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We Need Eyes on the Lagoon

Do you frequent Riverpath Del Mar near the Grand Avenue Bridge? If so, please help our lagoon stewardship by sharing your observations.

Regulars to the Riverpath near San Dieguito Drive and Jimmy Durante Boulevard might be noticing more and more people fishing in the lagoon. Please note that fishing is not allowed from the bridge. Just west of the structure, along 30 yards of shoreline, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife allows fishing. The area, which is marked with CDFW signs, closes to fishing from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

In all other areas east of Jimmy Durante Boulevard, fishing is prohibited.

The River Park JPA does not own or manage this land and is unable to enforce its regulations. But we can observe, keep it clean and share information with others. That's where you come in.

When visiting Riverpath Del Mar, you can make a difference by:

- Documenting what you see. Email a note with photos or videos to sdrvc@sdrvc.org. We're tracking how increased use may be impacting the wetlands over time;
- Helping clean up. In particular, discarded fishing line can harm wildlife. WILDCOAST is set to install a trash receptacle near the bridge to make waste disposal easier;
- Reporting abandoned gear, unsafe conditions, or misuse of the area to CDFW's 24-hour CALTIP line: 888-334-CALTIP (2258); Text "CALTIP" followed by your message to 847411; and
- Downloading the free CalTIP app to submit anonymous tips.

Thank you for joining the Conservancy, River Park JPA, CDFW and the City of Del Mar to protect this precious habitat. By becoming a lagoon steward, you can help to ensure the fragile wetlands continue to thrive.

[CALTIP Webpage](#)

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Programming for All

For some programs, we charge a modest fee, but most of them are free and open to all. Isn't that how nature should be? Thank you for opening doors to Conservation, Education and Recreation with your gifts.

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Interested in taking on the Kilimanjaro Challenge?

Next trip: Summer 2026

Info meeting: Saturday, May 3rd

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May 3: Planning Meeting for Summer 2026 Kilimanjaro Climb

Just months after the return of our first group of intrepid travelers from Tanzania, we're laying plans for our next adventure of a lifetime. A planning session for the summer 2026 Mt. Kilimanjaro Challenge is set for 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Coastal Ranger Station, 15648 San Andres, Del Mar.

[Register](#)



June 1: Valley Vibes

We're just one month away from Valley Vibes, a free, family-friendly fiesta with interactive exhibits, great food, crafts and live music courtesy of North Park Rock-n-Blues Band.

Mark your calendars for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead, 12655 Sunset Drive, Escondido.

The Conservancy and River Park JPA are hosting the free event to celebrate nature and draw attention to conservation, education and recreation programs.

We can't wait to see you!

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May 3: Creekside Critters with Turtles and Tortoises

Nature lovers of all ages can get face to face with our slow-paced, shelled friends as we welcome the San Diego Turtle and Tortoise Society to Creekside Critters 11 a.m. May 3 at the Del Mar Library.

[Register](#)



May 4, 10, 18: Yoga at the Birdwing

Twist your lunge not once, not twice, but thrice! Three Yoga at the Birdwing sessions for the month are set for 10 a.m. May 4, 10 and 18.

[Register](#)



May 13: Trails and Ales in Julian

Hike a trail; hoist an ale. Our next Trails and Ales outing brings us to the forested slopes of Volcan Mountain. After the trek we'll caravan to a motivation destination for a coldie. Meet at 4 p.m. at 1209 Farmer Road, Julian.

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May 24: Habitat Restoration at Gonzales Canyon

Commune with nature and restore habitat with our skilled collaborators from San Diego Canyonlands 9 to 11 a.m. May 24 at Gonzales Canyon, 13655 Sword Way, San Diego.

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Downstream



Creekside Critters

Kids and birds spread their wings April 5 during our Creekside Critters get-together. Free Flight Exotic Bird Sanctuary was our special guest for the month.



Watershed Explorers Spring Camp

Watershed Explorers met for a week's worth of spring break fun up and down the watershed, capped with an overnight stay at the Surprise Farm Retreat Center in Ramona.

The free camp provided transportation, lunch and supplies to all attendees.

Watershed Explorers is in its third year of focusing on underserved communities in Escondido thanks to an Outdoor Equity Grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation.



Volunteers are Simply the Best!

Let's hear it for the volunteers from San Diego Peace Corps Association and Francis Parker High School Outdoor Club who joined River Park Ranger Elias April 19 to clear weeds along the Coast to Crest trail in San Pasqual Valley.



All About That Earth

During Earth Day celebrations at Viejas Reservation and Rancho Bernardo Community Park, smiling ambassadors from the Conservancy and River Park JPA spotlighted our own special slice of the planet while giving Mother Earth the appreciation she deserves.



Coast to Crest Trail Challenge



Constance Paine and Carly at Piedras Pintadas



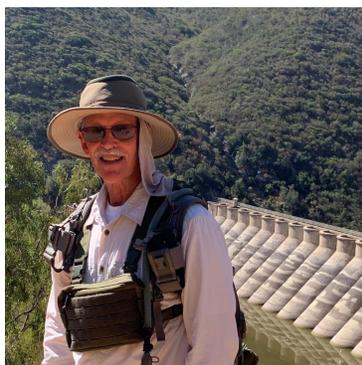
Rise to the Challenge

We're delighted to see a spring bloom of Coast to Crest Trail Challenge participants!

