

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 17, 2017
TO: Katie Lozano, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
FROM: Deputies Jimenez and Kuwata
RE: RPV | LASD DEPUTY Activity Report

Preserve Visitor Contacts

- October 01, 2016 to December 31, 2016
- 2 Deputies patrolled the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve during this period (~923 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

Despite the onset of fall and winter, 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)
- Fire Station Trail from Crest Road
- Peppertree Trail, from the gate off Palos Verdes Drive South

WARNINGS

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| • Hiker: Dog off leash; | 2 |
| • Hiker: Closed area; | 2 |
| • Hiker: Rain closure; | 52 |

CITATIONS ISSUED

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| • Hiker: Dog off leash; | 7 |
| • Hiker: Closed area; | 5 |

ASSISTS (Medical, Health/Safety)

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| • Hikers: | 7 |
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CONTACTS

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| • Hikers; | 1552 |
| • Dog walkers; | 239 |
| • Cyclists; | 128 |
| • Equestrians; | 7 |

Del Cerro Park

WARNINGS

- Hiker: In park, after hours; 2

Abalone Cove Reserve

People continue to enter the closed area of Portuguese Point (referred to as Gorge 1). Nighttime activity on the beach decreased, but occasional contacts have been made by Deputies.

WARNINGS

- Hiker: Nude Sunbathers; 2
- Hiker: In park, after hours; 1
- Hiker: No smoking/fires; 2

CITATIONS ISSUED (Abalone Cove Reserve)

- Hiker: Dog on beach; 1

ASSISTS

- Hiker: Exhaustion, no water; 4

CONTACTS

- Hikers; 293
- Dog walkers; 7
- Cyclists; 1

Vicente Bluffs Reserve

Photographers were reported to be climbing over the rail. After three were cited for the violation, reports of violations decreased.

WARNINGS

- Hikers: Closed area; 10
- Hiker: Flying drone; 1
- Hikers: Dog off leash; 1

CITATIONS ISSUED

- Hikers: Closed area; 3

CONTACTS

- Hikers; 200
- Dog walkers; 48

Forrestal Reserve

Deputies have received reports from PVPLC-VTW that bicyclists riding on "No bicycle" trails continues to be a problem in Forrestal Reserve. Since the installation of a "No Smoking/No Open Fires" sign at Coolheights Overlook, signs of smokers has decreased, although it is still occurring.

Forrestal Reserve (Continued)

Fossil Trail and Exultant Trail are being monitored at random times, from the intersection of Forrestal Drive and Main Sail Drive. Cool Heights Overlook is also partially visible from this vantage point. Cyclists have been observed riding in the reserve, but none have been seen on Exultant Trail.

WARNINGS

- Cyclist: No-Bike Trail; 1
- Motorcycle in the preserve; 2
- Hiker: Dog off leash; 1

CONTACTS

- Hikers; 112
- Dog walkers; 25
- Cyclists; 10

Filiorum Reserve

WARNINGS

- Hikers: Closed area; 2

CONTACTS

- Hikers; 35
- Dog walkers; 4
- Cyclists; 4

The limited foot patrols conducted in this reserve met with few contacts.

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:

WARNINGS

- Hiker: Dog off leash; 1
- Hiker: Dog on beach; 1

CITATIONS ISSUED

- Hiker: Dog off leash; 1

CONTACTS

- Hikers; 140
- Dog walkers; 15

Three Sisters Reserve

During foot patrols of this area, very few contacts have been made. Although damage to trails by bicycles has been reported by the PVPLC-VTW, at the time of this report, no violations were observed.

Vista Del Norte Reserve

WARNINGS

- Hiker: No overnight camping; 1

CITATIONS

- Hiker: Closed area; 2

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 a fire. Infrequent checks for reserve users and/or violations met with negative results.

San Ramon Reserve

No contacts were made during foot patrols and checks at this reserve.

Alta Vicente Reserve

The limited foot patrols conducted in this reserve met with few contacts.

CONTACTS

- Dog walkers; 2

PRESERVE OVERVIEW

During the last quarter of 2017, we continued to warn or cite people for violating Preserve rules and regulations. We have 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.

Preserve Deputies have been forced to adapt to an entirely different form of policing. The majority of public contacts do not believe they are doing anything wrong. Additionally, while it normally takes approximately 10 minutes to write someone a citation (ticket), for preserve violations, we have had to detain some violators for as long as 20 minutes, due to the fact that most preserve patrons do not carry any identification.

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.