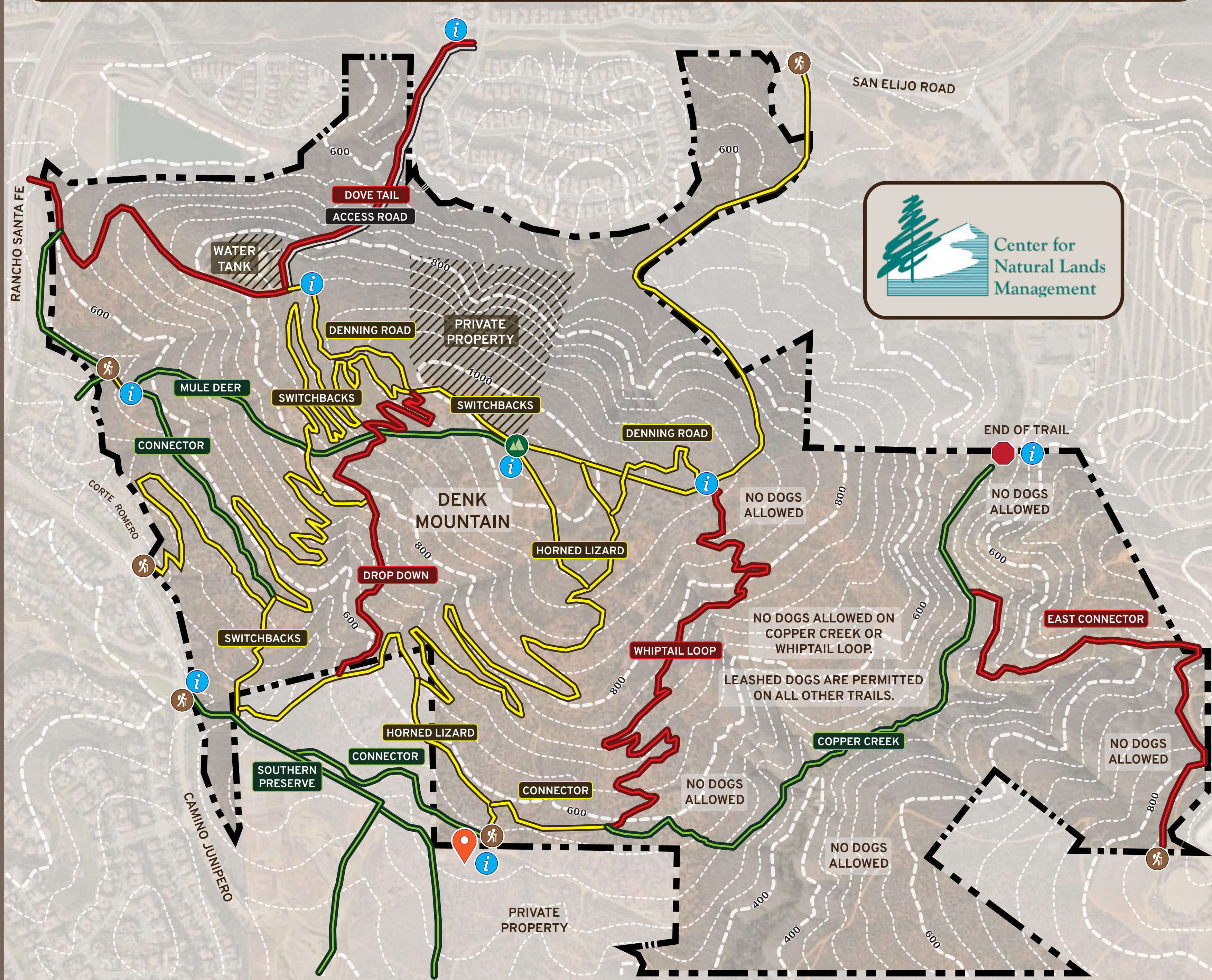


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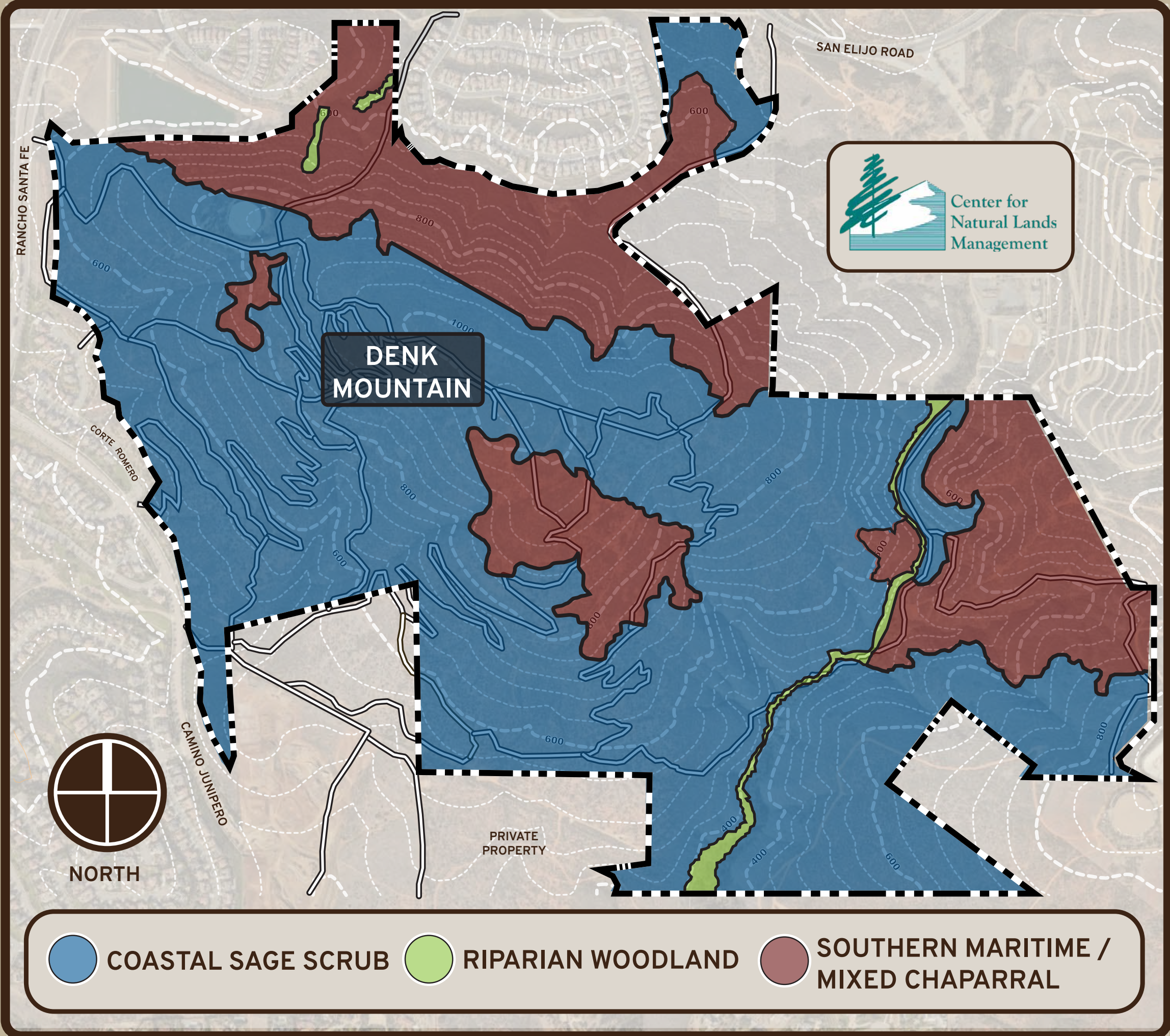
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SOUTHERN MARITIME CHAPARRAL

This plant community is considered a sensitive habitat and supports many listed plant and animal species. It is the most limited type of chaparral in the San Diego area, as it requires coastal fog, and characterized by several shrubs, including Del Mar manzanita, wart-stemmed ceanothus, coast spice bush and Nuttall's scrub oak.



COASTAL SAGE SCRUB

This formerly common, but now rare, plant community is found on several CNLM preserves, including Rancho La Costa. Also known as Diegan coastal sage scrub, this is one of the communities within the coastal Mediterranean ecosystem and experiences milder winter and less extreme summer temperatures than further inland. Some of the more common plant species within this community are California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*), black sage (*Salvia mellifera*), white sage (*Salvia apiana*), and California buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*).



COASTAL CALIFORNIA GNATCATCHER

(*Polioptila californica californica*) This federally-threatened bird species is protected and managed on many CNLM preserves in southern California, including this Preserve. Its native habitat is coastal sage scrub.



