San Dieguito Lagoon Staging Area and Ranger Station

Gelson's Shopping Center

Dust Devil Nature Trail

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Salt Marsh Bird View Trail

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Horse Turnaround

San Dieguito River

San Dieguito Lagoon Ecological Reserve

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Birdwing Open Air Classroom

San Dieguito Lagoon Trails

Length | Difficulty
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Boardwalk | 0.15 | easy
Coast to Crest Trail | 2.43 | easy
RiverPath Del Mar | 0.54 | easy
Salt Marsh Bird View Trail | 0.40 | easy
Dust Devil Nature Trail | 1.70 | easy

Trail Access

Coast to Crest Trail

Other Trail

Parking Available

Picnic Table

Viewpoint

SAN DIEGUITO LAGOON TRAILS
The Coast to Crest Trail at the lagoon provides visitors with unique vantage points and the closest access to the very sensitive marsh areas of the San Dieguito Lagoon. Intertidal marshes are some of the most rare and threatened habitats in California. The San Dieguito River Park was fortunate in the selection of the Lagoon as the site of the $86 million Southern California Edison Wetlands Restoration Project, begun in the fall of 2006 after more than a decade of planning. The project, dedicated on November 7, 2011, created 115 acres of wetlands, including a deep water basin, in addition to transitional coastal sage scrub habitat on the surrounding slopes. A number of species that depend on our vanishing coastal wetlands will benefit from the Wetlands Restoration Project. Ocean fish use the deeper water as a nursery, and salt marsh vegetation provides nesting habitat for the endangered Belding’s savannah sparrow. Birds migrating along the Pacific Flyway encounter resting and foraging areas throughout the Lagoon. A series of interpretive panels along the trail provide more information about the birds and fish of the lagoon.

For your safety and the preservation of sensitive habitat…

Please stay on designated trails and obey posted information.
Dogs are welcome and must be on leash at all times.
Open fires and smoking are prohibited.
Possession of firearms or other weapons is prohibited.
Motorized vehicles are not allowed on trails.

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