

Palos Verdes Nature Preserve

Bicyclist Recommendations

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Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association of Palos Verdes

Introduction

CORBA PV is a volunteer-based group dedicated to promoting sustainable trail access for mountain bicyclists, and to maintaining the trails on which mountain bicyclists ride. We support the conservation of open space and are committed to educating mountain bicyclists to ride sensitively and responsibly, thereby protecting the natural environment and the experience of other trail users. We are committed to support the city of Rancho Palos Verdes, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy (PVPLC) and other community groups to protect and enhance local habitat.

Volunteer

- Trail maintenance workdays - recruit volunteers.
- CORBA PV** volunteer trail crew - carry out approved trail projects.
- Work with and assist enforcement agencies.
- Offered to provide a formal trail patrol along with other trail users groups.
- Serve on Rancho Palos Verdes committees and advisory boards.
- Apply for grants to purchase tools for trail repair and maintenance.

Outreach

- Website and mailing list notify bicyclists of important news, events and volunteer opportunities.
- Trail brochure that emphasizes trail etiquette and respect among all trail users.
- Face-to-face conversations between CORBA PV and cyclists.
- Distribute important information to local bike shops.
- Activities designed to promote the responsible use of public trails by mountain bikers.
- Serve as a communication link for the community and other organizations.

Position

- Trails should be accessible to all appropriate users.
- Trails designated multi-use assure that all users have equal opportunity to use public trails.
- Dedicated use trails are only appropriate if there is alternative access to the same areas.
- Access to trails should be based on objective, measured data gathered through an impartial process and reviewed periodically.
- When issues arise, mitigation measures should be the first step in resolving any perceived problems.
- If a trail is closed to bicycles, the reason for closure should be clearly defined for future remedy and reopening.

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Summary

Approve staff recommendations with CORBA PV recommendations below

Portuguese Bend Reserve

Grapevine - **change to multi-use.**

Paintbrush - **change to multi-use.**

Filiorum Reserve

Eucalyptus (Possum) - **change to multi-use.**

Jack's Brim – **Keep as multi-use.**

Forrestal Reserve

Quarry - **change to pedestrian/bicycle.**

Exultant - **change to pedestrian/bicycle.**

Ocean Trails Reserve

Sunrise - **change to pedestrian/bicycle.**

Abalone Cove Reserve

Sea Dahlia - **change to pedestrian/bicycle.**

Sacred Cove View - **change to pedestrian/bicycle.**

Cliffside - **change to pedestrian/bicycle.**

Keep Current Plan in other reserves

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Portuguese Bend Reserve Details

Grapevine Trail - **change to multi-use**

PUMP Committee recommended bike use on this trail.
Trail does not go into Rolling Hills.
Grapevine is a favorite trail for bicyclists.
Low user density with good line of sight.
Easiest route up and down.

Landslide Scarp Trail - **change to pedestrian/bicycle** **Staff recommended use**

Historically favorite bicyclist route from PV Drive South.
Easiest route from Peppertree trail to Burma Road.

Rim & Paintbrush Trails - **change to multi-use**

Restores a popular loop for well conditioned cyclists.
New realignment avoids Rolling Hills.
Very low user density.

Ishibashi Farm Trail - **change to pedestrian/bicycle** **Staff recommended use**

Adds an alternate route to Toyon trail. All fire roads should be multi-use.

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Filiorum Reserve Details

Accept Staff Recommendations with changes

Eucalyptus Trail – designate multi-use

Unique eucalyptus grove experience.

Popular low speed twisting trail.

Extremely low user density with good line of sight.

Use entry from Kelvin Canyon/Rattlesnake trails

Jack's Brim Trail – keep as multi-use

Reroute north portion to avoid gnat catcher population

Offers easiest way around Jack's Hat.

Not redundant, offers unique views of Vanderlip Canyon.

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Filiorum Reserve Map



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Forrestal Reserve Details

Quarry Trail – **change to multi-use**

Easiest bike route to Mariposa and Flying Mane trails.

Popular low speed twisting trail.

Low user density.

Cyclists have done much repair work on this trail.

Exultant Trail – **change to multi-use**

Completes loop to Dauntless Trail.

Alternate access to Vista Loop.

Popular route up Fossil Hill. Low user density.

Not too narrow. **There are no trail width standards.**

Users on designated trails have same habitat impacts.

