



Hikes, Events, Volunteer Opportunities

April

Restoration Work Party at Black Mtn. Park. Volunteers Welcome

Sat. April 23, 9-12 noon.

Join a local Girl Scout Troop for our next to last planting of the season. We and the Brownies will be planting native plants and water earlier planted natives in an area burned in the Bernardo Fire. No experience needed. Community service credits available for students. Wear long pants and bring gloves if you have them, water, a snack and sun protection. Meet in the northeast corner of Black Mtn. Ranch Community Park on Black Mtn. Park Way at 14700 Carmel Valley Rd., Rancho Peñasquitos, SD 92129.

Wildlife Survey Volunteer Training – Free

Sat., April 23, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Check in at 7:45 a.m. Historic Peñasquitos Ranch House.

This FREE class prepares you to participate on surveys that monitor the wildlife in major open space preserves and other critical areas. You will learn about basic track and scat identification, animal gaits, habitat fragmentation, survey transects, data collection protocols, and conservation. At the end of the class, you can sign up to join experienced trackers on some of SDTT's wildlife surveys throughout the San Diego area. Dress prepared to spend time outdoors and bring a sack lunch. Please pre-register at sdttinfo@gmail.com or call 760-715-4102 and leave your email address. More information at www.sdtt.org.

May

Fiesta Street Fair, Rancho Peñasquitos. Volunteers Welcome

Sun. May 1, 11– 4.

Join veteran Friends' volunteers to staff our booth at this busy street fair. Signup for a 1-2 hour shift between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Email Mike at mkelly1@san.rr.com. Meet in the northeast corner of Black Mtn. Ranch Community Park / Black Mtn. Park Way at 14700 Carmel Valley Rd., Rancho Peñasquitos, SD 92129.

Herb Walk with Will Bowen

Sun. May 1, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Learn to identify the different trees, plants and shrubs of Carmel Mountain Nature Preserve. Find out how they were used for food and medicine by Native Americans, Spanish, and Anglo American settlers. Meet at Carmel Mountain Staging Area at 4730 Fairport Way at Shorepoint Way, San Diego, 92130.

Restoration Work Party at PQ Waterfall. Volunteers Welcome

Sun. May 15, 1-4 p.m.

Join a local Girl Scout Troop for our last planting of the season. We'll be planting native plants. No experience needed. Community service credits available for students. Wear long pants and bring gloves if you have them, water, a snack and sun protection. Meet at kiosk next to 7107 Park Village Rd., Rancho Peñasquitos, SD 92129.

For more information about Friends' activities or to ask about an activity for your group please visit www.penasquitos.org, call 858-484-3219 or email mkelly1@san.rr.com. Friends' activities are free.

Nature/History Walk with Mike Kelly

Sat. May 21, 9–11:30 a.m.

A moderately paced loop hike over flat terrain. Walk the original immigrant trail into San Diego, part of the first transcontinental mail route, and where Kit Carson make his rescue run. Meet at the kiosk near the corner of Park Village Rd. and Camino del Sur at Peñasquitos Community Creek Park, 8021 Park Village Rd., San Diego, CA 92129.

Herb Walk with Will Bowen

Sun. May 29, 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Learn to identify the different trees, plants and shrubs of Lopez Canyon. Find out how they were used for food and medicine by Native Americans, Spanish, and Anglo American settlers. Meet at West End Parking Staging Area at 4300 block Sorrento Valley Blvd., San Diego.

June

Birding with all Your Senses

Sat. June 18, 8 a.m.

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, 12350 Black Mtn. Rd., San Diego, 92129, then 1 block west up the drive to the sign at the beginning of the white ranch house fence.

Night Walk with Mike Kelly

Sat. June 25, 7:15 p.m.

A moderately paced loop hike over flat terrain. Bring insect repellent and a flashlight. Enjoy the Preserve at night. Possibly see Mule deer, other critters. Walk the original immigrant trail into San Diego, part of the first transcontinental mail route, and where Kit Carson make his rescue run. Meet at the kiosk near the corner of Park Village Rd. and Camino del Sur at Peñasquitos Community Creek Park, 8021 Park Village Rd., San Diego, CA 92129.

Herb Walk with Will Bowen

Sun. June 26, 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Learn to identify the different trees, plants and shrubs of west end of Peñasquitos Canyon. Find out how they were used for food and medicine by Native Americans, Spanish, and Anglo American settlers. Meet at 4206 Sorrento Valley Blvd., San Diego.



July

Night Walk with Mike Kelly

Sat. July 23, 7:00 p.m.

A moderately paced loop hike over flat terrain. Bring insect repellent and a flashlight. Enjoy the Preserve at night. Possibly see Mule deer, other critters. Walk the original immigrant trail into San Diego, part of the first transcontinental mail route, and where Kit Carson make his rescue run. Meet at the kiosk near the corner of Park Village Rd. and Camino del Sur at Peñasquitos Community Creek Park, 8021 Park Village Rd., San Diego, CA 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.

Every Two Months

Friends' Board of Directors Meeting

Tues., May 3, July 5 at 7 p.m.

Friends's members are welcome to attend these planning meetings for our varied activities. At the ranch house at Canyonside Park Driveway off 12020 Black Mtn. Rd., San Diego 92129.