

Palos Verdes Peninsula

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You probably think of the Palos Verdes Peninsula as a collection of million-dollar homes on an inaccessible part of the coast. But if you dismiss it as nothing more than a wealthy enclave, you're missing out. P.V. is a nature- and history-lovers' paradise—and you can visit great spots without spending a dime. Bring your jacket and walking shoes; it can get windy, and much of the terrain is rugged.

HIKE Sure, it can cost almost \$400 to play a round at **Trump National Golf Club** ①. But the course also has free, state-mandated public coastal access. Dirt trails lead to a secluded beach, and bluff-top tables provide a perch from which to marvel at Catalina Island. 1 Ocean Trails Drive. (310) 265-5000; trumpnationallosangeles.com. The **Point Vicente Interpretive Center** ② offers similar trails and tables, with a different view. Outside, volunteers track sightings of Pacific gray whales, and inside, artifacts from the late, great Marineland fill one room. 31501 Palos Verdes Drive West. (310) 377-5370.

LEARN Soaring coastal redwoods create a sense of serenity and peace at **Wayfarers Chapel** ③. Designed by Lloyd Wright, commissioned by the Swedenborgian Church, and built in 1951, the chapel is open to the public (unless there's a wedding). 5755 Palos Verdes Drive South. (310) 377-1650; wayfarerschapel.org. The 1930 Mediterranean Revival **Malaga Cove Library** ④ typifies early P.V. architecture with its large windows and high open-beamed ceiling. Sit in the reading room and peruse a newspaper, or take your kids to the cozy young readers' area. 2400 Via Campesina. (310) 377-9584; pvld.org.

EAT You may wonder what's so special about a **Starbucks** ⑤—until you go out on the patio at this one, which offers an unobstructed ocean view. There's also a Subway next door. 31202 Hawthorne Boulevard. (310) 265-7230. Near the library, in **Malaga Cove Plaza** (off Via Chico, one block south of Palos Verdes Drive West), you can pick up made-to-order sandwiches and salads at the **Malaga Cove Café** ⑥ (310-378-5664) or the **Malaga Cove Ranch Market** (310-375-2683). **W**

To visit the Palos Verdes Peninsula, take Interstate 405 to Hawthorne Boulevard (exit 42) and head south about five miles. Free Metropolitan Los Angeles Guide Maps are available at your Auto Club office. For driving directions, go to aaamaps.com.



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