Using the Trails

The City of Encinitas' 40+ miles of trails are meant to be enjoyed and shared with other people, with their dogs and horses, and with the creatures who inhabit the surrounding natural environment.

Trail Users

Motorized vehicles are not permitted on any trail. Most trails are open to hikers (also joggers, walkers and runners with jogging strollers), bicyclists and equestrians. Unless otherwise noted, all trails are open to all three user groups. Olivenhain trails attract the greatest diversity of users. Horses are not permitted on the Manchester Preserve Trails, which are owned by the Center for Natural Lands Management and maintained by the City of Encinitas. Bicyclists are not permitted on some of the Encinitas Ranch Trails.

Report any issues or concerns to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department at (760) 633-2740 or encinitasparksandrec@encinitasca.gov

Please obey all posted rules and regulations on trails and open space areas. Enjoy!

General Rules

Trail Head Parking: 5am - 10pm
Trail Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Please take note of the rules posted on signs at trail heads and access points.

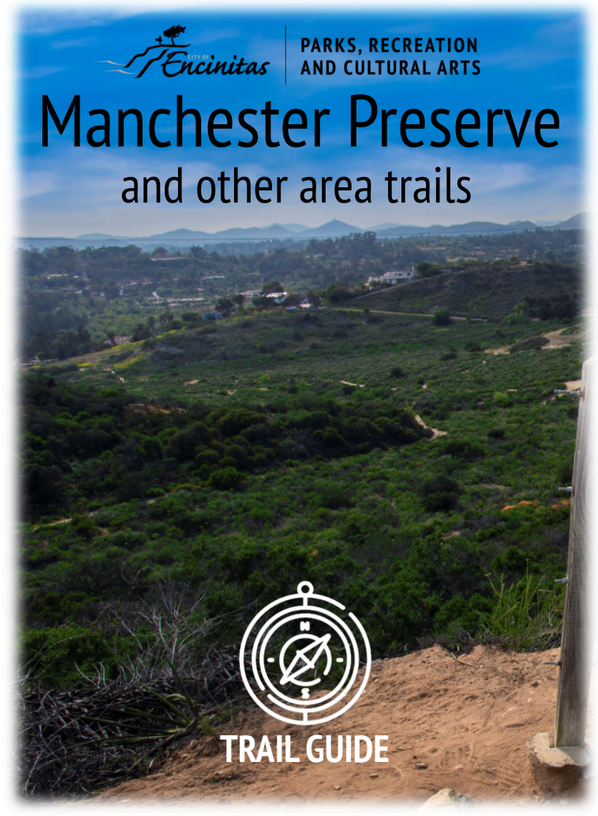
- No littering or dumping. Please use the trash receptacles located along pathways or dispose of your refuse when you leave
- Dogs must be leashed. People must pick up after their pets
- No fires or smoking
- No camping

Explore Encinitas' Wilder Side!

The City of Encinitas and its residents value the importance of nature and open space. Encinitas boasts abundant opportunities to get outdoors and enjoy a hike or some quiet time in nature. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department is responsible for 82 acres of open space and over 40 miles of trails.

City trails provide pedestrian, bicycle and/or equestrian access to undeveloped open spaces such as Indian Head Canyon and Manchester Preserve. The Olivenhain community enjoys an extensive network of trails relative to other parts of the City. The Encinitas Ranch Specific Plan area has a great trail system as well.

Find trail maps and additional Encinitas trails information and resources at www.EncinitasCA.gov/Trails or pick up copies at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department office located at the Encinitas Civic Center, 505 S. Vulcan Avenue, Encinitas CA 92024



City of Encinitas Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department is responsible for a wide range of services for the City including recreation programs, city-wide special events, park, beach and recreational trail maintenance, management of open space, streetscape maintenance, animal services, and oversight of the administration of the Encinitas Ranch Golf Authority.

The Parks, Beaches and Trails Division is responsible for the maintenance and repair of all park, beach and trail facilities, including 10 miles of streetscapes, 82 acres of open space, 153 acres of both developed and undeveloped parks, 45 acres of beaches, and over 40 miles of trails.

