# **Trail Descriptions**

# West Ridge Loop

(Oakridge Trail) – 2.7 mile loop. This single track trail climbs switchbacks across from kiosk. At the intersection, the trail goes right. The trail comes to a residential area where it crosses the cul-de-sac, continues down an asphalt road for 350 yards, then returns to a single track trail on the left side (turn left on single track trail). It continues in and out of canyons back to the intersection. The trail contains some off-camber single track, tight turns, some steep exposure, moderate climbing and downhills.

# **East Canyon Loop**

(Little Live Oak Canyon) – 1.25 mile loop. This is a reasonably flat trail with one wash crossing and one short steep downhill near the end. Head south from kiosk and take first left. Look for sign after  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile and head left. The land beyond this intersection is private so please stay on the trail. After another  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, the trail bears right to a left turn down a steep but short, rutted descent, then to the white fence. Head left again back to the parking lot.

#### Overlook Trail

Out and back 2.5 miles. Follow East Canyon Loop but do not take second left. Continue 200 yards to steep but short ascent on right. At the top of the ascent, turn right. At 200 yards turn left to overlook point and bench. The Crest Trail continuing west is steep and slippery, and creates extreme erosion and crosses a sensitive habitat area, and is closed to all users.

### Rattlesnake Loops

3.8 miles for all three loops returning on Prairie Trail. Loop A is 1.5 miles, add Loop B for a total of 2.63 miles. The trail starts at a junction 100 yards past the kiosk on the right. There are 3 loops, A, B, and C. Each loop has gradual climbs and descents into and out of the canyons. The Loops connect with the Prairie Trail, on which you can return to the Gateway Connector back to the kiosk and parking lot.

#### **Prarie Trail**

Out and back to the west property line (step over gate at Live Oak Canyon Road) 2.0 miles. This is the "return trail" for each of the Rattlesnake Loops. Gentle descent going and gentle ascent returning.

#### Jacinto Loop

2.8 mile through loop and back to the parking lot. This trail follows the directions to the Overlook Trail but goes left at the top of the steep ascent. The Loop is best done in a clockwise direction. After 200 yards on the ridge, a junction heads right, but continue straight for .25 miles. The trail drops to the right on a ridge, then down a couple of switchbacks. Continue back up a steady climb, through a small stand of oaks to the junction. Head left to return. This trail is the most difficult to maintain, so may still have grasses growing on it and may be "bumpy," but it can be easily walked by people and horses, and ridden by experienced mountain bikers.

### **Gateway Connector**

Out and back 1.2 miles. This double track trail goes through "The Prairie", and bears southwest to Live Oak Canyon Road, to the west side of the bridge. Turning east across the bridge and 200 yards down Live Oak Canyon Road is the Gateway Ranch. Gateway Ranch is being developed into an Education Center with demonstration gardens and a staging area for equestrians and hikers to access trails south into the Riverside County open spaces and State Park land. A trail across the creek canyon, under the bridge, is in development.

Note: All distances are approximations based on returning to the Oakmont Park parking area. These are tri-use trails for hikers, bikers, and equestrians. Observe right-of-way protocols as posted on trail signs. Bikers are strongly encouraged to pick-up a bike bell provided near the kiosk. Please return them before leaving the area for others to use.

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# Herngt 'Aki' Preserve

Trails throughout this preserve have been used for hundreds of years by regional Native Americans, and since the mid-1800s by Spanish, Mexican, and Anglo ranchers and travelers. They show up in the 1938 aerial photograph by San Bernardino County, and on the 1941 map by civil engineer Isaac Ford, who commented that the area at one time was covered by oak trees all the way through the Yucaipa Valley. A 341-acre site acquired by the City of Redlands between 2012 and 2015, Herngt 'Aki' Preserve was named by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. According to local stories, the Indians' name sake, San Manuel, called the area Herngt 'Aki', which means Rattlesnake House, to acknowledge the presence of a significant population of rattlesnakes in the area. Most of the land's habitat has been compromised over the past 200 years as a result of dry-land farming and grazing, but several areas of native habitat still exist. Redlands Conservancy holds a conservation easement on the entire site.

*Information & Trail Map* 

