forrestal Drive. RPV

June 8, 9 am White Point and Royal Palms – Park at White Point Nature Education Center, 1600 W. Paseo del Mar, San Pedro. LA

July 13, 9 am Vicente Bluffs – Park in dirt lot at Point Vicente in front of Lighthouse. 31501 Palos Verdes Dr. West. RPV

August 10, 9 am La Rotunda/South Shores – Park on 25th Street near Catalina Vista and the mobile home park. San Pedro. LA

September 14, 9 am Alta Vicente Reserve – Park at Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall. 30940 Hawthorne Blvd. RPV

October 12, 9 am George F Canyon – 27305 Palos Verdes Drive East. RHE

November 9, 9 am White Point Nature Preserve – Park at the Nature Center. 1600 W. Paseo del Mar, San Pedro. LA

December 14, 9 am Lower Portuguese Bend Reserve – Park in dirt lot on PV Dr. South, west of Schooner Dr. and the Portuguese Bend Beach Club (0.4 miles) and east of Peppertree Drive (0.6 miles). RPV

January 11, 2020 3 pm Abalone Cove Reserve – Park in lot at Abalone Cove Shoreline Park. 5970 Palos Verdes Dr. South. RPV

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