

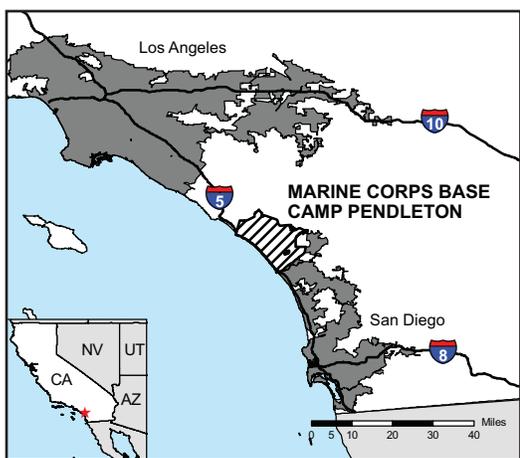


U.S. MARINE CORPS :

MCB CAMP PENDLETON : CALIFORNIA



One of the last remaining open spaces on the Southern California coast, Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Pendleton provides a critical training area and base of operations for the Western U.S. and Pacific theater. Home to the Marine Corps' only West Coast amphibious assault training center and one of the Department of Defense's busiest installations, Camp Pendleton hosts one of only three Marine Expeditionary Forces strategically positioned for global missions. The base provides diverse training opportunities while playing a critical ecological role—



it has some of the last remaining habitat for several threatened and endangered species.

Continuous growth in San Diego, Riverside, and Orange Counties, meanwhile, threatens the open space habitat near Camp Pendleton. Through their REPI partnering efforts, local land trusts are acquiring lands and the base is receiving easements to help

protect a critical wildlife corridor that provides connectivity essential to ensuring the long-term viability of installation wildlife populations. The corridor limits further fragmentation and isolation of base-managed populations of sensitive species, while a crediting system for habitat restoration eases on-base training restrictions.

This project continues Camp Pendleton's efforts to coordinate encroachment relief with various regional planning efforts, while providing multiple secondary benefits, such as preserving water quality and flow in the Santa Margarita River watershed and passive recreational opportunities.



Coastal mountains provide habitat and training (top). Amphibious training at Camp Pendleton's beaches (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- Buena Vista Audubon Society
- California Wildlife Conservation Board
- Endangered Habitats Conservancy
- Escondido Creek Conservancy
- Fallbrook Land Conservancy
- Land Veritas
- Riverside County
- Riverside Land Conservancy
- San Diego Association of Governments
- San Diego County
- The Conservation Fund
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Trust For Public Land
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Warner Springs Range Habitat and Cultural Conservancy
- Western Rivers Conservancy
- Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority
- Wildlands Incorporated

FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2015

- » Acres preserved: **1,700**
- » Transactions conducted: **7**
- » Total funds expended: **\$6.5 million**
- » Project status: **In Progress**

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BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Enhances existing regional planning efforts
- Provides public recreational opportunities
- Preserves habitat for species

MILITARY

- Preserves on-installation live-fire and maneuver training capacity
- Protects capacity for future growth in training requirements