



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 1, 2011
TO: Katie Howe, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
FROM: Jewel Johnson, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
RE: Ranger Services

Park Visitor Contacts

- July 1 – September 30, 2011
- 599 Patrol Hours
- 18 Interpretative Hours
- 7 Rangers patrolled the reserves during this period
- 3 Rangers conducted Interpretative programs

Warning Issued

JULY

- Dog off Leash
 - Portuguese Bend – 7
 - Abalone Cove Shoreline – 5 (before they make it down to the beach)
 - Forrestal – 16 (Soccer Fields)
- Horses off trail
 - Portuguese Bend – 1 (Peacock Flats)

AUGUST

- Dog off Leash
 - Portuguese Bend – 4
 - Abalone Cove Shoreline – 1
 - Forrestal – 4 (Soccer Fields)
 - Point Vicente Interpretive Center – 3

SEPTEMBER

- Dog off Leash
 - Founders Park – 2
 - Portuguese Bend – 4



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Citations Issued

JULY

- Dog must be on Leash | 12.16..050 RPV ORD (SACRED COVE)
- No Dogs on Beach | 17.12.290 LACO (SACRED COVE)

AUGUST

- (2) Dogs must be on leash | 6.20.010 RPV ORD *amended to 12.16.050 RPV ORD* | (SHORELINE PARK)

SEPTEMBER

- (2) Dog must be on Leash | 12.16..050 RPV ORD (PORTUGUESE BEND)
- (2) Unlawful take in State Marine Park | Title 14 CCR 632 (a) (1) (A) (ABALONE COVE Tide Pools)

First Aid

- Distributed bottled water (15 hikers) | Portuguese Bend Nature Reserve (AUGUST)
- Cleaned minor wound due to fall on trail | Portuguese Bend Nature Reserve (AUGUST)

Court

- Dog must be on Leash citation issued in May was found guilty (SACRED COVE)

Interpretative Programs

RPV / MRCA JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM

- Survivor: Junior Ranger Style | Overview of all session topics and Crime Scene Deconstruction | July 23
- Graduation | Participants who have completed a minimum of three sessions, plus the introduction session and the Nature Journal were recognized at the Graduation Ceremony on August 27 with their Parents in attendance. 11 Graduates.

RPV / MRCA JUNIOR RANGER CAMP

- Cancelled program due to lack of interest and late public notification

Nature Walk at Portuguese Bend Landslide

- Checked-In with coordinator | Good sized group | No problems with parking



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Park Maintenance

Portuguese Bend Reserve:

- Missing "no bike" stickers | Landslide Scarp | Rim | Paintbrush trails (AUGUST)
- Located trail system above Barn Owl|Burma Trails that are believed to be in Rolling Hills or on Private property. (SEPTEMBER)

Abalone Cove Reserve:

- Sacred Cove | Fire pits (JULY)
- Sacred Cove | Stone cabanas need to be completely dismantled at bottom of Cliffside Trail (AUGUST)
- Graffiti on Sacred Cove Cliffside Trail markers
- Graffiti on Lifeguard pole at Tide pools
- Graffiti on "Annie's Stand"

Forrestal Reserve

- Trash cans need lids

Portuguese Bend Nature Reserve

There continues to be good overall compliance in the reserve but, did see increased off-leash activity from first time hikers.

Followed up reports of smoking and afterhour's activity at Burma|Barn Owl trail with extra after-hour patrol and found very little evidence besides 3 "old" cigarette butts near location.

Followed up reports with unauthorized motor vehicle (motorcycles) and were unable to find evidence of entry into the reserve.

There continues to be an issue with hikers forgetting to bring enough water for themselves or dogs. Interpretative signs at the main trailheads or in the kiosk would remind the public of the importance of water for their hikes.

Park hours are not posted at the main Portuguese Bend Nature Reserve entry points (end of Crenshaw Blvd or from Rolling Hills).

Forrestal Nature Reserve

We continue to warn and advised the off leash activity at the soccer fields in Forrestal and the activity has decreased significantly during this quarter. We changed patrol hours to check behavior in the early hours (before 8:00am) and saw very little activity on the Forrestal trails.



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Three Sisters Reserve

Followed up reports of encroachment with extra patrols and found no evidence

Abalone Cove Shoreline Park

Assisted LASD in removing debris from "Annie's Stand" left by a homeless man.

Recommend complete removal of "stone cabanas" in Sacred Cove due to suspected lewd behavior. We found 6 locations above "Portuguese Point" with evidence of lewd behavior such as used condoms. We have targeted our week day patrols at Abalone Cove due to the continued attempts of nude sunbathing by a group of 4-5 adult males. These group of men have started to change their behavior by changing the location of their activities, utilizing lookouts that communicate through hand signals and using binoculars to track the location of the on-duty Ranger. We have also notice more activity behind the porta-potty's and would recommend possibly removing them.