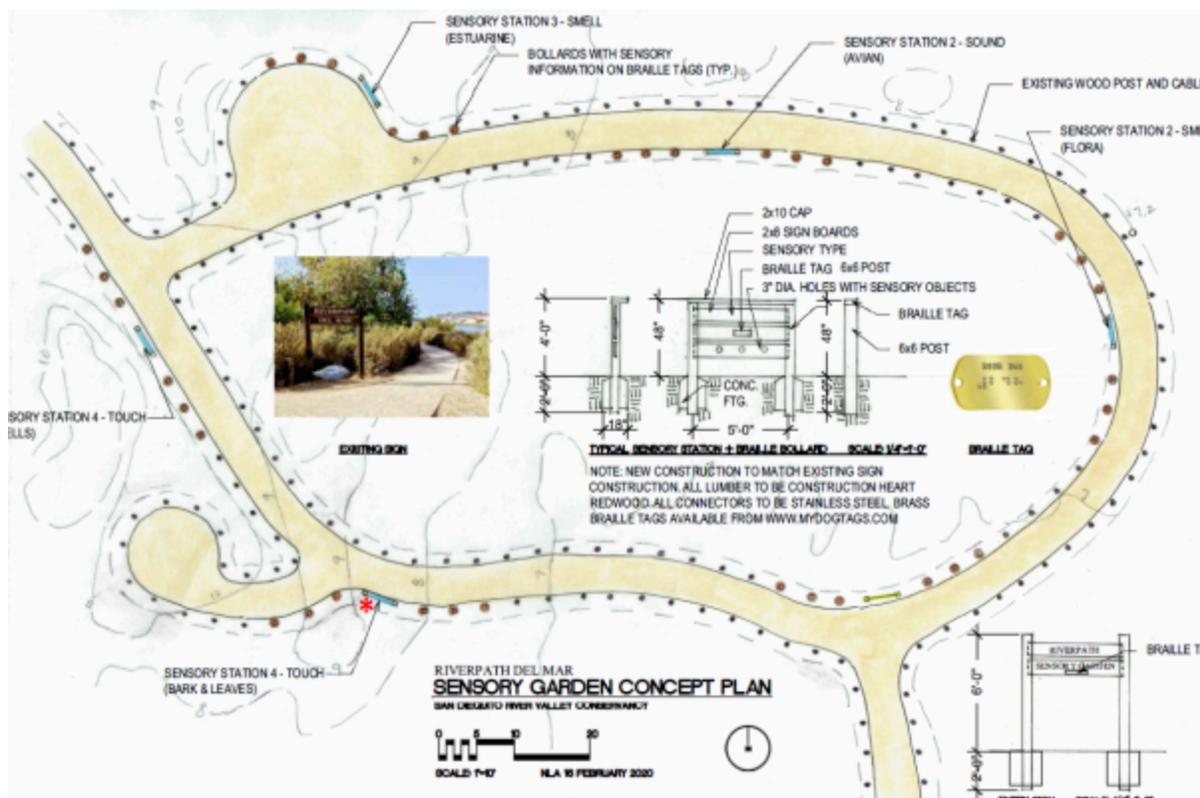


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Dear ,

We're on the path toward activating our senses in Del Mar.



Tactile panels to feel the textures of leaves, bark and shells. Perches from which to sniff the smell of the estuary or that of pungent plants. Still another station for listening to birdsong.

The Multi-Sensory Trail planned at River Path Del Mar is designed to activate the senses and enhance the experience of visitors of all ages and abilities. Increasing access to outdoor recreation is the driving force behind the \$30,000 project and a priority for the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and the City of Del Mar.

The improvements would add to interpretive signage and sweeping views along the existing path, which runs along the south shore of the San Dieguito River and lagoon between Jimmy Durante Boulevard to the Grand Avenue overlook.

To date, capital campaigns with Target and SDG&E have raised more than \$9,000. The Conservancy also has applied for a \$10,000 grant from REI. The Conservancy expects to receive additional funding from Target and SDG&E by the end of June.



We expect to open the Multi-Sensory Trail in spring 2021.

Virtual hikes in the River Park



Long before orders to stay at home, we worked with Google to create a virtual outdoor experience at the River Park.

In 2018, the tech company loaned us one of its street view cameras -- a bulky piece of hardware that looks like a Star Wars droid.

With the help of Conservancy Board Member Jim Smith and other volunteers, we strapped the cameras onto our backs to capture images that Google stitched into 360-degree views of some of our trails, just like Google's street view maps.

Google approached us as part of an initiative to photograph areas of cultural, historical or touristic significance. What a great match for the River Park!



After opening the map, click the "street view" base map. Then click on the little yellow man and keep clicking to "hike" the trail.

Open the maps:

[Clevenger Canyon South](#)

[San Dieguito Lagoon](#)

[Del Dios Gorge](#)

[Bernardo Mountain Summit](#)

San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy



FACEBOOK LIVE CHATS



Have you checked out our Facebook Live chats?

