Aviara Trail System

The Aviara trail system is one of the most diverse trail systems in the city offering a variety of nature experiences to trail users. The trail names reflect a specific characteristic unique to that particular trail.

Golf View Trail

This trail is not a long trail but has beautiful views of the Aviara Golf course and a water feature with seasonal flowers and water fowl. Access is located at Ambrosia Lane at the top of the hill across from Aviara Oaks Middle School. The trail has a few steep climbs that give challenge to trail hikers and also has commanding views of the golf course, eucalyptus trees and chaparral.

Black Sage Trail

This trail gets its name from the native sage plant found in much of the coastal sage scrub that is along the trail and growing in the canyons adjacent to it. This trail can be accessed off of Docena Drive and offers long views to the east toward San Marcos and to the south towards Encinitas and the hills beyond, as far as Black Mountain.

Salt Marsh Trail

This trail is located in low-lying areas of the Aviara residential community, and the south end of the trail offers a viewpoint at the east end of the Batiquitos Lagoon slopes. Much of the vegetation along the trail consists of shrubs and flowers that are indicative of salt marsh areas of the watershed that lead to the lagoon.

Eucalyptus Trail

As the name suggests, there are many groves of eucalyptus trees to walk through on this trail. This is one of the longest of the trails (two miles) in the Aviara trail system and offers a variety of steep topography with high points that cover breathtaking views of the Batiquitos Lagoon and ocean beyond.

Citywide Trail System

The goal of the citywide trails program is to meet the changing and emerging leisure and quality of life needs of Carlsbad residents, while supporting the protection and preservation of open spaces and connecting communities.

Leave your car behind and take a bike route or trail instead. The city's trails provide a comprehensive network for non-motorized transportation routes, connecting neighborhoods to commercial and business areas, schools, parks and Carlsbad beaches.

Volunteer Opportunities

Join the many dedicated community members who care deeply about citywide trails. Citywide trail volunteers are critical for preserving, maintaining, protecting, developing and operating trails in Carlsbad for public use. Volunteers meet on a quarterly basis. It's a great way to have fun, keep fit and learn about our unique environment – all while making a lasting contribution that will benefit the community for generations to come.

If you would like to become a trail volunteer, please contact our Community Volunteer Coordinator at 760-434-2929, or sign up at volunteerincarlsbad.net.

Driving Directions

- I-5 to Poinsettia Lane exit
- East on Poinsettia Lane to Batiquitos Drive
- Right on Batiquitos Drive
- Continue about 1/2 mile to first parking lot (2 are available)

Parking for the Lagoon Trail is available along Batiquitos Drive or at the end of Gabbiano Lane, at the west end of the lagoon trail system.

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Trail Use Regulations

1. Stay on the designated trail. CPC 602
2. Put litter in containers provided. Do not leave or deposit any litter. CMC 11.32.030(1)
3. Pick up after your pet. CMC 7.08.010, SDCC 62.670
4. All pets must be on a hand-held leash under 6' long. CMC Sec. 7.08.010, SDCC Sec. 62.669
5. Bicycle riders 17 years and younger must wear a helmet. CVC 21212
6. Bicycles should be driven at safe speeds considering all other trail users. No bikes allowed on the Batiquitos Lagoon Trail.
7. Ride or walk on right side when traffic is coming from the opposite direction or when someone signals they would like to pass.
8. Motorized vehicles and horses are not allowed on this trail. CMC Secs. 11.32.030(11), 11.32.030(19)
9. No smoking, fires or firearms. CMC Secs. 11.32.030(2), 11.32.030(4), 11.32.110
10. Report accidents or emergencies to the Police Department (dial 9-1-1).
11. Report trails maintenance problems or vandalism to the Parks Maintenance division at 760-434-2824.
12. Report emergencies or violations of the above rules and regulations to the 24-hour police dispatch line 760-931-2197.

Important Phone Numbers

Police & Fire (Emergencies Only)	9-1-1
24-Hour Non-Emergency	760-931-2197
Parks Division (Trail Maintenance)	760-434-2824
Graffiti Removal	760-434-6700
Parks & Recreation Administration	760-434-2826

Trail Highlights

The Lagoon trail is the most popular trail in the area and provides a wonderful nature experience, being so close to the water. Egrets, raptors, herons and many other water foul and migrating birds call this home in the winter months. You won't be disappointed when you hike this trail and experience the opportunity to see some of these magnificent birds in their natural environment. This trail is approximately two miles long and parallels the lagoon's north shore. This trail is not as topographically challenging as some of the others in Carlsbad's trail network and offers the opportunity to visit the lagoon's nature center with an interpretive learning experience for all ages (No bikes are allowed on the Batiquitos Lagoon Trail).