



***San Dieguito River Park
Celebrating 20 Years
ACTIVITY CALENDAR
April/May/June***



Recognize California Poppy Day, Monday, April 6th

To promote responsible behavior and a spirit of protection toward our natural resources and to emphasize the value of conservation, our state flower has a day of its own!

Earth Fair, Sunday, April 19th

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Balboa Park, San Diego

Come and celebrate the **20th anniversary of Earth Fair** in Balboa Park (and the 40th anniversary of Earth Day) at the largest free annual environmental fair in the world! The Annual Earth Fair in Balboa Park features hundreds of exhibitors and activities.

Look for the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy Booth to learn more about what is happening in the San Dieguito River Park!

For information and directions visit www.earthdayweb.org/EarthFair.

San Dieguito Lagoon Day, Sunday, April 19th

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The Powerhouse, Del Mar

Please join in celebrating the successful first phase of the Restoration Project and hear a panel of experts tell the story of the fish, flora, birds, and other wildlife that share this lagoon environment. This event is free and refreshments will be served.

For information and directions contact Liz Dernetz at ldernetz@pacbell.net.

Study Nature at the Coastal Gateway to the San Dieguito River Park . . .

The Grand Avenue Overlook is open on San Dieguito Drive, off Jimmy Durante Blvd.

The Boardwalk is open across from the Fairgrounds on Jimmy Durante Blvd.

For Pedestrians Only/Limited Parking Available

Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead



Saturday, June 6th, 10:00 a.m.

Come join historical archaeologist Susan Walter, Sikes Adobe museum manager Anne Cooper, and members of the San Diego Archaeological Society for a morning of updates, information, and a site visit at the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead. Following the discussion there will be an interpretive hike to view the locations of the town of Bernardo and the Mule Hill portion of the 1846 Battle of San Pasqual, visible from the existing trail.

This historic cultural resource at the start of the Mule Hill Trail has been excavated
by Palomar College students and work continues at the site.

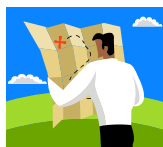
Please reserve for this program by emailing Anne@sdrp.org or calling (858) 674-2275 ext. 19.

And if you are interested in **Archaeology**, consider . . .

The San Diego Archaeological Center's Archaeology Day Field School Discussions
or "How I Spent Money to Learn to Dig" is being offered on
Saturday, May 9th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Contact Annemarie Cox at (760) 291-0370 or acox@sandiegoarchaeology.org.

SDAC has a suggested donation for its programs.



BACK TO THE FUTURE!
Digging For Modern Day Treasure

Saturday, June 27th, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Location: North Shore Lake Hodges Trail

Did you know that **geo-caching** is permissible at the San Dieguito River Park? Please visit our website at www.sdrp.org to view the Park's geo-caching policy and placement requirements.

You are encouraged to **join** this introductory **"cache class"** and learn the basics of **high-tech treasure hunting**. Park Ranger Ken Colburn will lead this interactive family-friendly hike, pointing out clues and coordinates to "position" you to get out and get active!

Bring your own hand-held GPS locator or come and discover what's available on the market before you invest in this popular world-wide game.

Directions: Exit I-15 at Via Rancho Parkway and go east (right) for a ¼ mile. Turn right (traffic light) onto Sunset Drive. There is ample parking at end of street. Meet at the kiosk heading west to underneath the freeway and onto Felicita Creek and the lake.

No Reservations Required

GUIDED HIKES



The San Dieguito River Park is a beautiful and diverse open space park. The Coast-to-Crest Trail will eventually span 55 miles from the headwaters at the summit of Volcan Mountain in Julian, to the gateway at the San Dieguito Lagoon in Del Mar. Almost forty miles of trails are already in place for hikers, bicyclists and equestrians to enjoy! This year is the 20th anniversary of the San Dieguito River Park and we invite you to

PICK UP THE PACE! Get a free pedometer when you join any specially marked * hike!

April 25th

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Volcan Mountain

The San Diego Natural History Museum “Canyoneers” will be your guides on this moderate to strenuous nearly five mile hike. Bring your lunch and adequate water as there will be time to picnic at the summit. This 2195 acre preserve offers an array of seasonal wildflowers amid oak-pine woodland. ***No reservations are required.***

Location: Volcan Mountain Preserve near Julian. Meet at the Trailhead

Take highway 78 to Julian. At the stop sign, turn left onto Farmer Rd. and continue until it intersects with Wynola Rd. Turn right, drive about 50 yards and turn left back onto Farmer Rd. Park on Farmer Rd. near the *Volcan Mountain Preserve* sign and walk down the gravel road.

