



Friends of los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve

June 2019

See new County of San Diego events added to June schedule

Volunteer Projects

Friends' Volunteer Restoration Projects in Black Mountain Open Space Park

Sun., June 9 & 23: 1 – 4 p.m. Join us for our summer waterings of our native plantings at Black Mtn. Ranch Community Park at the northeast corner, 14700 Carmel Valley Rd., Rancho Peñasquitos 92129.

Ranger John's Graffiti Warriors

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

Ranger Melanie's Peñasquitos Canyon Restoration Project

Sat., 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., 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.

June Events

Camino Ruiz Rim to the Creek Hike w Les Braund

Sat., June, 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 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



California poppies in Lopez Canyon. Most poppies I've ever seen in Lopez Canyon. Thank you rain!
Photo by Mike Kelly.

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.

FREE Movie in the Park: Into the Spinderverse

Sat., June 15, 6:30 p.m. Family activities start. 8 p.m. Movie starts at dusk, about 8. Bring your family to this free movie in the fields at the historic Peñasquitos ranch house at 12350 Black Mtn. Rd., Rancho Peñasquitos 92129.

Picnic with Goats at the ranch house

Sun., June 16, 12–1 p.m. Bring your family and a picnic basket to picnic with the Goats. The historic Peñasquitos ranch house is at 12350 Black Mtn. Rd., Rancho Peñasquitos 92129.

Hey! Pollinator Walk

Sat., June 22, 10–11:15 p.m. Learn about pollinators on a walk from the historic Peñasquitos ranch house at 12350 Black Mtn. Rd., 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 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.

Visit www.penasquitos.org for lots of information on hikes, volunteer activities, meetings, and decades of newsletters, videos, and more.

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Penstemon spectabilis in Santa Luz grasslands restoration site. Photo by Mike Kelly.

