

TRAILS

Interpretive panels throughout the Preserve tell the story of White Point, its many inhabitants and historical uses. There are also several benches placed at scenic overlooks along the trails where you can enjoy the panoramic views.

Grasslands Loop Trail, 0.8 miles, Easy

From the parking area, head west on the paved road and follow the Grasslands Loop Trail marked in green on the map. This trail encircles an area restored with native bunch grasses. Human activity such as grazing of livestock and the introduction of foreign grasses have shrunk this vital habitat to just 2% of its original scope over the last several centuries. With care, this coastal prairie now supports many native birds including the western meadowlark. The trail loops through a section of restored coastal sage scrub with plants such as California sunflower, California sagebrush and coyotebrush.

Vista Trail, 0.8 miles, Moderate

From the parking area, walk up the paved road that leads to the upper part of the Preserve. You will pass historic trees believed to be part of the Sepulveda homestead. You will go through a restored wildflower grasslands and the slopes to the right have been planted with succulants and coastal sage scrub habitat. More than 90,000 plants have been used to restore the property.

At the top, Catalina Island is often visible less than 20 miles away. On the north east portion of the trail are two gun emplacements built in 1942 as part of the US coastal defense system, each housing a 16-inch gun and ammunition.

NATURE CENTER

The White Point Nature Education Center is housed in a repurposed historic missile assembly building. The Center features multimedia exhibits of White Point's cultural, natural and military history and is surrounded by native plant demonstration gardens.

WHITE POINT NATURE EDUCATION CENTER & PRESERVE



Interpretive trail panel



Roman Sepulveda