May 2nd

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

****Bernardo Bay***

Join avid birder and San Diego Audubon Society Chair Phil Pryde on the South Shore Lake Trail adjacent to the Piedras Pintadas for some great bird watching! Home to hundreds of avian species that reside or visit year round, its position astride the Pacific Flyway makes this region an ideal bird watching locale.

Location: Meet at the Rancho Bernardo Community Park – Joslyn Center

Exit I-15 on West Bernardo/Pomerado. Turn left at the off-ramp stop sign. Follow West Bernardo past the Bernardo Bay Natural Area sign on the right and turn right at the light (150 yards) on Rancho Bernardo Community Park Drive. Park at/near the Joslyn Center.

June 6th

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

****Del Dios***

Come on out for a special moonlight hike! San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy Resources Specialist Leslie Woollenweber will guide us on a hike through Del Dios Highlands County Preserve to Olivenhain Reservoir at the top of the trail and on into Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve. This 3.5-mile hike has an elevation gain of about 850’ and is moderate to strenuous.

Location: Del Dios Highlands County Preserve to the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve
Reservations are required - contact Leslie at hikes@sdrvc.org or (858) 674-2275 x12 for directions and to reserve a space.

Special Guided Hike for Children Ages 6-10 on May 30th



Parents, sign up your kids to take a guided nature and discovery hike along the newly reopened Highland Valley Trail. Contact Barbara@sdrp.org or call (858)674-2275 ext. 14 for information about this special “interactive” hike and activity designed to combat nature deficit disorder!

Trail Restoration and Habitat Rehabilitation Work Projects

Weekend work projects are designed to get volunteers working hands-on in the field. We welcome individuals, families, and groups and we provide training, tools and water. This is an excellent way for high school and college students and Eagle Scouts to earn hours, credits and badges! **To reserve your spot, please leave your name and number of participants before the Thursday prior to work project.** A maximum of twenty-five participants may attend unless prior arrangements are made. Call Barbara at (858) 674-2275 x14 or e-mail Barbara@sdrp.org.

Work projects take place rain or shine.

Trail Restoration 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 12th **Location: Lake Hodges/Del Dios Park**

California Trails Weekend – Help Build or Restore A Trail!

Exit I-15 at Via Rancho Parkway and go west (left); Go 3 miles and then turn left onto Lake Drive - just before Del Dios Highway. Follow Lake Drive to gated lake entrance on left side of road. Park in the lot.

Sunday, May 10th **Location: Sunset Drive Staging and Parking Area**

Exit I-15 at Via Rancho Parkway and go east (right) for ¼ mile. Turn right (traffic light) onto Sunset Drive. Park at end of street or in gated staging and parking area. You'll see a windmill! Project will be on Mule Hill Trail.

Sunday, June 14th **Location: River Park Office, 14103 Highland Valley Road in Escondido.** We will meet here and carpool to the site.

Trail work may consist of the following: trimming, cutting, or weeding vegetation with hand tools such as shovels, rakes, and loppers; installing fence or sign posts; compacting and shaping soil; and creating and repairing drain work along trails. Tools and gloves are provided.

Habitat Rehabilitation 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 18th **Location: Cloverdale Site at Rockwood Road**

From I-15, take the Via Rancho exit and go east, following the signs to the Wild Animal Park on Highway 78. At the intersection of San Pasqual Road and Highway 78 go straight. San Pasqual Road becomes Cloverdale Road. Turn right onto Rockwood Road. Project location is at bridge crossing on the right side before San Pasqual Elementary School.

Saturday, May 16th **Location: Sunset Drive Staging and Parking Area**

Exit I-15 at Via Rancho Parkway and go east (right) for ¼ mile. Turn right (traffic light) onto Sunset Drive. Park at end of street or in gated staging and parking area. You'll see a windmill! Project will be on Mule Hill Trail.

Saturday, June 20th **Location: Lake Hodges/Del Dios Park**

Exit I-15 at Via Rancho Parkway and go west (left); Go 3 miles and then turn left onto Lake Drive - just before Del Dios Highway. Follow Lake Drive to the gated lake entrance on left side of road. Park in the lot.

Habitat work may consist of the following: planting and harvesting native vegetation; spreading mulch and rock; collecting seeds; watering; weeding; removing non-native plants; and restoring habitat, such as assisting at the Cactus Wren project site.

Thank you to the Rotarians for special help on "Rotarians at Work" Day, Saturday, April 25th!