

## 66 Take care of the land and the land will take care of you.

— Marguerite "Daisy" O'Neill



O'Neill/Moiso family

When you set out to discover the trails at Rancho Mission Viejo, you're entering a world of wonder and discovery. The hundreds of acres of wilderness and permanent open space surrounding The Ranch is The Nature Reserve at Rancho Mission Viejo. It's a habitat reserve—land set aside for the conservation of plant and animal species.

Protecting The Nature Reserve lands is a high priority for the Rancho Mission Viejo family, stewards of this land since 1882. Family matriarch Marguerite "Daisy" O'Neill always encouraged her family to understand that the blessings of landownership come with a responsibility to be a good neighbor, advice which forms the foundation for our Culture of Care. Collectively, we're the stewards of this inspiring open space and its vulnerable native species. Here are a few things to remember when you're out in this very special habitat.

## **MULTI-MODAL NETWORK**

One of the unique features of Rancho Mission Viejo is its extensive network of bike and NEV (Neighborhood Electric Vehicles) pathways connecting neighborhoods to community facilities such as pools, clubhouses and parks, retail centers such as Sendero Marketplace and Los Patrones Summit and the County's regional trail network. The multipurpose pathway is designed for the use of NEVs/ LSVs (not golf carts) that meet certain safety standards in accordance with the California Vehicle Code and that are registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Residents interested in using the entirety of the multi-modal network should use the approved licensed vehicles (NEVs/LSVs). For more information, please visit RMVRanchLife.com.



## **HAPPY TRAILS!**

The walking, hiking and biking trails are part of the larger Ranch-wide trail system which provides passage throughout each village and links the noncontiguous villages and its amenities. These trails connect with hiking/biking trails accessing select Reserve Land trails and a County Regional trails network (leading from O'Neill Regional Park into San Juan Capistrano and down to Doheny State Beach). Additional regional trails are planned.

For bikers, remember these safe cycling tips:

- Use proper bike etiquette and yield to all pedestrians.
- Stop for all stop signs and signal your turns.
- Travel with the flow of traffic.
- When riding on the street, stay in the right lane or in the bike lane.

## ABOUT THE NATURE RESERVE AT RANCHO MISSION VIEJO

Management of the Reserve Lands includes scientific monitoring and on-going restoration projects. The Nature Reserve provides opportunities for residents and guests of this area to connect with and explore all nature has to offer through recreational, educational and stewardship programs. To find out about access to Nature Reserve hikes, access days, and volunteer opportunities, please visit TheNatureReserve.org.



**NOTICE**: The areas around the trails are home to a number of wild animals (e.g., mountain lions, coyotes and rattlesnakes) that could cause harm to individuals using the trails. Trail users may also encounter a variety of hazardous conditions during their visit - including uneven surfaces, plants with spines and quickly changing weather conditions. Rancho Mission Viejo assumes no risk for the safe condition of any trail or facility whatsoever. Trail users are solely responsible for risks encountered and their own health and safety. Rancho Mission Viejo expressly disclaims any and all responsibility for any injuries that may occur as a result of any entry onto the trails or adjoining lands.