For the past three Wednesdays, Education Manager Ana Lutz-Johnson has hosted interactive conversations on pollinators, carbon footprints and River Park wildlife on the social media platform.

Her final chat -- on burrowing owls and the live cams that watch them at San Diego Zoo Safari Park -- is set for 6:30

p.m. May 6.

To prepare, watch the [Safari Park's live feeds](#) for five to 10 minutes. Take notes, including the date and time, so you can share your findings with Ana.

[Open the burrowing owl live cams](#)

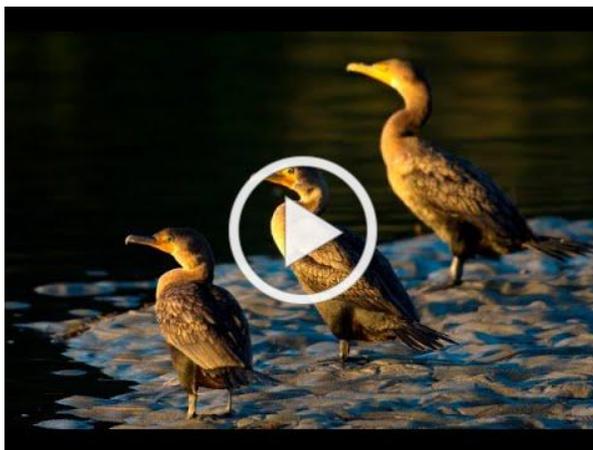
[Learn more about our Facebook Live chats](#)

[Watch the Beauty of Pollination on YouTube](#)

[Watch Count Your Carbon on YouTube](#)

[Watch Wildlife Camera Photo Review on YouTube](#)

Mindfulness at Bernardo Bay video



Mindfulness at Bernardo Bay is a compilation of Aaron Chang's photographs set to the sounds of nature. Enjoy!

The important work of wildflowers



The brilliant, blooming wildflowers that carpet the landscape aren't just standing there to look good. They're doing important work.



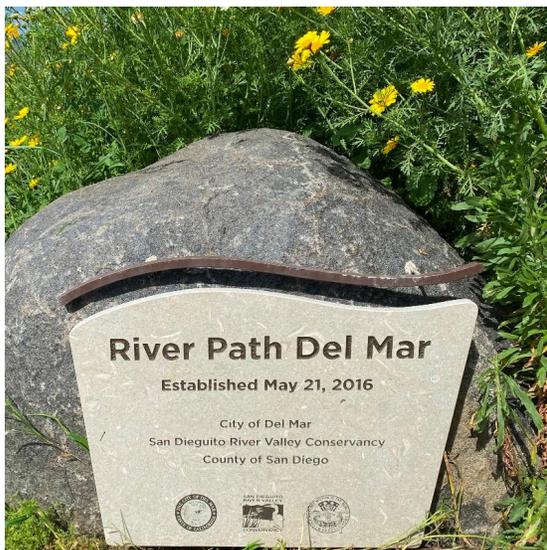
In her article, "The Value Of Our Native Wildflowers," River Park Interpretive Ranger Jamison Lauria explores the role of wildflowers and what they mean for insects and wildlife.

[Open The Value Of Our Native Wildflowers](#)

Spring cleaning



During a recent work party, Conservation Manager Jonathan Appelbaum (above), fellow Conservancy staffers and volunteers cleared invasive plants along River Path Del Mar.



Ranger station opens quietly



We are pleased to have completed facilities for San Dieguito River Park rangers near San Andres and Via de la Valle just east of Del Mar.

Sadly, our big plans for dedication ceremonies were sidelined by COVID-19.

The facilities include a public restroom, community meeting space, staff offices and a garage.

COAST TO CREST CHALLENGERS



Frances Walters and Kathy Raymond



Craig Rand and Caroline Ruiz

Hundreds of hearty hikers have completed our Coast to Crest Challenge series of hikes and have sent us selfies to prove it.

Since COVID-19 has closed the trails, we're extending the challenge into August.

We salute our Challengers and appreciate their smiling selfies now more than ever.



Sing Tsuei and Andrew Song

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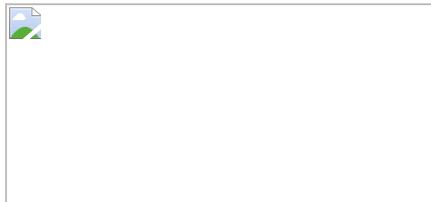
Save the date!

A promotional poster for the 'FOR WILD'S SAKE' event. The background is a scenic landscape with a white egret on a branch in the foreground and a coyote on the right. The text 'FOR WILD'S SAKE' is written in a large, green, stylized font. Below it, '2020 RIVER VALLEY FEST' is written in white. To the right, 'SAVE THE DATE' is written in a green, cursive font, followed by 'SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020' and '4 - 8 PM' in white. The logo for the Center for the Arts Escondido is shown, along with the address '340 N Escondido Blvd, Escondido, CA 92025'. A small inset photo shows a band performing on stage with the text 'DARING GREATLY' and 'Photo by Ely Fisher'.

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