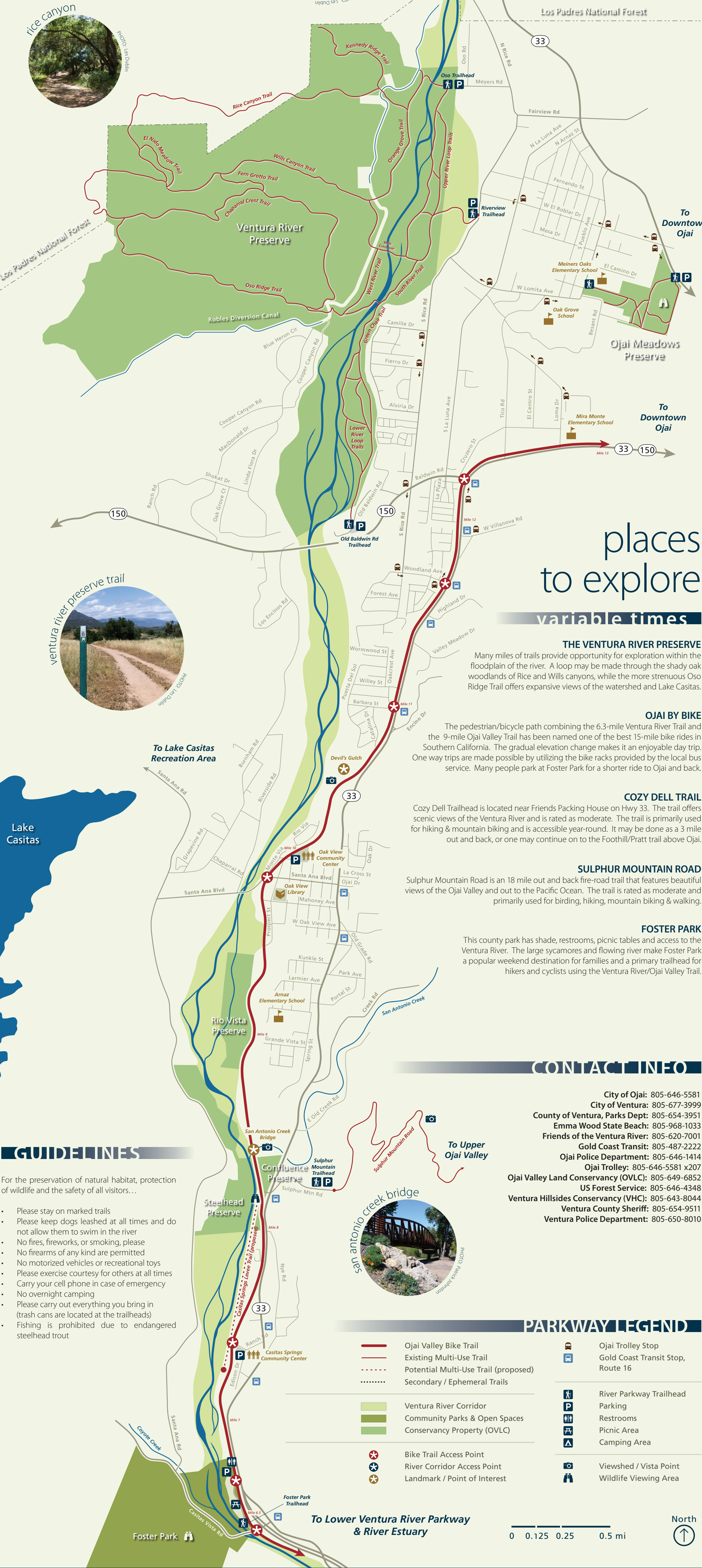


guide to the upper ventura river parkway

The **Ojai Valley Trail** winds 9 miles through wooded areas near the river from Foster Park to the City of Ojai. One side of the trail is paved for bicyclists, walkers, and runners. A fence separates the paved path from an adjacent dirt bridle path for horseback riders. Some sections of the Ojai Valley Trail parallel Hwy 33, while others wind through wooded areas and along riverbeds.

The **Ventura River Preserve** includes three miles of the Ventura River and over 1500 acres of the surrounding ridges and canyons. Hiking, horseback and bicycle riding, dog walking, birdwatching, photography, and just enjoying wild open spaces are among the many recreational activities the preserve has to offer. The preserve is one of several areas owned and managed by the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy (OVLC).

For more information visit: www.ovlc.org



places to explore

THE VENTURA RIVER PRESERVE
Many miles of trails provide opportunity for exploration within the floodplain of the river. A loop may be made through the shady oak woodlands of Rice and Wills canyons, while the more strenuous Oso Ridge Trail offers expansive views of the watershed and Lake Casitas.

OJAI BY BIKE
The pedestrian/bicycle path combining the 6.3-mile Ventura River Trail and the 9-mile Ojai Valley Trail has been named one of the best 15-mile bike rides in Southern California. The gradual elevation change makes it an enjoyable day trip. One way trips are made possible by utilizing the bike racks provided by the local bus service. Many people park at Foster Park for a shorter ride to Ojai and back.

COZY DELL TRAIL
Cozy Dell Trailhead is located near Friends Packing House on Hwy 33. The trail offers scenic views of the Ventura River and is rated as moderate. The trail is primarily used for hiking & mountain biking and is accessible year-round. It may be done as a 3 mile out and back, or one may continue on to the Foothill/Pratt trail above Ojai.

SULPHUR MOUNTAIN ROAD
Sulphur Mountain Road is an 18 mile out and back fire-road trail that features beautiful views of the Ojai Valley and out to the Pacific Ocean. The trail is rated as moderate and primarily used for birding, hiking, mountain biking & walking.

FOSTER PARK
This county park has shade, restrooms, picnic tables and access to the Ventura River. The large sycamores and flowing river make Foster Park a popular weekend destination for families and a primary trailhead for hikers and cyclists using the Ventura River/Ojai Valley Trail.

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PARKWAY LEGEND

- Ojai Valley Bike Trail
- Existing Multi-Use Trail
- Potential Multi-Use Trail (proposed)
- Secondary / Ephemeral Trails
- Ventura River Corridor
- Community Parks & Open Spaces
- Conservancy Property (OVLC)
- Bike Trail Access Point
- River Corridor Access Point
- Landmark / Point of Interest
- Ojai Trolley Stop
- Gold Coast Transit Stop, Route 16
- River Parkway Trailhead
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Picnic Area
- Camping Area
- Viewshed / Vista Point
- Wildlife Viewing Area

GUIDELINES

For the preservation of natural habitat, protection of wildlife and the safety of all visitors...

- Please stay on marked trails
- Please keep dogs leashed at all times and do not allow them to swim in the river
- No fires, fireworks, or smoking, please
- No firearms of any kind are permitted
- No motorized vehicles or recreational toys
- Please exercise courtesy for others at all times
- Carry your cell phone in case of emergency
- No overnight camping
- Please carry out everything you bring in (trash cans are located at the trailheads)
- Fishing is prohibited due to endangered steelhead trout

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