



Puente Hills Landfill
Native Habitat Preservation Authority

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***Arroyo Pescadero Trailhead
Is Reopened!***

The Arroyo Pescadero 2-mile loop trail was washed out at its halfway point two years ago by storms that qualified for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance. The high storm water velocity blew out the existing road built by one of the oil companies decades ago. In its place is a much more environmentally friendly Arizona Crossing which was recently installed. The concrete crossing will be able to handle future heavy rain events without damaging the roadway while actually befitting the environment. Hikers, dog walkers, equestrians, and nature lovers are now able to use this area, which was previously impassable.

Also, to add to visitors' experience of nature while on the trail, keep an eye out for wildlife tracks in the new cement structure. They are placed there largely with the help of volunteer and President of the Friends of Whittier Hills Gene Foley. He used his expertise with helping to space and place tracks of coyotes, grey fox, deer, mountain lion, and bobcat.

The trail is currently opened, but may be closed for an additional period of one day in the near future to put the finishing touches on the project.

The Habitat Authority manages the land for the City of Whittier. The Habitat Authority is a joint powers authority with a Board of Directors consisting of the City of Whittier, County of Los Angeles, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, and Hacienda Heights Improvement Association. The Habitat Authority came into existence in 1994 as mitigation for the Puente Hills Landfill. It is dedicated to the acquisition, restoration, and management of open space in the Puente Hills for preservation of the land in perpetuity, with the primary purpose to protect the biological diversity. Additionally, the agency will endeavor to provide opportunities for outdoor education and low-impact recreation.

For more information about the Habitat Authority visit www.habitatauthority.org.

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