his 59-acre reserve contains Agua Amarga and Lunada canyons, which merge at their western ends just above the border with Palos Verdes Estates. Lunada Canyon, once prime land for development, was provided as a gift to the Conservancy in 1992 from the E. K. Zuckerman family. This created the Conservancy’s first natural area. Agua Amarga Canyon was acquired by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes in 2005.

Restrooms and Water are not available on the trails.

Be aware of the potential and inherent dangers that exist in any wilderness setting: Watch for and avoid rattlesnakes, poison oak, stinging nettle and scorpions.

Dogs must be on leash at all times as required by City of RPV Municipal Code Section 12.16.050. Please remove dog waste and pack out all litter.

Fire and Smoking are not permitted in the Preserve due to the potential for serious fire damage.

Natural features are protected in the Preserve and are to be admired, but not removed.

Firearms are not permitted on the Preserve. City of RPV Municipal Code Section 9.08.010.

Bicycles and Horses are allowed in the Preserve only on designated trails.

Travel on designated trails. It doesn’t take much off-trail activity to beat down sensitive vegetation whether you are on horse, foot or bicycle. You can help balance preservation with recreation by staying on designated trails as shown on the trail map. Bicyclists must yield to foot and equestrian traffic.

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.

Information

In Emergency: Dial 911

Crimes should be reported to the Lomita Sheriff at (310) 539-1661.

Infringements of Preserve rules or regulations should be reported to RPV City Park Rangers at (310) 491-5775.

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Agua Amarga Reserve
Two trailheads are located on Posey Way and Rock Park Drive, both accessed from Kings Harbor Drive in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275.

No one is permitted in the preserve after dark except by permit.

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View the reserve's lush green canyons and ocean views from the Lunada Canyon Trail. Conservancy staff and volunteers have worked to restore three acres of coastal sage scrub and willow riparian habitat within Lunada Canyon. It is home to endangered California gnatcatcher, thriving in the large pockets of restored native coastal sage scrub vegetation. Since planting in 2004, willows have grown to height of more than 20 feet.