We hope that you enjoy getting out and exploring Encinitas' trails and beautiful open spaces.

Contact

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department: (760) 633-2740
email encinitasparksandrec@encinitasca.gov

EncinitasParksandRec.com

Social Media - follow the City of Encinitas on Facebook and Instagram

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Trail Etiquette Tips

Share the Trails

- Cyclists yield to all trail users
- Hikers yield to equestrians
- On crowded trails, proceed single file. Slower traffic should keep to the right of the trail; faster users pass on the left
- If you are using headphones, make sure that the volume neither prevents you from hearing what is happening around you or disturbs other trail users
- Do not pass on narrow trails or blind curves
- When passing other trail users, use courtesy and provide adequate warning and reduce speed
- It is recommended that cyclist use a bell on multi-user trails

Bicyclists Should:

- Slow down when approaching equestrians
- Announce their presence, whether approaching from the front or rear, within a reasonable distance so they can be heard. Say, "Bicyclist approaching."
- Ask the equestrian how to safely approach and how to pass. The rider knows how the horse will react and an accident can be avoided

Hikers and Joggers with Dog(s) Should:

- Control their pets as they approach a horse and rider
- Yield priority to the equestrian to pass, then proceed
- Keep dogs on 6-foot leash at all times

Be Prepared

- Carry water with you on your hike or ride on the trails
- Wear sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses
- Make sure to complete your hike or ride while the sun is still out
- Know the length of the trail you're hiking or biking on
- If taking your dog, please make sure they are on a 6-foot leash
- Many trails are adjacent to private property, so please be courteous to property owners
- Please follow the trail courtesy signs. Generally, cyclists yield to all other trail users and hikers yield to equestrians

Report Problems

Report problems such as washed out bridges, downed trees, dangerous ruts, vandalism, dead animals or unsafe conditions to the City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department at (760) 633-2740 or encinitasparksandrec@encinitasca.gov

Report sick, injured or dangerous animals and dogs off-leash to the San Diego Humane Society (619) 243-3446

Report Emergencies to 911

Manchester Preserve Features

The Preserve is a 123-acre open space area that features miles of varied trails within a wide, sloping canyon. In total, there are approximately 4 total miles of trails.

With dramatic, steep sandstone walls, you'll find plenty of great spots for pictures and to take in views of the hills of southeast Encinitas and Rancho Santa Fe.

Manchester Preserve supports Coastal Sage Scrub, Southern Maritime Chaparral and Willow Woodland, and is home to the endangered species of the coastal California Gnatcatcher bird, San Diego thornmint (a tiny funnel-shaped, two-lipped, light violet flower that blooms in spring) and Orcutt's hazardia (a native shrub that blooms in late summer and early fall).

The site is owned by the Center for Natural Lands Management and is maintained by the City of Encinitas. The terrain has an abundance of wildlife, both common and protected.

Rugged Terrain!

Manchester Preserve features some steep sections of trail with stair step features. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes with good traction and watch your step!

