



Events Schedule

Volunteer

Friends Restoration Project in Black Mtn. Open Space Park

Sun., Mar. 11, Mar. 25: 1 – 4 p.m.. Join the Friends in continuing our wildlife habitat restoration in the Santa Luz Grasslands of Black Mtn. Open Space. We'll be preparing planting sites for the coming season. Meet in the north-east corner of Black Mtn. Ranch Community Park at 14700 Carmel Valley Rd., Rancho Peñasquitos Park, SD 92029.

Ranger John's Graffiti Warriors

Sun., Mar. 11: 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., Mar. 18: 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., Mar. 25: 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.

March

South Clevenger Canyon Hike

Sun., Mar. 4, 9:30 a.m.

Let's take a hike on an uncrowded trail with

Projects

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, snacks, sun protection, and sturdy shoes. Meet at South Clevenger Trail, 18259-18313 CA-78, Escondido, CA 92025.

Friends of Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Board of Directors bimonthly meeting.

Tues., Mar. 6, 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.

Tadpole & Fairy Shrimp Hike w Will Bowen

Sunday, Mar. 11, 4–6 p.m.

Hike the Carmel Mtn. mesa top to look for and learn about fairy shrimp, tree frog tadpoles, and spadefoot toad tadpoles — the short term inhabitants of the ephemeral rain pools and road puddles of early spring. Learn about their life cycles and behaviors. Meet at Fairport Way and Shorepointe Way, Carmel Valley 92130.

Camino Ruiz Rim to the Creek Hike w Les Braund

Sat., Mar. 17, 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.

Lagoon Trail Wildflower Walk

Sun., Mar. 18, 9:30 a.m.

Take a hike with a Ranger to search for wildflowers in beautiful Gonzales Canyon. On this easy, 2 mile hike we will learn about plant communities and plant families and seek out unique varieties of local flora. Bring water, sun protection, and sturdy shoes Meet at the Sword Way Trailhead, Sword Way at Winstanley Way, San Diego, CA 92130. Leashed, friendly dogs are welcome on this hike.

Birding with all Your Senses w Jeanie Anderson

Sat., Mar. 24, 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.

El Cuervo Adobe History Hike

Sun., Mar. 25, 4–6 p.m.

Hike into the west end of Peñasquitos Canyon for an intimate look at the ruins of El Cuervo (the crow) Adobe which was built by the Alvarado family. Includes a short side hike to examine Norwood Brown's old roundup corral and to discuss the impact of cattle grazing on the Preserve. Meet at the parking lot at 4206 Sorrento Valley Blvd.

Vernal Pool Walk with Mike Kelly

Sat., March 31, 9 – 11 a.m.

Vernal pools are our most endangered habitat. Learn about them and the extremophile plants and animals that live in them. Should be good wildflowers too. Meet at 11125 Taloncrest Way, San Diego, 92121.

Every Month

A Tour for All People

Sat., Sat. Mar. 10, Sun., Apr. 15, 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.