COASTAL HORNED LIZARD

(*Phrynosoma coronatum*) This species of special concern (SSC) used to be abundantly spread around the Carlsbad area. However, due to development and non-native species, such as the Argentine ant, its presence has become minimal. If you see this beautiful creature be sure to report to staff!

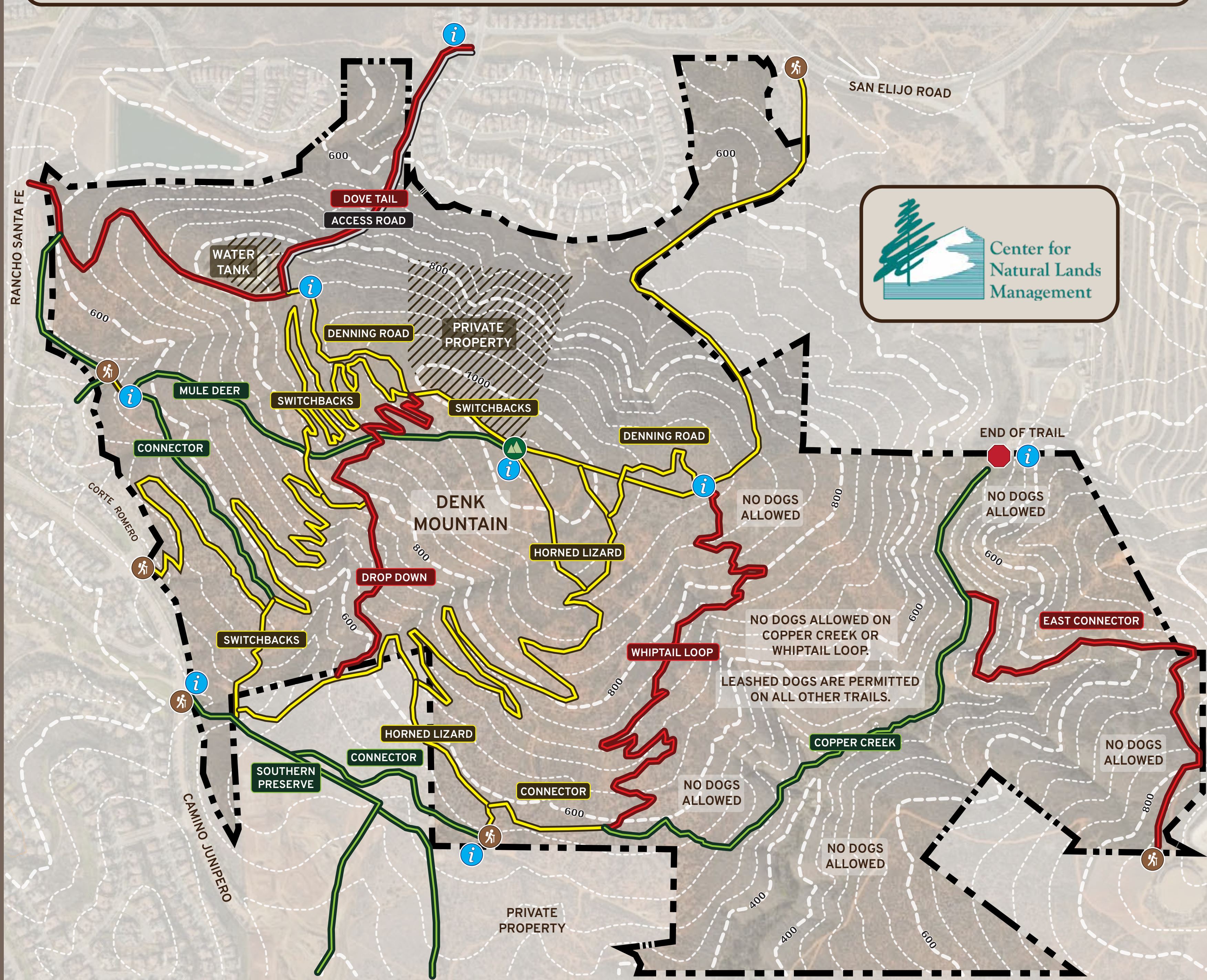


ORANGE THROATED WHIPTAIL

(*Aspidoscelis hyperythra*) This beautiful creature can be found throughout the Preserve, and you may recognize it by its orange throat and long, speckled tail. Look out while riding on the trails!

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