



Volunteer Trail Crew Training Program

Schedule of class locations through June 2012 (9am-12pm):

- January 14th - Abalone Cove Reserve
- February 11th - **Introductory Class** - White Point Nature Center
- March 10th - Portuguese Bend Reserve
- April 14th - Forrestal Reserve
- May 12th - Abalone Cove Reserve
- June 9th - Portuguese Bend Reserve



This is a free program for individuals interested in learning about and conducting volunteer trail maintenance in the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy's preserve system.

The training program encompasses 50 hours of classroom learning and field experience led by trail guru, Kurt Loheit, designed to develop the skills necessary to perform routine trail maintenance. Completion of this program is a requirement for volunteers who wish to continue further in becoming a qualified volunteer trail maintenance crew leader with minimal or no supervision.

Topics covered over the course of this program include:

- The need for safe trails
- Resource protection
- Assessments
- Tools
- Slough and berm
- Grade dips
- Brushing and pruning
- Switchbacks
- Trail safety
- Terminology
- Basic trail maintenance:
- Water bars
- Outsloping
- Rock work
- Retaining structures

Individuals may choose to participate in any of the specific skill building exercises, however to qualify as an approved trail maintenance volunteer all skills must be completed and demonstrated after acquiring 50 hours of training.

New in 2012: Volunteer mechanized trail clearing classes!

Learn how to operate weed whips, identify weeds and native plants, and help keep the Preserve trails clear for visitors through the spring.

Orientation class at Portuguese Bend on January 28 from 9am-12pm

Contact Adrienne Bosler at abosler@pvplc.org or (310) 541-7613 x213 to sign up!