

Protection of Endangered Species



San Fernando Valley spineflower



California red-legged frog

Photo credit: Russell Smith



The Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve has been set aside as permanent parkland in large part to provide and maintain protection for the endangered and sensitive species that find their home here. Your cooperation is extremely important so that the California red-legged frog, the San Fernando Valley spineflower, and the many inhabitants of the park may persist and thrive into the future. Observe the signs that indicate closed areas, and use only the designated trails. The spineflower is so tiny that it is hard to see. Horse hooves, bicycles, and even foot traffic can destroy a plant or damage the ability for seeds to germinate. Even non-sensitive species such as Pacific tree frogs and their tadpoles are protected and need to be left alone. Help your children understand that the plants and animals' homes are here in the park, and they mustn't be harmed or taken.

Park Rules

- Park closed from sunset to sunrise unless different hours are otherwise posted
- No smoking or fires
- No alcoholic beverages
- No littering or dumping
- No defacing or destruction of property
- No hunting or fishing
- Possession of dangerous weapons prohibited
- No fireworks
- Bicycles permitted only where posted
- No motorized vehicles
- No camping
- No entry into any area that has been closed to public use
- No entry into closed restoration areas
- Commercial or filming use allowed by permit only
- No nudity or disrobing
- No disruptive conduct
- All vehicles subject to posted traffic control signs
- Parking permitted in designated areas only
- Violations are a misdemeanor or punishable by fine and/imprisonment

Attention Dog Owners

Dogs are permitted only on leash and under owner's immediate control

"Immediate control" means that degree of control that would prevent any uninvited contact between the dog and any person. You must clean up after your pet. Dog feces not only create an aesthetic problem, they also carry pathogens that can harm and even kill native wildlife. Be responsible and clean up after your pet

Please do your part to keep the park a safe and beautiful place for all to enjoy