



## Friends of los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve

April, May, June 2019

### Volunteer Projects

#### Friends' Volunteer Restoration Projects in Black Mountain Open Space Park

Sun., March 31, April 14 & 28, May 12 & 26,  
June 9 & 23: 1 – 4 p.m. Join us at Black Mtn.  
Ranch Community Park at the northeast  
corner, 14700 Carmel Valley Rd., Rancho  
Peñasquitos 92129.

#### Ranger John's Graffiti Warriors

Sun., April 14, May 12, June 9: 8:30 – noon.  
Meet at the Ranger Station, 12005 Black Mtn.  
Rd., SD 92129.

#### Ranger Melanie's Peñasquitos Canyon Restoration Project

Sat., April 20, May 18, June 15. Join 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., April 28, May 26, June 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

#### April

#### Vernal Pool Walk with Mike Kelly

Sat., April 6, 9 – 11 a.m.  
Vernal pools are our most endangered habitat.  
Learn about them and the extremophile plants  
and animals that live in them. See beautiful  
flowers such as the endangered Downingia and  
Mesa Mint. Should be frogs and toads! Meet at  
11125 Taloncrest Way, San Diego, 92121.

#### Camino Ruiz Rim to the Creek Hike w Les Braund

Sat., April 13, 8 – 10 a.m.  
Join naturalist Les Braund for a hike leaving  
from Camino Ruiz Park. Most of the hike is in  
the shade of tall Chaparral vegetation and  
follows a switch-back trail from the rim of the  
canyon down to the valley floor and stream  
side. See un-common native plants such as the  
Summer holly shrub and others. Les says this  
is one of the most beautiful walks he's knows.



*The endangered Mesa mint will be seen and smelled  
on Mike Kelly's vernal pool walks along with other  
vernal pool species such as Downingia cuspidate and  
the rare Muilla maritima.*

The park is located at the junction of Camino Ruiz  
and Calle Cristobal in Mira Mesa.

#### Carmel Mountain Plant Hike w Will Bowen

Sun., April 21, 5 – 7 p.m.  
Join Anthropologist Dr. Will Bowen to hike out  
into Carmel Mountain Nature Preserve to identify  
its habitats, the flowers, plants, and shrubs. Find  
out how they were used by Native American  
peoples, Spanish, and early Anglo settlers. End up  
with a grasp of the native flora and its many  
curiosities. Meet at staging at 4730 Fairport Way at  
Shorepoint Way.

**Vernal Pool Walk with Mike Kelly**

Sat., April 27, 9 – 11 a.m.

Vernal pools are our most endangered habitat. Learn about them and the extremophile plants and animals that live in them. See beautiful flowers such as the endangered Mesa Mint. Should be frogs and toads! Meet at 11125 Taloncrest Way, San Diego, 92121.

**May****Camino Ruiz Rim to the Creek****Hike w Les Braund**

Sat., May 11, 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 switch-back 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.

**Wildflower Walk on the Old Stagecoach Road in Sabre Springs w Mike Kelly**

Sat., May 18, 9 – 11 a.m.

Join naturalist Mike Kelly to hike one of the most diverse habitats in Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. See wildflowers and walk the old Stagecoach Road itself and learn about the Native American villages sites of the area. Meet at the trailhead gate off Sabre Springs Parkway South, near the junction with Spring Water Pt. and Creekview Dr.

**Lopez Canyon Plant Hike w Will Bowen**

Sun., May 26, 5 – 7 p.m.

Join Anthropologist Dr. Will Bowen to learn to identify the habitats and the trees, flowers, plants, and shrubs of Lopez Canyon. Find out how they were used by Native American peoples, Spanish and early Anglo settlers. End up with a grasp of the native flora and its many curiosities. Meet in Parking-Staging lot at 4300 Sorrento Valley Rd., San Diego.

**June****Camino Ruiz Rim to the Creek****Hike w Les Braund**

Sat., June, 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 switch-

back 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.

**Nighttime Wildlife Viewing Walk with Mike Kelly**

Sat., June 15, 7 – 9 p.m.

A moderately paced walk on flat ground. Bring insect repellent and a flashlight. Chance to see deer, owls, bats, spiders and enjoy the Preserve at night. Meet at the kiosk near the corner of Park Village Road and Camino del Sur Rd. in Rancho Peñasquitos, 92129.

**Peñasquitos West End Plant Hike w Will Bowen**

Sun., June 23, 5 – 7 p.m.

Join Anthropologist Dr. Will Bowen for a hike to learn to identify the habitats and the trees, flowers, plants, and shrubs of the western end of Peñasquitos Canyon. Find out how they were used by Native American peoples, Spanish and early Anglo settlers. End up with a grasp of the native flora and its many curiosities. Meet at the parking lot at 4206 Sorrento Valley Blvd.

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

Sat., June 29, 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 Canyon-side 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.

**Every Month****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 Canyon-side Park Driveway off 12020 Black Mountain Rd., San Diego 92129 between Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos.