

FOR YOUR SAFETY

Poison oak is one of the most abundant plant communities within the Preserve. Stay on the trails to avoid contact with the leaves and stems which contain irritating oils.

Fires are prohibited anywhere in the Preserve.

Picnicking is allowed in areas where trash containers or benches are located. Please do not litter and cleanup after your pets.

Motorized vehicles of any type are prohibited within the Preserve.

Bicycles are only allowed on the main service roads - Serra Trail, Willow Trail, and Flanders Spur. Keep bicycles off of the pedestrian trails.

Collecting is not allowed within the Preserve. Protecting and preserving the plant and animal communities in their natural state is our most important goal. Please do not remove, collect, or disturb any natural objects such as plants, wood, rocks, or flowers.

Trails traverse every area of the Preserve. To avoid damage to vegetation and minimize soil erosion please stay on the trails shown on the map

Information: 831-620-2070 **Emergency:** 911 or 831-624-6403

The last remaining example of the natural flora of the Carmel area can be found within the Preserve. Stately pines, oaks, and a pure stand of toyon dominate the northern reaches of the Preserve, while a dense stand of willow shrouds the low lying flood plain to the south.

During any season of the year, displays of native grasses, trees, shrubs, and wildflowers can be viewed as one hikes along the five miles of trails within the Preserve boundaries. Each new season announces the coming of subtle alterations in the character of the Preserve's vegetation and provides new color displays for the avid or occasional hiker.



WELCOME TO

MISSION TRAIL NATURE PRESERVE

Mission Trail Nature Preserve was designated as a city park in 1976. The park boundaries encompass 35 acres of unspoiled native vegetation. Entrances are at Mountain View & Crespi, 11th Ave. west of Torres St., Rio Rd. across from the Carmel Mission, at the end of Martin Rd., and at 25800 Hatton Rd. (also the location of the Lester Rowntree Native Plant Garden and the Flanders Mansion).