Show your own colors on trail segments from the San Dieguito Lagoon to Volcan Mountain.

You'll love every step of the Coast to Crest Trail Challenge.

[Year 8 Details](#)



Joseph and Lisa Molitor



Chris Griffith

Rod Swank



Mary-Lou Kiley

Samantha Piper and Kevin Dinglasan



Walt Michlanski



Fritz Steen and Doug Jordan



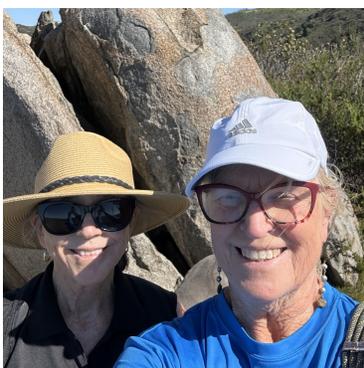
Tony Rowe



Wayne and Ruth Norman



Neil Cadwallader



Molly Roby and Shelley Goodson



Stephanie Prolong

Volunteering

Monthly Trail Maintenance

Work with rangers to improve trails and restore habitat from 9 a.m. to noon May 11. Meet at Santa Fe Valley staging area at 8173 Del Dios Road, San Diego.

We will provide tools, training and work gloves. Please bring drinking water, sun protection and wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes.

We can't wait to see you!

Contact: calei@sdrp.org

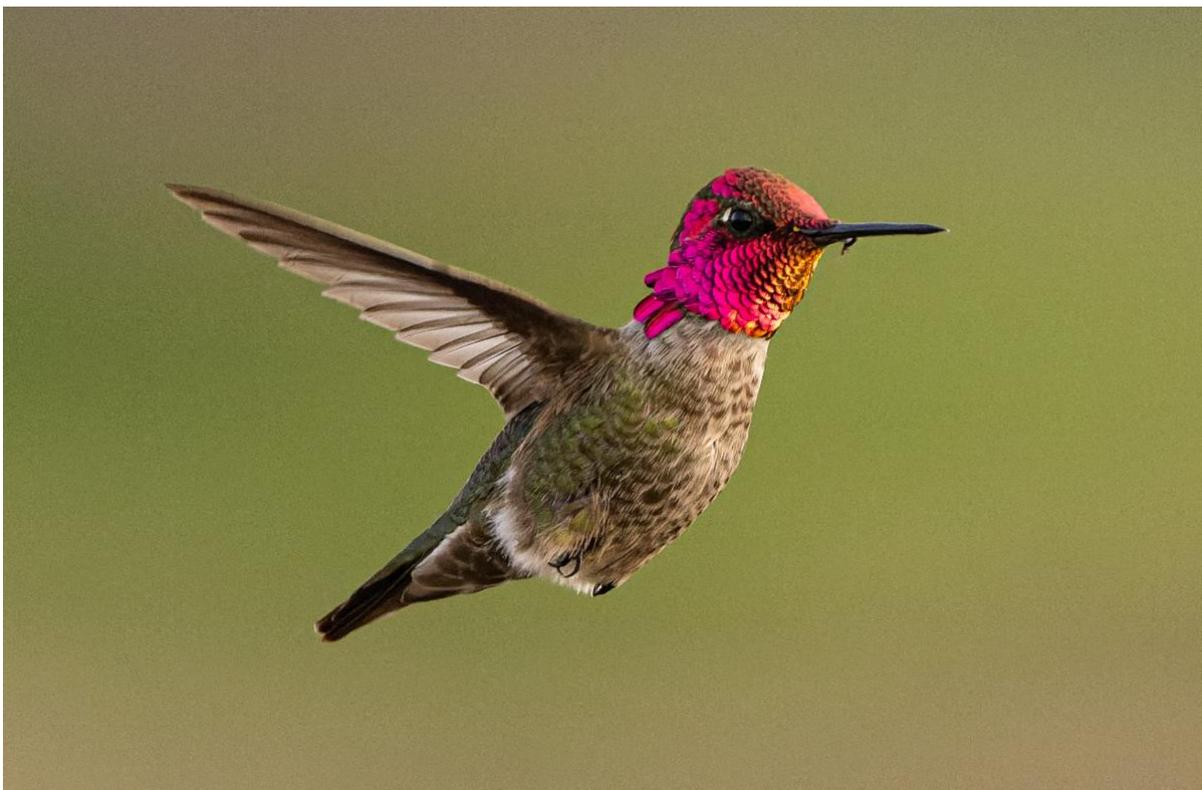


Weekly Gardening at Sikes Adobe

The Friends of Sikes Gardeners meet every month from 9 to 11 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Sunday and 2nd and 4th Monday to work in the gardens at the historic Sikes Adobe.

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Your support is the wind beneath our wings. Thank you! Photo: John Weare

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