



## Revised Events Schedule with New Hike

### 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](mailto:kelly.mike8388@gmail.com).

#### **Ranger John's Graffiti Warriors**

Sun., August 12; September 9: 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., September 15: 9-12.

Join City Ranger Melanie Fontana in restoring wildlife habitat sites. Get on the list for the meeting place at: [mfontana@sandiego.gov](mailto:mfontana@sandiego.gov).

#### **Ranger John's Environmental Projects**

Sun., August 26; September 23: 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.

### Walks

#### August

#### **Searching for Owls & Other Night Creatures w Brian Swanson**

Friday, August 10, 7:30 – 9:15 p.m. Increase your nocturnal knowledge as we experience the preserve after dark. We'll be listening and looking for our tiny Western Screech owls, as well as other creatures which prefer to forage in the dark. Bring a flashlight, sturdy shoes,

and insect spray. Mostly flat, not suitable for pets or strollers. 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.

#### **Camino Ruiz Rim to the Creek Hike w Les Braund** Saturday, August 11 8 – 10 a.m.

Join naturalist Les Braund for a 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.

#### **Crest Canyon Hike**

Sunday, Aug. 12, 9 a.m.

Join a Park Ranger for an exploration of Crest Canyon Open Space Park. We'll enjoy the Torrey Pine trees and learn how to identify unique native plants in beautiful Crest Canyon. 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.

#### **Wildlife Night Hike with Mike Kelly**

Saturday, August 18, 6:45 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.

### **Full Moon Night Walk w Will Bowen**

Saturday, August 25, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

A walk in the canyon at night under the light of the moon. It's an unusual and peaceful place filled with many wonders. Where all the senses are enriched. Orb spider architects build beautiful webs across the trail. Owls and bats fly overhead, while crickets and cicadas soothe with sound. The moon, stars, and constellations are there for contemplation. Bring a flashlight, water, and insect repellent. Meet at the parking lot at 4206 Sorrento Valley Blvd.

### **Full "Sturgeon" Moon Hike**

Sun., Aug. 26, 6:45 p.m.

Join a Park Ranger for a hike at Black Mtn. to view the full "Sturgeon" moon. We'll learn about astronomy, moon myths, and folklore. 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.

## **September**

### **Searching for Owls & Other Night Creatures w Brian Swanson**

Saturday, Sept. 1, 7:15 – 9:00 p.m.

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### **Miner's Ridge Loop Hike**

Sunday, September 9, 9:00 a.m.

Join a Park Ranger for a hike on the Miner's Ridge Loop Trail and the Lilac Canyon Trail. On this intermediate 4 mile loop participants will learn about native plants, wildlife and the geology of Black Mountain Open Space Park. Bring plenty of water, sun protection and sturdy shoes. Meet at the Miner's Ridge Loop Parking Area, 14895 Carmel Valley Road, near Valle Del Sur Ct., San Diego, 92129.

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### **Birding with all Your Senses w Jeanie Anderson**

Sat., September 22, meet 7:45 a.m., 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.

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### **South Clevenger Canyon Hike**

Sunday, September 23rd at 9:30 am

Let's take a hike on an uncrowded trail with fantastic views of the San Pasqual Valley! This area has interesting geology, flora and fauna as well. This hike has an elevation gain of approximately 900 vertical feet on uneven and sometimes steep surfaces. This is a remote location, bring plenty of water, sun protection, snacks, and sturdy shoes. Meet at South Clevenger Trail, 18259-18313 CA-78, Escondido, CA 92025

### **Wildlife Night Hike with Mike Kelly**

**Saturday, September 29, 6 p.m.**

Moderately paced walk on flat ground. Bring insect repellent and a flashlight. Enjoy 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.

## **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.

## **Recurring Events**

### **Friends of Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Board of Directors bimonthly meeting.**

Tues., Sept. 4, 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

