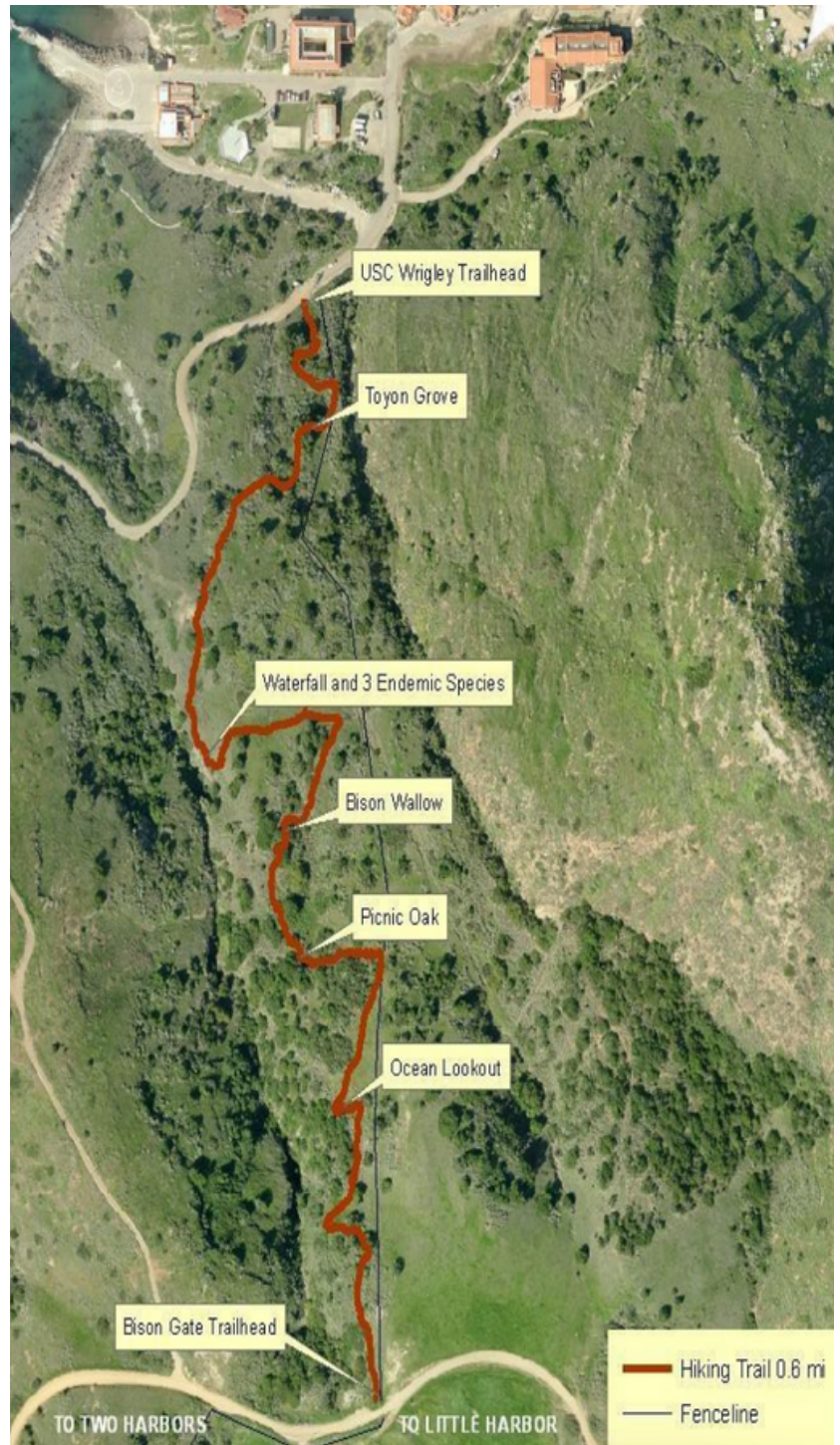


Deer Valley Trail

The Deer Valley Trail is one of two hiking trails on the Wrigley Marine Science Center campus. This trail will take you through an island chaparral and grassland ecosystem. Be on the lookout for wildlife such as the Catalina quail and Catalina Island fox as you hike.

The trail connects to the main road. It is about 3/4 of a mile long and has a north-facing slope. It was designed to be sustainable and low-impact in order to preserve the natural ecosystem and to prevent soil erosion that would affect the stability of the trail.

On the hike, you might encounter low hanging branches and may feel as though you are crawling through tunnels. The footpath may even seem a bit narrow, compared to other trails. These features were designed into the trail to keep it as natural and wild as possible.



Look out for

Prickly pear cactus
Rattlesnakes
Loose substrate
High sun exposure

Bring along

Water
Closed-toe shoes
Sun protection
Communication device

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Blue Cavern Trail

The Blue Cavern Trail is one of two trails on the Wrigley Marine Science Center campus. The trail overlooks the Blue Cavern State Marine Conservation Area. One of nine marine protected areas on the island, Blue Cavern is protected from the impacts of fishing and harvesting. The conservation of such ecosystems is critical for the future health of our ocean. As you hike, look down on the water to see floating canopies of giant kelp, bright orange Garibaldi (our state marine fish), and curious harbor seals.

This 3/4-mile loop begins at the top of campus just past the Boone Center. A dirt road will take you through our storage area, where you will see the start of the trail on the left. A little higher up, take the branch on the right to hike to the overlook above Blue Cavern Point. Make your way back to the trail and follow the ridge until you see a trail marker on the left. This will guide you back down to campus.



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