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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.



Photo: Trump National Golf Club



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Please call to check hours and availability of businesses, attractions, and events before you visit. Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, (310) 377-8111; palosverdes.com/pvpcc.

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