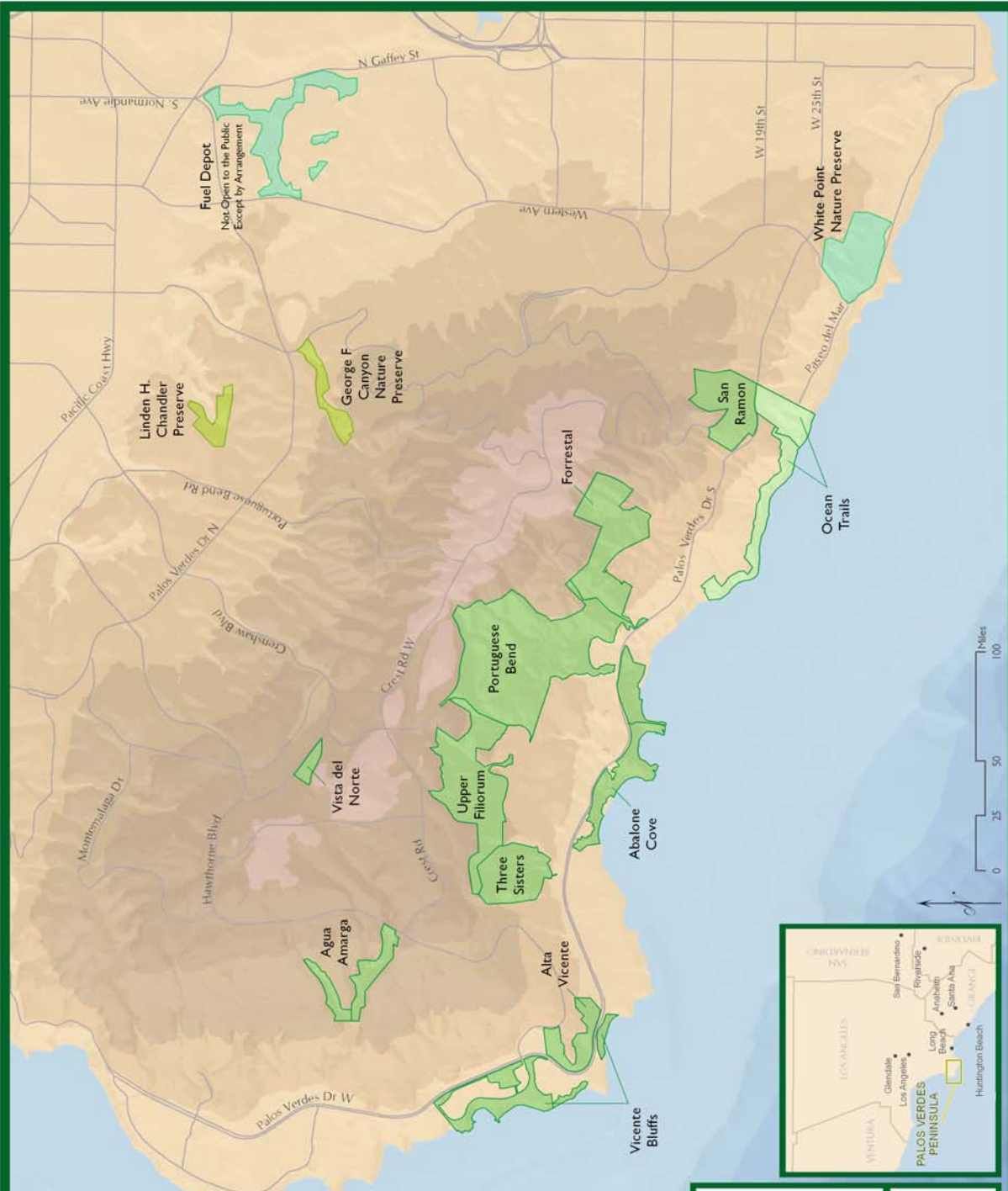


Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy

Natural Open Space Preserves on
the Palos Verdes Peninsula



- Palos Verdes Nature Preserve in Rancho Palos Verdes
- Future Palos Verdes Nature Preserve, managed by Trump National Golf Course
- Preserves in Rolling Hills Estates
- Preserves and Managed Land in San Pedro

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY

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

There are other public open spaces on the Palos Verdes Peninsula that are not shown on this map. Consult the local municipalities or our website, www.pvlc.org, for more information.

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Palos Verdes Peninsula Open Space Preserves

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy was founded in 1988 by a group of concerned area residents to preserve open space on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, restore the habitat and allow public access to the preserved lands in perpetuity.

The vision of the PVPLC is the creation and management of large blocks of natural open space where visitors may enjoy peaceful solitude, where children and adults can learn about the natural environment, and where locally native plants and animals will exist in a secure environment.

PALOS VERDES NATURE PRESERVE

Location: City of Rancho Palos Verdes

Size: Total of 1200 acres in 10 Reserves

In 2005, the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve (PVNP) was created through a land acquisition made possible by donations from community members and bond funds from the Wildlife Conservation Board, California Coastal Conservancy, County of Los Angeles and the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. The Preserve belongs to the City of Rancho Palos Verdes (RPV), while the Conservancy is the official manager and holds a conservation easement over all of the acreage.

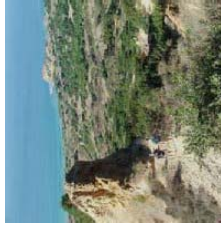
The PVNP is one of the best remaining locations for coastal sage scrub habitat. This rare ecosystem is home to intensely fragrant and highly drought resistant shrubs and flowering plants.

