



Events Schedule

Volunteer Projects

Friends Restoration Projects in Black Mtn. Open Space Park

Planting season is over, but watering and weeding season is upon us. We'll contact you up when it's time. Let us know if you want on the call list. Email Mike at kelly.mike8388@gmail.com.

Surveys for Oak Trees Infected with or Dying from the Gold Spotted Oak Borer

Our Coast Live Oaks, especially the biggest, most mature ones, are under attack from this invasive borer. Already tens of thousands of oaks have died in Julian, Marian Bear Park, other parks and now Peñasquitos Canyon. Dozens of our biggest trees have already died. Surveys are being conducted by the Friends to identify where treatments should be applied to prevent further die offs. The City is preparing to treat the diseased trees and ones close to them. If you want to be trained to join the surveys email Mike Kelly at kelly.mike8388@gmail.com.

Ranger John's Graffiti Warriors

Sun., April 8; May 13; June 10: 8:30 – noon. Join Ranger John Garwood for trash cleanups and other types of projects. Meet at the Ranger Station, 12005 Black Mtn. Rd., SD 92129.

Ranger Melanie's Peñasquitos Canyon Restoration Project, Peñasquitos Preserve

Sat., Apr. 21, May 19, June 16: 9-12. Join City Ranger Melanie Fontana in restoring wildlife habitat sites. Get on the list for the meeting place at: mfontana@sandiego.gov.

Ranger John's Environmental Projects

Sun., April 22; May 27; June 24: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Join Ranger John Garwood for trash cleanups and other types of projects. Meet at the Ranger Station, 12005 Black Mtn. Rd., SD 92129.



Coast live oak killed by the Gold Spotted Oak Borer

Walks

April

Crest Canyon Wildflower Hike

Sun., April 15: 2 p.m.
Join a Park Ranger for an exploration of Crest Canyon Open Space Park. Learn how to identify unique native plants, visit a habitat restoration site, and discover how you can get involved in projects in your parks. This easy, 2 mile hike has an elevation gain/loss of 200 feet on sandy and uneven surfaces. Please bring water, sun

protection and sturdy shoes. Meet at the trailhead at 2701 Racetrack View Dr., Del Mar, CA 92014.

Flower Walk on Doug Hill, Santa Luz

Sun., April 22, 9–11 a.m.

Join Native Plant Society and Friends Board Member Beth Mather for this flower walk. You'll also see native plant restoration sites along the way. The hike is about half a mile each way with an elevation gain of about 200 feet at Doug Hill itself. Bring water and sturdy shoes. Meet at the NE corner of Black Mtn. Ranch Park at 14700 Carmel Valley Rd., SD 92129.



Gold Spotted Oak Borer has killed dozens of oaks in Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve.

Camino Ruiz Rim to the Creek Hike w Les Braund

Saturday, April 28, 8 – 10 a.m.

Join naturalist Les Braund for a new hike location, leaving from Camino Ruiz Park. Most of the hike is in the shade of tall Chaparral vegetation and follows a switchback trail from the rim of the canyon down to the valley floor and stream side. See uncommon native plants such as the Summer holly shrub and others. Les says this is one of the most beautiful walks he's knows of. The park is located at the junction of Camino Ruiz and Calle Cristobal in Mira Mesa.

Herb Walk on Carmel Mtn. w Will Bowen

Sunday, April 29, 4–6 p.m.

Learn to identify the different trees, plants, and shrubs of Carmel Mtn. Nature Preserve. Find out how they were used for food and medicine by Native American people, Spanish, and Anglo American settlers. End up with a grasp of the native flora. Meet at trailhead at Fairport Way and Shorepointe Way, Carmel Valley 92130.

Full Moon Hike

Sun., Apr. 29, 7 p.m.

Join a Park Ranger for a hike at Black Mtn. to view the full moon and learn about natural and cultural resources. We will be hiking a total of 4 miles on rocky, steep and uneven surfaces with an elevation gain of 900 feet. Bring a flashlight, warm clothes, water and sturdy shoes. Leashed, friendly dogs are welcome. Meet at Hilltop Community Park, 9711 Oviedo Way, San Diego, CA 92129.

May

Friends of Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Board of Directors bimonthly meeting.

Tues., May 1, 7–8:30 p.m.

Members and other visitors are welcome to observe the meeting. Meet at the historic ranch house located on Canyonside Park Driveway off 12020 Black Mountain Rd., San Diego 92129 between Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos.

Wildflower Walk on the Old Stagecoach Road in Sabre Springs.

Sat., May 12, 9–11 am.

Join naturalist Mike Kelly to hike one of the most diverse habitats in Peñasquitos Preserve. See wildflowers and learn about the old Poway Stage Coach road that still winds around the hills of Sabre Springs. Learn about the Indian village sites in the area. Meet at the trailhead gate on the south side of Sabre Springs Parkway, near Spring Water Pl.

Torrey Pines Loop Trail Hike

Sun., May 13, 9 a.m.

Take a hike with a Ranger in beautiful Gonzalez Canyon. On this intermediate, 3 mile hike we will learn about plant communities, Kumeyaay ethnobotany, and local geology. This 3 mile hike has an elevation gain/loss of 300 feet on some-



Removing the bark reveals the damage done to the tree by the borer which eats the cambium tissue critical to the tree's health.

times steep, rocky and uneven surfaces. Please bring water, sun protection, and sturdy shoes. Meet at Torrey Highlands Park, 4450 Lansdale Dr., San Diego, CA 92130. Look for the trailhead near the Dog Park.

