

This Park is for Everyone.

Palo Corona Regional Park (Palo Corona) is one of California Central Coast's most significant open spaces. This nearly 5,000-acre park offers a wide array of ecosystems, habitats, and corridors to connect you with the natural surroundings, plants, and wildlife.

From rivers and creeks to forests and hill tops, this beautiful park has something for everyone. With each visit you will encounter something new.

Together, we can enjoy this space now and into the future. Thank you for your support in protecting and preserving MPRPD's parks.

Photo courtesy of Chris Pryor Camel Realty Company

**Please stay on designated trails,
walk softly, take only memories
and leave only footprints.
Be sure to pack out what you pack in.**

**If you have questions or
to report violations,
call the Ranger on Duty
(831) 659-4488, ext.1**

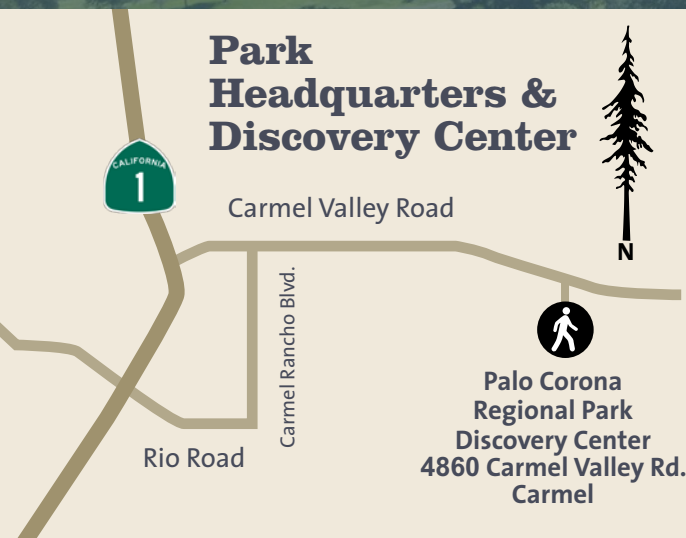


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Palo Corona Regional Park

Know your park rules

Park Information and select District regulations.

- **PARK HOURS:** Park is open dawn to dusk.
- **DOGS:** Dogs are required to be leashed at all times. No dogs allowed in Front Ranch Unit.
- **RESOURCES:** Do not collect, remove, or damage any plants, or natural features (e.g. mushrooms, wildflowers, etc.)
- **BICYCLES:** No bicycles allowed, except on South Bank Trail.
- **FIRE/SMOKING/BARBEQUES:** Fire and incendiary devices are not permitted anywhere in the park.
- **DIRT BIKES/MOTORCYCLES:** No motorcycles or dirt bikes may be operated on District lands.
- **CAMPING:** No person shall camp or park overnight on District lands.
- **DRONES/RC CRAFT:** No self-propelled craft (e.g. drones, radio-controlled cars, etc.) shall be operated on District lands.
- **COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES:** Commercial activities are not permitted in the park unless authorized.
- **STAY ON TRAILS:** Do not enter closed, restoration, or prohibited areas. Please stay on designated trails.