Abalone Cove Ecological Reserve, 64 acres, includes Abalone Cove, Portuguese and Inspiration Points, Sacred Cove and the land east of Inspiration Point. (except the parking lot, picnic area and lifeguard station, which remain City parklands). Home to gnatacatchers and cactus wrens, this Reserve is also home to a rare plant, the sea dahlia, its only known location in Los Angeles County.

From the parking lot, trails extend out to the tip of Portuguese Point, and down to Sacred Cove where there is a sea cave at each point, a blowhole, and excellent tidepools.

Agua Amarga Reserve, 59 acres, consists of two canyons, Lunada Canyon which was donated to the Conservancy in 1992, and Agua Amarga Canyon that was purchased in 2005 as part of the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve. Lunada Canyon has a pedestrian trail, three acres of coastal sage scrub restoration, and a restored wetland.

Alta Vicente Reserve, 55 acres, includes the slopes that surround RPV City Hall, with views west to the Point Vicente lighthouse, north toward Malibu and east over the Peninsula's southern slopes. Once a military installation, a former Nike missile site remains on city land and World War II gun emplacements are located on Coast Guard property on the point.



Portuguese Bend Reserve

Portuguese Bend Reserve, 399 acres, includes five distinct canyons which cut through this area, along with many miles of trails. Eagle's Nest is a dramatic knoll in an area called Peacock Flats, and Allor Cliff stands tall on its eastern boundary. The lower section is often called the "Sandbox" and contains the active landslide with fissures that are sometimes very deep and hidden by vegetation.

Forrestal Reserve, 155 acres, has been managed by the Conservancy since 2001. It contains some of the best remaining coastal sage scrub habitat on the Peninsula with wildflowers in the spring. This area provides extraordinary geology lessons, with faults, folds, sedimentary bedding and igneous intrusions clearly visible in the dramatic cliff above the road and there are many crystals and fossils, particularly fish scales, in the surface rock debris. There is a former quarry in the eastern section with marked trails that wind around the top of the quarry bowl, along the top of the cliff and to a vista point called Fossil Hill.

San Ramon Reserve, 95 acres, was formerly called the "Switchbacks" for the twisting path of Palos Verdes Drive East through this property. Pull-outs on the road provide impressive views toward the harbor and Catalina Island.

Three Sisters Reserve, 99 acres, named for the three ridges that traverse this parcel. There are excellent views to the west toward Catalina and Santa Barbara Islands and Long Point where the Terranea Resort is located.

Upper Filiorum Reserve, 191-acres, the property was acquired on December 31, 2009. The acquisition resulted in over 900 contiguous acres of protected open space and a wildlife corridor linking Three Sisters and Portuguese Bend Reserves. The property holds some of the most breathtaking views in all of California, and provides important linkages for wildlife and native habitat for sensitive species.

Vicente Bluffs Reserve, 84 acres, including open space lots from the Oceanfront Estates tract, the bluffs below the Point Vicente Interpretive Center, and the Fishing Access area where a trail leads to a unique geological feature, a knob of black basalt with dramatic hexagonal jointing. Monitoring of coastal bluffs resulted in the discovery of exciting and unexpected colonies of the endangered El Segundo blue butterfly.

Vista del Norte Reserve, 14 acres, located above Indian Peak Road, overlooks the Peninsula Center area, and trails through the land provide a panoramic view of the City of Los Angeles to the north.

OTHER PENINSULA PRESERVES

George F Canyon Preserve & Nature Center

Location: City of Rolling Hills Estates

Size: 36 acres

A Nature Center and viewing deck overlook the beginning of a trail that winds along a willow-filled canyon that contains excellent riparian and coastal sage scrub habitat. This canyon is owned by the City of Rolling Hills Estates and managed by the Land Conservancy. The wide, well-maintained trail runs through the canyon and guided walks are scheduled there on a regular basis. At the top of the canyon visitors can see Catalina schist, the rock that underlies the entire Peninsula but is only visible in this area.

For information on

Conservation programs,

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Linden H. Chandler Preserve

Location: City of Rolling Hills Estates

Size: 29 acres

Owned by the City and the Land Conservancy, this Preserve has three habitat types — a stream with restored riparian vegetation, slopes covered with coastal sage scrub, and flat areas characterized by native wildflower grasslands and blue butterfly host plants. Trails wind through the Preserve.

White Point Nature Preserve

Location: City of Los Angeles, San Pedro

Size: 102 acres

The White Point Nature Preserve features restored coastal sage scrub habitat, hiking and handicap access trails, and a new Nature Education Center overlooking the ocean and Catalina Island. White Point Nature Preserve is located in San Pedro. It is owned by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. In May 2000, the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and the 15th Council District formally dedicated the space as a nature preserve, and in 2003 was opened to the public for all to enjoy. In 2001, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy began 25-year management agreement with the City of Los Angeles to restore the coastal sage scrub, cactus scrub, and grasslands habitat and implement the approved community-derived Master Plan.



Defense Fuel Support Point (DFSP)

Location: City of Los Angeles, San Pedro

Size: Not for publication, US Military Property In 1996 the Palos Verdes blue butterfly, thought to be extinct, was rediscovered on this property. This is also the site of the Conservancy's native plant nursery, where tens of thousands of native plants are grown from locally-collected seed for habitat restoration. Due to security requirements, admission to this property is restricted to authorized personnel or by prearrangement.