

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 11, 2020
TO: Katie Lozano, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
FROM: Deputy Kuwata
RE: RPV | LASD DEPUTY Activity Report

Preserve Visitor Contacts

- October 01, 2019 to December 31, 2019
- 1 Deputy patrolled the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve during this period.
- Activity based on calls/reports for service, field observations, and PVPLC (Volunteer Trail Watch) reports in the Preserve with the following results:

Portuguese Bend Reserve

During the last quarter of 2019, most of the patrols here were in response to rain closures or from numerous reports of cars parked illegally in the Recreational Permit parking spaces. Monitoring the Crenshaw Blvd/Crest Rd gate into the reserve during rain closures also allowed for the attempted enforcement regarding the parking issues. This proved to be difficult considering the staffing shortage.

CONTACTS

- Hikers; 282
- Dog walkers; 42
- Cyclists; 9

CITATIONS ISSUED

- Hiker: Closed area; 3

WARNINGS

- Hiker: Closed area; 18
- Hiker: Aircraft prohibited: 2

ASSISTS (Medical, Health/Safety)

- Hikers: Water 1

Portuguese Bend Reserve (continued)

MISCELLANEOUS

10-01-19 to 12-31-19, Searched for illegal campsite in lower Portuguese Bend Reserve/Filiorum Reserve.
12-14-19, Transported lost hiker from Lower Portuguese Bend to Del Cerro Park.
12-22-19, Report of possible illegal campsite off Crenshaw Blvd/ Silver Spur Rd.: Property owner's Tractor.

Del Cerro Park

CITATIONS

- Parked cars: No parking; 11

Abalone Cove Reserve

Although regular patrols have been conducted, most of the contacts were the results of calls for unrelated services.

CONTACTS

- Hikers; 40
- Dog walkers; 2

CITATIONS ISSUED (Abalone Cove Reserve)

- Vehicle in Preserve; 1

WARNINGS

- Hiker: Closed area; 7

MISCELLANEOUS

10-30-19, Checked area for possible suicidal woman reported by Torrance Police.
11-01-19 to 11-30-19, Checked Archery Range regarding reports of night activity.
12-27-19, Responded to woman who fell from cliff: Attempted suicide.

Vicente Bluffs Reserve

Patrol time was concentrated in this area due to numerous calls to the Lomita Station desk by residents calling about people going into the closed areas.

CONTACTS

- Hikers; 1,027
- Dog walkers; 201

CITATIONS ISSUED

- Hiker: Closed Area 14

WARNINGS

- Hikers: Closed area; 11
- Hiker: Flying drone; 1
- Cyclists; No Bikes 1

Forrestal Reserve

This reserve was singled out for monitoring based on concerns regarding group activities involving drinking alcoholic beverages and running (possibly off trail) through the reserve.

CONTACTS

- Hikers; 352
- Dog walkers; 25
- Cyclist: 4

WARNINGS

- Cyclist on No Bikes Trail: 1

Filiorum Reserve

Contacts made in this reserve were the result of the search for the illegal campsite reported in the lower reserve.

CONTACTS

- Hikers; 33
- Dog walkers; 3
- Cyclists; 2

Ocean Trails Reserve

A limited time was spent patrolling this reserve with the new RPV Rangers.

CONTACTS

- Hikers; 39
- Dog walkers; 3

WARNINGS

- Hiker: No taking fauna; 1
- Hiker; Off trail; 2
- Hiker; Dog on beach; 7

Three Sisters Reserve

The lower part of this reserve was checked regarding a report of an illegal camper smoking a cigarette. The campsite was found and red-tagged. The occupant apparently abandoned it and but the property was stored at Lomita Station.

CONTACTS

- Hikers; 4
- Dog walkers; 2

Vista Del Norte Reserve

The area has been regularly checked for a self-professed commercial burglar who had been cited and warned for being off trail and camping in this reserve. Although he was incarcerated, his current whereabouts are unknown.

CONTACTS

- Hikers; 5
- Dog walkers; 1

Agua Amarga Reserve

This reserve was only briefly toured with the new RPV Rangers.

San Ramon Reserve

Based on reports and a preponderance of evidence, this reserve has been monitored and patrolled for people who have been smoking cigarettes and illegally dumping trash at the turn-outs. A person has been reported excavating for fossils or minerals several times, but during the time spent patrolling, this subject has not yet been caught.

CONTACTS

- Hikers; 9

Alta Vicente Reserve

This reserve was monitored regarding a possible illegal campsite and reports of a woman feeding the wildlife.

CONTACTS

- Hikers; 39
- Dog walkers; 3

CITATIONS ISSUED

- Hiker: Removing flora; 1
- Dog walker; Dog off leash; 1

WARNINGS

- Hiker; No feeding wildlife; 1

PRESERVE OVERVIEW

- 10-22-19, 10-23-19; RPV City Ranger Candidates interviewed.
- 10-26-19 Collected and discarded refuse from a previously red-tagged campsite.
- 10-27-19 Palos Verdes Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Fair at the Norris Theater.
- 11-09-19 Checked on Boy Scouts during overnight camp at Alta Vicente Reserve.
- 11-14-19 Identified/Warned/Advised Woman re: feeding wildlife at Alta Vicente Reserve.
- 12-08-19 Assisted re: attempted murder/assault with a deadly weapon.
- 12-11-19 Exposed OSM and RPV personnel to LASD Homeless Protocols Training.

During the last two months of the quarter, three of the RPV Rangers have been exposed to their area of operation and will continue to be assisted with administrative and logistical tasks. Hopefully, the transition to having Rangers patrolling the Preserve will go smooth and seamless.