

CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY

Fact Sheet



Our mission is to be a responsible steward of our lands through a balance of conservation, education and recreation.

FACTS AT A GLANCE

One of the oldest land trusts in California, founded in 1972	Recording the largest population to date of the endemic Catalina Island fox at approximately 2,047 individuals
Protecting 88 percent (42,000+ acres) of Catalina Island, including more than 62 miles of secluded beaches and coves	Welcoming one million visitors to Catalina Island and 375,000 estimated visitors to the Trailhead per year
Home to 60+ endemic plant, animal and insect species found nowhere else in the world	Maintaining 165 miles of recreational trails and roads for public use, including the 38.5-mile Trans-Catalina Trail
Supported by 3,000+ Conservancy members	Leading in conservation programs that protect and restore endangered species and threatened habitats

KEY PROGRAMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Trailhead New, more prominently located visitor center opening in 2018, providing Catalina Island visitors and residents with information and opportunities to understand and explore the Island's interior

NatureWorks Conservancy's K-12 innovative, hands-on programs educate youth about the Island and environment through formal, classroom lessons and non-formal outdoor experiences to deliver nature-based engagement and experiential learning

Naturalist Training Enhances visitor experience by spreading in-depth environmental and conservation education and guidance related to the Island and its natural history and unique ecology

Infrastructure Maintaining over 200 miles of roads and trails, operating a large fleet of vehicles and heavy equipment and managing various commercial and residential properties across the Island

Eco Tours Led by certified interpretive guides, these open-air vehicle tours offer the farthest-reaching and most interactive excursions into Catalina's wildlands

Trekking Catalina New master trails system that included the introduction of 27 miles of new and expanded trails and seven waterless restrooms, improving the recreational experience for visitors hiking, biking or camping

Wrigley Memorial & Botanic Garden Iconic landmark of Catalina featuring the breathtaking views and famed Catalina tile of the Wrigley Memorial adjacent to the popular Botanic Garden showcasing a collection of rare Channel Island plant species

Airport in the Sky Located 10 miles from the city of Avalon and occupying a 1,602-foot-tall mountaintop, the Airport in the Sky is a unique destination accessible by private aircraft, bicycle, Wildlands Express or on foot

Wildlife Conservation Protecting and restoring endangered species and threatened habitats, including the recovery of the Island fox, acting to limit the size and impact of over 115 bison and avian research and efforts

Catalina Island Fox Upgraded the status of the Catalina Island fox from Federally Endangered to Threatened after implementing a program for recovery with the Institute for Wildlife Studies when the population neared extinction

CHIRP The Conservancy's Catalina Habitat Improvement and Restoration Program (CHIRP) restores and protects Catalina Island's unique ecosystems by planting native plants and managing the spread of invasive species

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