

Safety & Trail Etiquette

TRAVEL ON DESIGNATED TRAILS Help protect sensitive habitat by only using designated trails as shown on the trail map.

RESTROOMS AND WATER are available at the White Point Nature Education Center.

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 LA City Ordinance 63.44b2(d). Please dispose of dog waste in trash containers on the Preserve.

FIRE AND SMOKING are not permitted in the Preserve per LA City Ordinances 63.44B24 and 63.44B17.

FIREARMS are not permitted in the Preserve per LA City Ordinance 63.44B21.

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

BICYCLES are not allowed in the Preserve. Please park bicycles in the rack located in the parking area.

MODEL AIRPLANES or other power craft are not permitted in the preserve per LA City Ordinance 63.44B8.

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.



White Point Nature Preserve features restored coastal sage scrub habitat, hiking and handicap accessible trails overlooking the ocean and Catalina Island. The 102-acre Preserve is now home to the Nature Education Center, which opened in May 2010 and serves as a resource for students, families, and community groups from all over Los Angeles.

Formerly a military property and Nike missile site, the Preserve is now owned by the City of Los Angeles. The Conservancy has a 25-year management agreement with the City to restore the coastal sage scrub, cactus scrub and grasslands habitat, and to implement a Master Use Plan developed by the local community. The land was dedicated as a nature preserve in 2000 and opened to the public in 2003 for all to enjoy.



INFORMATION

IN EMERGENCY: Dial 911

Crimes and violations should be reported to the Los Angeles Police Department Security Services at (213) 978-4670.

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Saturdays & Sundays 10 am - 4 pm

No one is permitted in the Preserve after dark.



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PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY

WHITE POINT Nature Center & Preserve



TRAILS

Interpretive panels throughout the Preserve tell the story of White Point, its many inhabitants and historical uses. There are also several benches placed at scenic overlooks along the trails where you can enjoy the panoramic views.

Grasslands Loop Trail, 0.8 Miles, Easy

From the parking area, head west on the paved road and follow the Grasslands Loop Trail marked in green on the map. This trail encircles an area restored with native bunch grasses. Human activity such as grazing of livestock and the introduction of foreign grasses have shrunk this vital habitat to just 2% of its original scope over the last several centuries. With care, this coastal prairie now supports many native birds including the Western meadowlark. The trail loops through a section of restored coastal sage scrub with plants such as California sunflower, California sagebrush and coyotebrush.

Vista Trail, 0.8 Miles, Moderate

From the parking area, walk up the paved road that leads to the upper part of the Preserve. You will pass historic trees believed to be part of the Sepulveda homestead. You will go through restored wildflower grasslands and the slopes to the right have been planted with succulants and coastal sage scrub habitat. More than 90,000 plants have been used to restore the property.

At the top, Catalina Island is often visible less than 20 miles away. On the northeast portion of the trail are two gun emplacements built in 1942 as part of the US coastal defense system, each housing a 16-inch gun.

NATURE CENTER

The White Point Nature Education Center is housed in a repurposed historic missile assembly building. The Center features multimedia exhibits of White Point's cultural, natural and military history, and is surrounded by native plant demonstration gardens.

WHITE POINT NATURE EDUCATION CENTER & PRESERVE