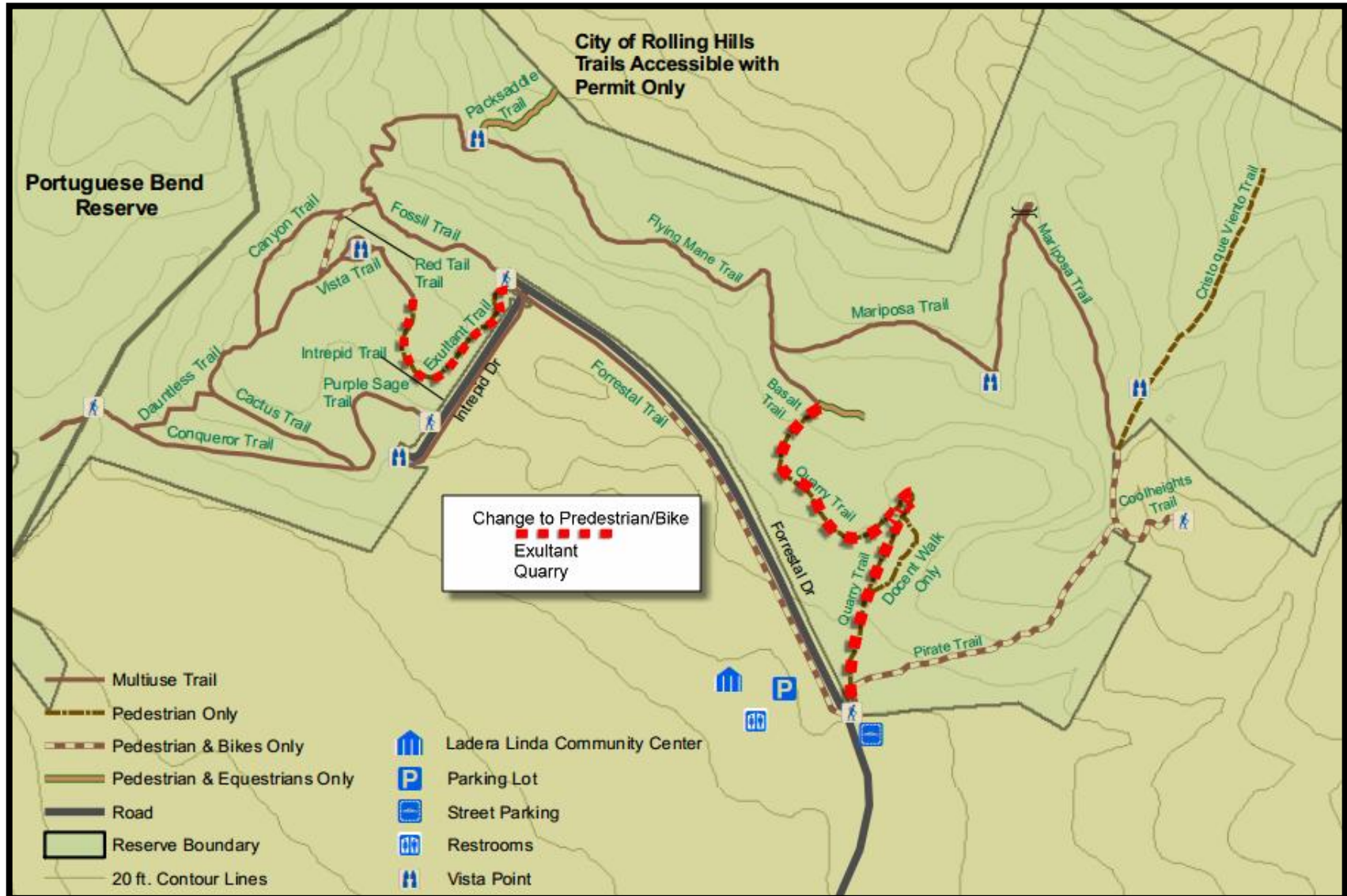
Next to busy soccer field.

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Forrestal Reserve Map



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Ocean Trails Reserve Details

Sagebrush Walk – change to pedestrian/bicycle Staff recommended use

Access to overlook picnic area & coastal access trail.

Very wide trail – suitable for vehicles.

Low user density.

Already has bike rack at end.

Sunrise Trail – change to pedestrian/bicycle

Only access to ocean.

Very wide trail – wide enough for vehicle

Can accommodate pedestrians and a few bikes.

Excellent line of sight

Trail is not erosive

Trail is steep but rideable.

