



Center for
Natural Lands
Management

Dana Point Preserve

Trail Guidelines: Rules and Etiquette

The Center for Natural Lands Management (CNLM) provides controlled public access to their Dana Point Preserve Trail. CNLM controls trail access for public safety (including trail maintenance) and to protect wildlife and their habitat(s). The Preserve is home to diverse native wildlife including two federally listed species (Pacific pocket mouse and coastal California gnatcatcher), rattlesnakes, coyotes, and many others. It is important you stay on the designated trail for your protection and theirs.

Note, **there is no beach or cave access from the trail.**

Before entering the trail, please read the trail rules and etiquette, below.

Rules while on the CNLM Dana Point Preserve:

- **Off-trail use is prohibited.**
- **Harassment of wildlife is prohibited.**
- **No smoking (including vape and e-cigarettes), alcohol, or use of glass containers allowed.**
- **No camping, fires, littering, or dumping allowed.**
- **No dogs, horses, or other pets.**
- **No motorized vehicles, remote controlled vehicles, or drones.**
- **No bicycles, e-bikes, unicycles, or skateboards.**
- **Removal or collection of natural materials is prohibited (i.e., no flower, seed, rock, butterfly, or other collections are allowed).**

In addition, **a portion of the trail is designated a quiet zone.** Please be respectful of the wildlife and remain quiet in this section of the trail. Signs are posted designating the start and end of the zone.

Trail etiquette:

- **Use the boot brushes located at each trail entrance prior to entry.**
- **Do not enter if you are sick or have been in contact with individuals that have been sick.**
- **Don't play music through speakers, use headphones instead.**
- **Avoid blocking the trail or overlooks.**
- **Follow 'Leave No Trace' principles.**

CNLM staff and volunteers have authority to refuse entrance to or require any visitors not in compliance of the trail rules to leave.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

- **CNLM Preserve Staff**