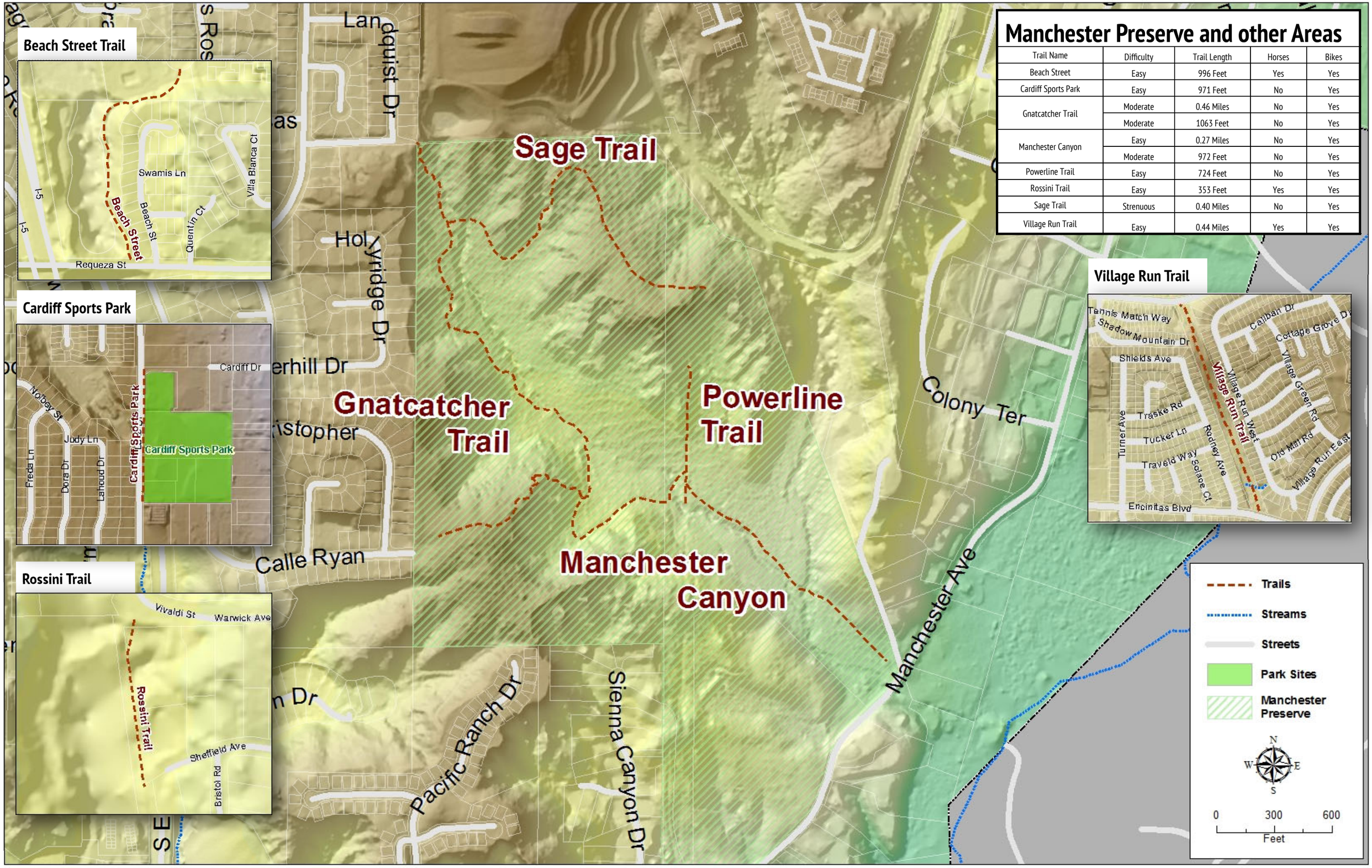
Respect the Trails

Tread Lightly

- Please stay off of wet, soggy trails. Footprints, horse hoof prints, and bicycle tire tracks damage the trail surface. Give trails time to dry after rains.
- When on bicycle, avoid skidding
- Don't cut corners, shortcuts or blaze new trails

Pack it in - Pack it out

- Keep our trails and open spaces clean. Use trash receptacles located along pathways or dispose of your trash when you leave

Manchester Preserve and other Areas

Trail Name	Difficulty	Trail Length	Horses	Bikes
Beach Street	Easy	996 Feet	Yes	Yes
Cardiff Sports Park	Easy	971 Feet	No	Yes
Gnatcatcher Trail	Moderate	0.46 Miles	No	Yes
	Moderate	1063 Feet	No	Yes
Manchester Canyon	Easy	0.27 Miles	No	Yes
	Moderate	972 Feet	No	Yes
Powerline Trail	Easy	724 Feet	No	Yes
Rossini Trail	Easy	353 Feet	Yes	Yes
Sage Trail	Strenuous	0.40 Miles	No	Yes
Village Run Trail	Easy	0.44 Miles	Yes	Yes