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RANCHO PALOS VERDES CLOSES PARKS AND PALOS VERDES NATURE PRESERVE TO HELP SLOW SPREAD OF COVID-19

Rancho Palos Verdes (March 23, 2020) — Out of an abundance of caution and in accordance with guidance from state and local health officials to slow the spread of COVID-19, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes today announced the closure of all City parks, beaches, community centers, amenities and trails until further notice.

The closures are in accordance with a local emergency proclamation adopted by the City Council last week. Over the weekend, City Staff and Park Rangers observed a high volume of visitors to City parks and the 1,400-acre Palos Verdes Nature Preserve despite the “Safer at Home” Public Health Officer Order calling for social distancing. The Nature Preserve was closed early this morning due to rain, and will remain closed as a result of today’s announcement. All park buildings, playgrounds, parking lots, restrooms, game courts, and fields are closed. A full list of closures includes:

Parks:

- Abalone Cove Park
- Abalone Cove Beach (including Sacred and Portuguese Coves)
- Clovercliff Park
- Del Cerro Park
- Eastview Park
- Founders Park
- Frank A. Vanderlip Park
- Fred Hesse, Jr. Community Park
- Grandview Park
- Ladera Linda Community Center
- Marilyn Ryan-Sunset Point Park
- Martingale Trailhead Park
- Pelican Cove Park
- Point Vicente Interpretive Center
- Point Vicente Park/Civic Center
- Rancho Palos Verdes Beach
- Ocean Trails Beach
- Robert E. Ryan Community Park
- Vista Catalina Park

Dog Parks:

- Rancho Caninos Dog Park
- Eastview Dog Park

Palos Verdes Nature Preserve:

- Abalone Cove Reserve
- Agua Amarga Reserve
- Alta Vicente Reserve
- Filiorum Reserve
- Forrestal Reserve
- Ocean Trails Reserve
- Portuguese Bend Reserve
- San Ramon Reserve
- Three Sisters Reserve
- Vicente Bluffs Reserve
- Vista Del Norte Reserve
- Malaga Canyon trails

All park programming has been canceled until further notice. This includes all recreational activities, indoor and outdoor sports leagues, instructional courses, and group sessions/private events.

The City recognizes the health and well-being of our residents and employees as a top priority, and is committed to keeping them safe. We urge all residents to follow the “Safer at Home” Public Health Officer Order and only leave their homes for essential activities. We also urge the public to diligently practice social distancing, as it is the most effective tool we have to fight this pandemic. We all must do our part to “flatten the curve.”