

Safety & Trail Etiquette

RESTROOMS AND WATER. A portable toilet is available along Burma Road Trail. There is no water on the trail. Water found in streams is not for human consumption.

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 in the preserve. City of RPV Municipal Code Section 9.08.010.

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.

RESIST THE URGE TO MODIFY THE LANDSCAPE. 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.

TRAIL CLOSURES will be in effect at times when the environment is fragile such as during and following significant rainfall or periods of severe drought. Please respect closed areas and usage restrictions.

Information

Park hours are one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, per RPV City Municipal Code 12.16.030. No one is permitted in the preserve after dark. Please respect adjacent private property.

IN EMERGENCY: Dial 911. Crimes and violations can be reported to the Lomita Sheriff at (310) 539-1661.

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How You Can Help

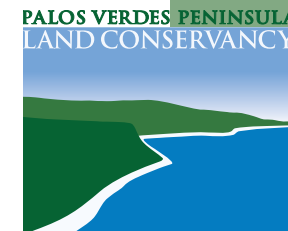
If you would like to participate in Preserve stewardship including trail work or other volunteer projects, please call the Land Conservancy office at (310)541-7613.



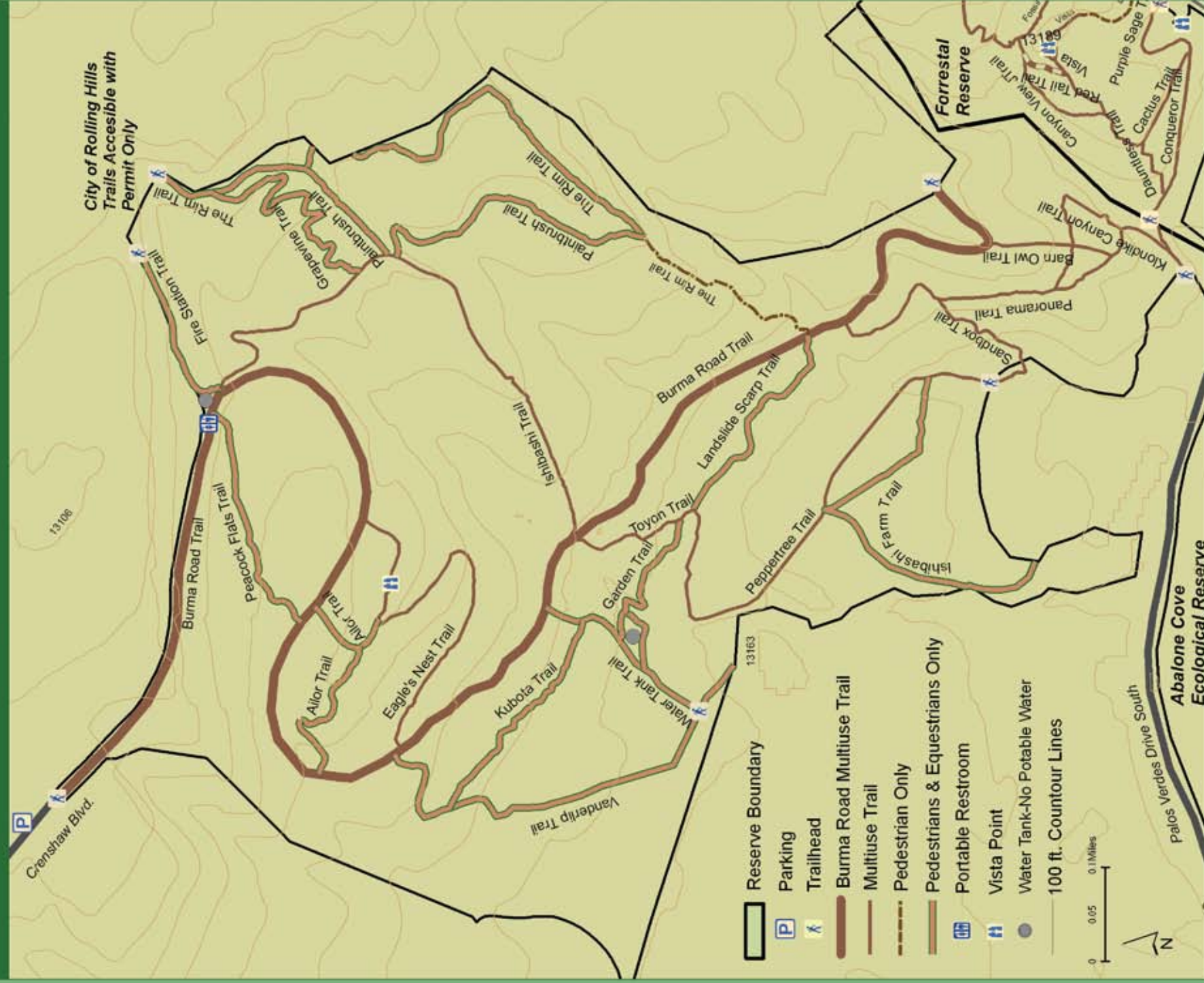
California gnatcatcher, *Polioptila californica*

PORTUGUESE BEND Reserve

Portuguese Bend Reserve is one of nine reserves that make up the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve owned by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and managed by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy. This reserve is home to coastal sage scrub habitat, a community of intensely fragrant and highly drought resistant shrubs and flowering plants. Living throughout this rare habitat are many different animals, including the threatened California gnatcatcher and coastal cactus wren.



Portuguese Bend Reserve



Many of the plant communities and habitats found on the Reserve are representative of Southern California as it appeared before the arrival of Spanish settlers more than two centuries ago. California sagebrush, California sunflower, and purple sage are among the natives found within the scrublands.



California sagebrush, *Artemisia californica*



purple sage, *Salvia leucophylla*



California sunflower, *Encelia californica*

Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy's mission is:

Preserving land and restoring habitat for the education and enjoyment of all.