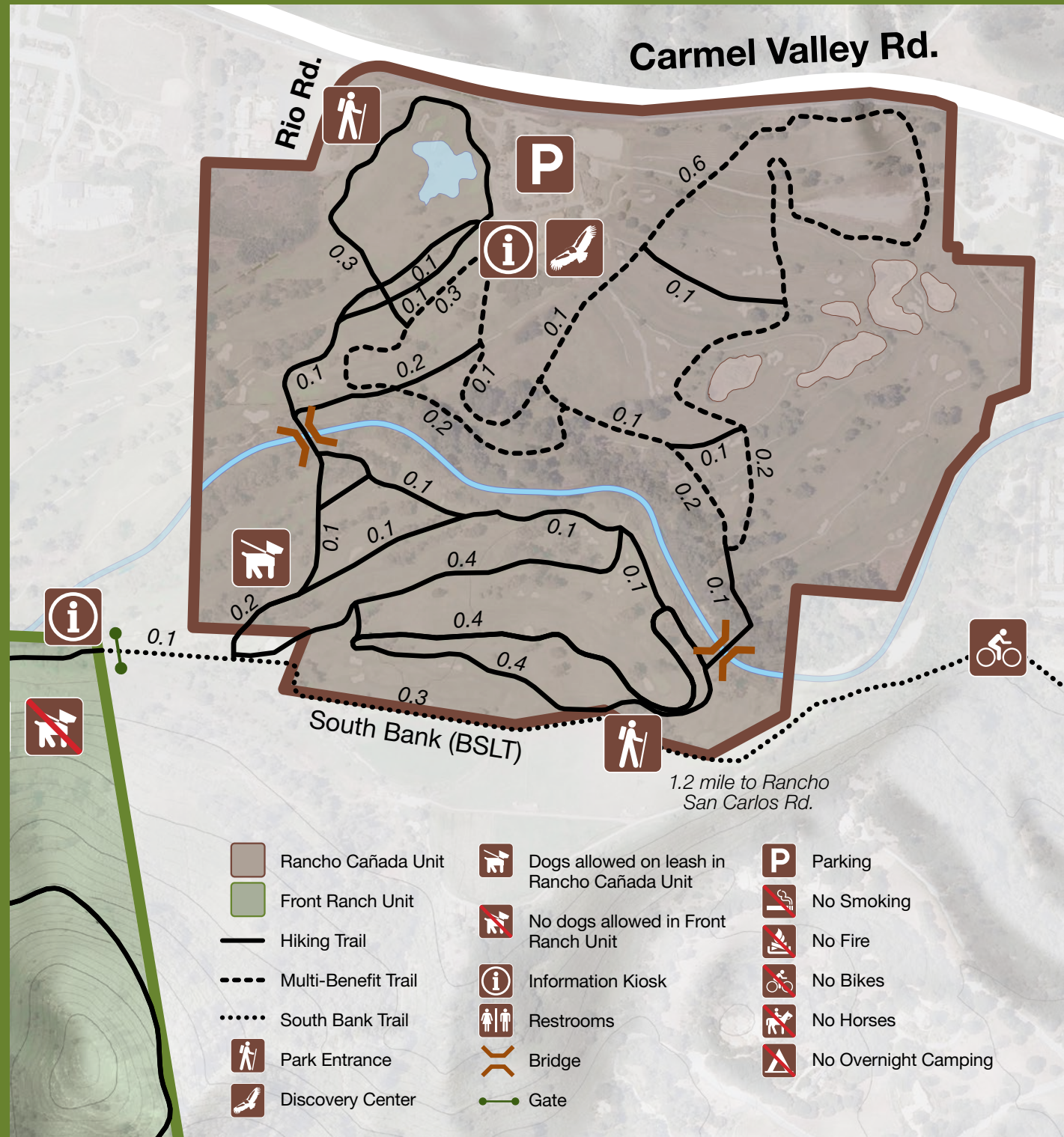
Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have questions or to report a violation, please call the Ranger-on-Duty at (831) 659-4488, ext. 1.

District Rangers are authorized to issue citations.

For a complete listing of MPRPD regulations visit www.mprpd.org.

Park Headquarters and Surrounding Area



Palo Corona Regional Park

Recommended Hikes. Please remember to bring water and snacks.

A

Multi-Benefit Community Trail

This lower-level trail crosses over the Carmel River two times allowing you to experience the tranquility of the riparian (river) habitat. Travel alongside the river, dotted with cottonwoods and sycamores. Search for glimpses of butterflies, frogs, and bobcats. This trail loops up and around, and back to the Discovery Center.

Distance 2.5 miles.

Elevation change: 80 ft.

B

Oak Knoll Loop

Get the best of both worlds. A lower-level hike with lush oak groves and grand views. Travel over the river, through a majestic oak grove to a plateau overlooking historic artichoke fields. Take in views of the where the river meets the sea. Then, round the oak knoll and head back the way you came.

Distance 2.5 miles.

Elevation change: 80 ft.

C

Discovery Center to Inspiration Point

Hug the hill side as you travel under the oak woodland canopy before ascending to Inspiration Point. Take in the birds-eye view of the Carmel coast as you stop to take a breath. Add 1.4 miles and visit Animas Pond before heading back down making the round-trip excursion 5.8 miles.

Distance: 4.4 miles.

Elevation change: 600 ft.

D

Discovery Center to San Jose Creek Bridges (Accessible by Permit Only)

For the fit and experienced day hiker. This out and back hike takes you past the gates at Animas Pond to experience fantastic views, rich pine and chaparral habitats, and lush redwood forests. The sounds of the trickling creeks and chirping birds will be your companions on this respectful journey.

Distance: 9.0 miles.

Elevation change 1,300 ft.

Rancho Cañada →
Unit

←
Front
Ranch
Unit



Private Property
No Access

No Public Access
Ishxenta State Park

Private Property
No Access

No public access
beyond this bridge.
Trespassers subject
to citation.

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San Jose Creek
access by
permit only.
Contact MPRPD
for information.



Please stay on trails.
Distances are in miles.

- Rancho Cañada Unit
- Front Ranch Unit
- Hiking Trail
- Multi-Benefit Trail
- South Bank Trail
- Park Entrance
- Discovery Center
- Dogs allowed on leash in Rancho Cañada Unit
- No dogs allowed in Front Ranch Unit
- Information Kiosk
- Restrooms
- Bridge
- Gate
- Parking
- No Smoking
- No Fire
- No Bikes
- No Horses
- No Overnight Camping