

# Safety & Trail Etiquette

**RESTROOMS AND WATER** can be found at the RPV City Hall. There is no other 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, 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](http://WWW.PVPLC.ORG) or call (310) 541-7613.



This property includes 55 acres of land on the slopes below and around the Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall with impressive coastal views north over Oceanfront Estates. It is the current location of a 15-acre habitat coastal sage scrub restoration project, initiated in 2008.

The trail takes you past Battery Barnes, which was constructed in 1942 to protect the northern approach to the Catalina channel. Two 6-inch diameter coastal artillery guns were placed there, and underground bunkers were built to house soldiers, ammunition, and supplies.

It is the current location of a 23-acre restoration project. The restored site will sustain an environment unique to the Palos Verdes Peninsula, particularly plant communities of coastal sage scrub, cactus scrub and Palos Verdes blue butterfly habitat. The restored land will provide much-needed refuge for rare species such as the California gnatcatcher and the cactus wren and wildflowers will provide nectar for pollinators.



## 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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30940 Hawthorne Blvd.  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275  
(310) 377-0360 [www.palosverdes.com/rpv](http://www.palosverdes.com/rpv)

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy  
916 Silver Spur Rd., Suite 207  
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274  
(310) 541-7613  
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Alta Vicente Reserve  
30940 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275.

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



PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY

# ALTA VICENTE RESERVE



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# TRAILS

## Palos Verdes Nature Preserve ALTA VICENTE RESERVE

The trail looping around the Alta Vicente Reserve boosts vegetation restored by the Conservancy including prickly pear cacti and coastal sage scrub that are creating new nesting grounds for the rare Cactus Wren and California gnatcatcher species.

To hike the trails of the Reserve, park near the Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall about .2 miles above Palos Verdes Drive West off Hawthorne Blvd. Enter the North Spur Trail from the north side of the parking lot. Enjoy a gentle descent with views of restored habitat and continue onto the Alta Vicente Trail which wraps around the Reserve with magnificent views of the Pacific Ocean and the Point Vicente Lighthouse.

Follow Prickly Pear Trail east around cactus habitat and loop back onto the Alta Vicente Trail for your return. You'll pass wild flowers, one of the original Japanese farms, WWII and cold war installations for a beautifully restored natural area on the Peninsula.