Camino Ruiz Rim to the Creek Hike w Les Braund
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Join naturalist Les Braund for a new hike location, leaving from Camino Ruiz Park. Most of the hike is in the shade of tall Chaparral vegetation and follows a switchback trail from the rim of the canyon down to the valley floor and stream side. See uncommon native plants such as the Summer holly shrub and others. Les says this is one of the most beautiful walks he's knows of. The park is located at the junction of Camino Ruiz and Calle Cristobal in Mira Mesa. No reservations necessary unless bringing a larger group.

Crest Canyon Wildflower Hike
Sun., May 27: 2 p.m.

Join a Park Ranger for an exploration of Crest Canyon Open Space Park. Learn how to identify

unique native plants, visit a habitat restoration site, and discover how you can get involved in projects in your parks. This easy, 2 mile hike has an elevation gain/loss of 200 feet on sandy and uneven surfaces. Please bring water, sun protection and sturdy shoes. Meet at the trailhead at 2701 Racetrack View Dr., Del Mar, CA 92014.

Herb Walk in Lopez Canyon w Will Bowen
Sunday, May 27, 5-7 p.m.

Learn to identify the different trees, plants, and shrubs of Lopez Canyon. Find out how they were used for food and medicine by Native American people, Spanish, and Anglo American settlers. End up with a grasp of the native flora. Meet at the West End Parking Staging Area, 4300 Sorrento Valley Blvd.

June

Wildlife Night Hike with Mike Kelly Sat., June 9, 7:15 p.m.

A moderately paced walk on flat ground. Do bring insect repellent and a flashlight. Enjoy the

Preserve at night. On past walks we've seen Mule Deer, bats, tarantulas, owls, and more. Meet at the kiosk near the corner of Park Village Road and Camino del Sur Rd. in Rancho Peñasquitos, 92129.

Camino Ruiz Rim to the Creek Hike w Les Braund
Sat., June 16, 8 – 10 a.m.

Join naturalist Les Braund for a new hike location, leaving from Camino Ruiz Park. Most of the hike is in the shade of tall Chaparral vegetation and follows a switchback trail from the rim of the canyon down to the valley floor and stream side. See uncommon native plants such as the Summer holly shrub and others. Les says this is one of the most beautiful walks he's knows. The park is located at the junction of Camino Ruiz and Calle Cristobal in Mira Mesa.

Birding with all Your Senses w Jeanie Anderson

Sat., June 23, meet 7:45, Hike 8 – 10 am.

Join Ornithologist Jeanie Anderson on a path in the canyon with many birds both visible and calling. Bring sturdy shoes, binoculars and cover-ups. Handouts and checklists will be provided. Meet at the west end of Canyonside Park Driveway, 1 block west of Black Mtn. Rd. at the Preserve sign at the beginning of the white ranch house fence. 12350 Black Mtn. Rd. Rancho Peñasquitos, 92129.

Herb Walk in Peñasquitos Canyon w Will Bowen

Sunday, June 24, 5-7 p.m.

Learn to identify the different trees, plants, and shrubs of the west end of Peñasquitos Canyon. Find out how they were used for food and medicine by Native American people, Spanish, and Anglo American settlers. End up with a grasp of the native flora. Meet at 4206 Sorrento Valley Blvd in Sorrento Valley.

Full "Strawberry" Moon Hike

Wed., June 27, 7:30 p.m.

Join a Park Ranger for a hike at Black Mtn. to view the full "Strawberry" moon and learn about natural and cultural resources. We will be hiking a total of 4 miles on rocky, steep and uneven surfaces with an elevation gain of 900 feet. Bring a flashlight, warm clothes, water and sturdy shoes. Leashed, friendly dogs are welcome. Meet at Hilltop Community Park, 9711 Oviedo Way, San Diego, CA 92129.

Special Events

Free Wildlife Survey Class

Sat., April 21, 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

This free course prepares you to participate in surveys that monitor wildlife in San Diego's major open space preserves. You will learn about conservation, habitat fragmentation, basic track and scat identification, data collection protocols, and survey transects. Upon completing the class, you will be eligible to join experienced trackers on SDTT's wildlife surveys throughout San Diego County. **Cost: Free** Check-in: 7:45 to 8 a.m.

Location: The Ranch House in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, 12122 Canyonside Park Drive, San Diego, CA 92129. Please RSVP at sdttinfo@gmail.com.

Every Month

A Tour for All People

Sat., Apr. 15 & May 12, & Sun. June 10: 9:30 a.m.

Join a Park Ranger for a tour of the Jas Arnold Trail for All People, San Diego's first wheelchair-accessible hiking trail. On this ¼ mile loop trail participants will learn about native plants, wildlife, and the geology of Black Mtn. Open Space Park. This free event is accessible for those with mobility issues and people of all ages and abilities. Leashed, friendly dogs are welcome.

Meet at the Miner's Ridge Loop Parking Area, 14895 Carmel Valley Road, near Valle del Sur Ct., San Diego, 92129. Call Ranger Office for more information (858) 538-8021. *Rain cancels.

Every Saturday & Sunday

Historic Adobe Ranch Tour

Saturdays at 11 a.m, Sundays at 1 p.m.

San Diego County Park docents lead a free guided tour of San Diego's second oldest standing residence, Rancho Santa Maria de los Peñasquitos. See an historic Mexican rancho with three foot thick adobe walls, settler and Indian artifacts and tour the grounds. The ranch house is located on Canyonside Park Driveway off 12020 Black Mountain Rd., San Diego 92129 between Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos.

For more information about walks or events visit

www.penasquitos.org or contact Mike Kelly at kelly.mike8388@gmail.com.