

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 5, 2017

TO: Katie Lozano, City of Rancho Palos Verdes

FROM: Deputies Jimenez and Kuwata

RE: RPV | LASD DEPUTY Activity Report

Preserve Visitor Contacts

- January 01, 2017 to March 31, 2017
- 2 Deputies patrolled the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve during this period (~992 hours of active patrol)
- 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

The fall and winter rains caused mudslides, eroded trails and altered habitat, forcing entire reserve and trail closures. Despite the closures, increasing numbers of people continue to make use of the Portuguese Bend Reserve. During the last quarter of 2016, most of our patrols continued to be within this Reserve. We accessed the reserve primarily via the following locations:

- The gate off Crenshaw Boulevard (near Del Cerro Park)
- Gateway, The gate on Palos Verdes Drive South, West of Schooner Drive

CONTACTS

• Hikers;	1,853
• Dog walkers;	280
• Cyclists;	63

WARNINGS

• Hiker: Dog off leash;	2
• Hiker: Closed area;	337
• Dog walker: Dog waste;	1

CITATIONS ISSUED

• Hiker: Closed area;	8
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Portuguese Bend Reserve (continued)

ASSISTS (Medical, Health/Safety)

• Hikers:	2
• Hiker: No water;	1

MISCELLANEOUS

03-11-17, assist LACF re: transport hiker with possible broken ankle at Burma Road/ Ishibashi Trail;
03-18-17, assist LACF re: hiker with possible concussion at Kelvin Canyon Trail;
03/23/17, prevented 3 Hikers from smoking at Eagle's Nest;

Del Cerro Park

CITATIONS

- Parked cars: No parking; 3

Abalone Cove Reserve

Several trails have been closed due to erosion, but due to increasing numbers of hikers at Portuguese Bend Reserve, we have not conducted many foot patrols of this area.

CONTACTS

- Hikers; 140
- Dog walkers; 19
- Cyclists; 1

WARNINGS

- Hiker: Closed area; 20
- Hiker: Dog on beach; 1
- Hiker: Off trail; 3

CITATIONS ISSUED

- Hiker: Off trail 2

MISCELLANEOUS

01/12/17 Tag 96; Vehicle rolled over the hill into Abalone Cove reserve, across from Wayfarers church. Male adult 18, Minor Injuries. Transported to HGH. Vehicle towed out of the reserve.

Vicente Bluffs Reserve

CONTACTS

- Hikers; 316
- Dog walkers; 58

WARNINGS

- Hikers: Closed area; 27
- Hiker: Dog off leash; 2
- Cyclists; No Bikes 1

CITATIONS ISSUED

- Hiker: Dog off leash; 1
- Hiker: Off trail; 1

Forrestal Reserve

Bicyclists riding on “No bicycle” trails continued to be a reported problem by VTW in Forrestal Reserve. During the limited time we have monitored traffic in the reserve, we did not observe any violations.

Forrestal Reserve

CONTACTS

• Hikers;	427
• Dog walkers;	113
• Cyclist:	59

WARNINGS

• Hiker: Dog off leash;	13
• Hiker: No smoking;	1
• Hiker: Closed area	9
• Hiker: Off trail;	1

Filiorum Reserve

CONTACTS

• Hikers;	852
• Dog walkers;	138
• Cyclists;	15

WARNINGS

• Hikers: Closed area;	26
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CITATIONS ISSUED

• Hikers: Dog off leash;	2
• Hikers: Closed area;	1

Ocean Trails Reserve

A limited time was spent patrolling this reserve for reports of dogs on the beach/dogs off leash, with the following results:

CONTACTS

• Hikers;	21
• Dog walkers;	4
• Cyclist;	3

WARNINGS

• Hiker: Dog off leash;	1
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CITATIONS ISSUED

• Hiker: Dog off leash;	1
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Three Sisters Reserve

Although we conducted a few visual checks of this area, we did not see any hikers, nor did we conduct any foot patrols of the trails.

Vista Del Norte Reserve

We monitored the trailheads off Indian Peak Road for a limited amount of time, but saw no hikers. The subject cited and warned for being off trail and camping in the reserve has since been taken into custody for unrelated matters.

Agua Amarga Reserve

A hiker reported juveniles in the reserve after dark, possibly lighting a fire. A foot patrol of the entire main trail was conducted, but there was no sign of the juveniles or evidence of a fire. Infrequent checks for reserve users and/or violations met with negative results.

San Ramon Reserve

MISCELLANEOUS

02/10/17 Tag 69. During a foot patrol of Marymount Trail, we encountered a male white adult who ran and eluded us. We subsequently discovered he matched the description of someone wanted for various criminal offenses.

Alta Vicente Reserve

We did not conduct any foot patrols or contact anyone in this area

PRESERVE OVERVIEW

During the first quarter of 2017, we contacted numerous preserve users and continued to warn or cite people for violating Preserve rules and regulations. We provided information to trail users on how to access resources from the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy websites; including but not limited to trail maps, trails information, the preserve mission, etc.

We continued to adapt to the role of wilderness preserve law enforcement. The majority of the people we contact for violations or near-violations do not believe they are doing anything wrong.

We are also seeing a large increase in the number of people we encounter in most of the reserves. Based on contact interviews, the increase appears to be related to the use of the computer internet and websites that people use to get recommendations for goods, services and places of interest. Those websites include (but are not limited to) Facebook, YouTube, Yelp! And Twitter.

Although there have been many noticeable improvements to the trails in regards to trail borders and markings, there is still room for improvement, particularly regarding the Portuguese Bend Reserve. This

reserve has numerous official and unofficial entrances that are not clearly marked. This makes enforcement of the rules and regulations extremely difficult.