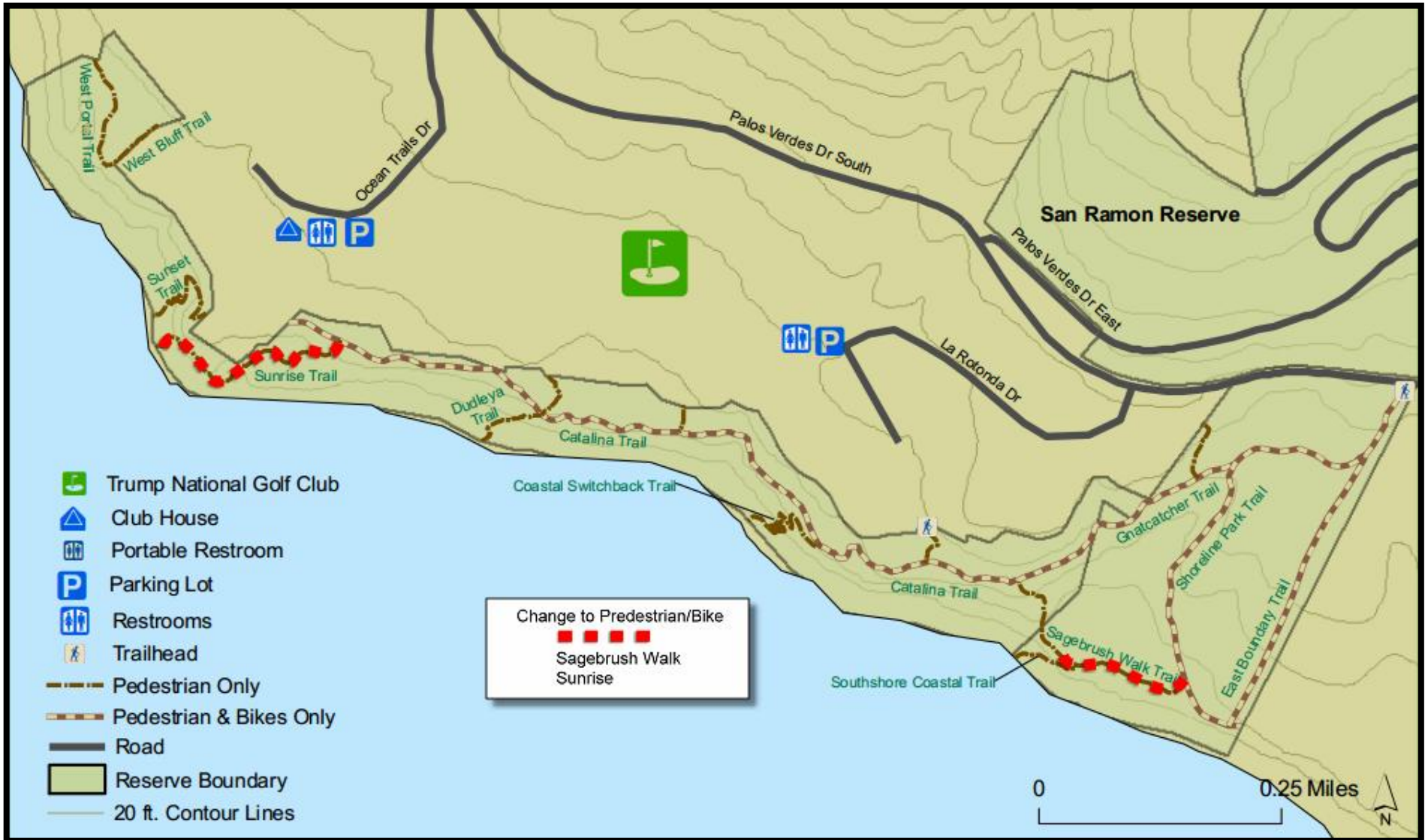
User density is light most of the time.

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Ocean Trails Reserve Map



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Abalone Cove Reserve Details

Via de Campo Trails – change to pedestrian/bicycle Staff recommended use

Flat easy trail for kids and families on bikes
Unimpaired line of sight

Chapel View/Beach School Trails- change to pedestrian/bicycle Staff recommended use

Access to Abalone Cove beach
Wide paved roadway with unimpaired line of sight

Sea Dahlia Trail - change to pedestrian/bicycle

Access to Olmstead Trail
Incredible views

Portuguese Point Loop Trail- change to pedestrian/bicycle Staff recommended use

Access to Abalone Cove beach
Wide roadway with unimpaired line of sight

Sacred Cove View Trail - change to pedestrian/bicycle

Access to Cliffside Trail
Incredible views

Cliffside Trail - change to pedestrian/bicycle

Easiest access to Sacred Cove Beach
Recently repaired and stabilized by trail crew
Incredible views

Cyclists have done extensive volunteer work on this trail

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Abalone Cove Reserve Map

