



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.

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 Blvd., 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 Canyonside Park Driveway off 12020 Black Mountain Rd., San Diego 92129 between Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos.