



SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY CONSERVANCY | SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK JPA

Top Stories



Celebrating 38 Years of Conservation

During our annual River Valley Fest Oct. 13, we raised our glasses to 38 years of conservation. It was a great pleasure to gather with so many likeminded people who, through the decades, have supported the Conservancy's mission. At this year's event, that support expressed itself with more than \$90,000 in donations. Thanks so much to all!

For this year's event, we prepared five videos that tell our story. Enjoy!



Video 1: Conservation



Video 2: Education



Video 3: Recreation



Video 4: Outreach



Video 5: Thank You





River Park Display at North County Mall

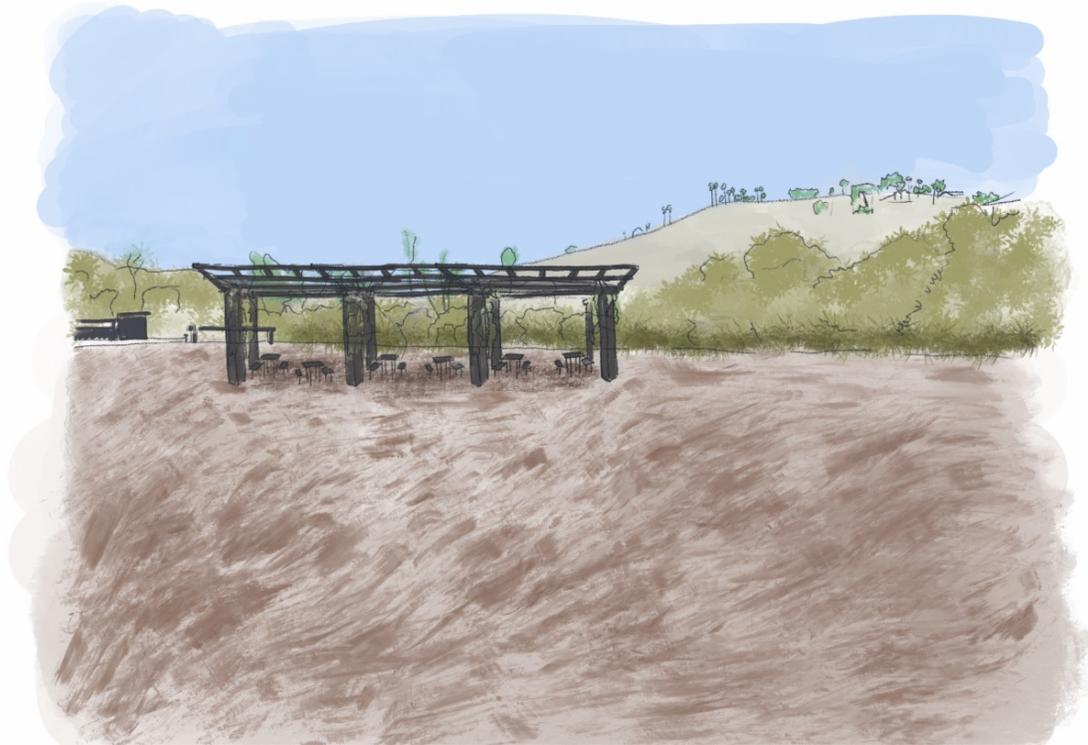
Next time you're at North County Mall in Escondido, check out the awesome San Dieguito River Park display in a vacant storefront near the Target. The installation centers around Senior Park Rangers Felipe Franco and Leana Bulay. Thanks so much to the mall operator for making the space available!



Foundation Awards \$40K for Pavilion

The Escondido Community Foundation has awarded \$40,000 to the San Dieguito River Park JPA to build the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead Pavilion. Thank you!

The structure will be situated in the Farmers Market lot near the orchard and serve as a hub for school groups, community events and presentations. It will also be a fine meeting place for trail users and farmers market patrons.



Upstream

Become a volunteer for the
San Dieguito River Park!

**TRAINING IS ON 11/2/24 AT 9AM-12PM
SIKES ADOBE HISTORIC FARMSTEAD**

For more information call 858-674-2270 X 20



Trail Patrol

- Assist Park Rangers in patrolling the park by being a visual presence.
- Hike, bike or equestrian - observe and report!



Habitat & Trail Restoration

- Work side by side with Park Rangers
- Clearing brush from trails, repairing trail tread, building trails, weeding, mulching, propagating and planting native plants, and more.



Interpretive

- Participate in our Interpretation and Outreach Programs
- Programs vary from plants, animals, water quality, geology, history, and watershed ecology.



Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead Docents

- Share the pioneer farm experience
- Lead tours for the public and special events.



Nov. 2: Volunteer Training

Calling all volunteers! We can find just the right task for any person of any ability. If you can give of your time, please attend our training session. You won't find a nicer place to work!

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GUIDED HIKE SAN DIEGUITO LAGOON TIDAL TRAIL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND
FROM 9 – 11AM.

MEET/PARK AT DUST DEVIL
NATURE TRAIL STAGING AREA



Nov. 2: Guided Hike

Explore the newest addition to the River Park's trail system—the Tidal Trail—from 9 to 11 a.m. Nov. 2 at newly-restored wetlands west of El Camino Real and east of Interstate 5. During the easy, two-mile stroll, River Park JPA Executive Director Shawna Anderson and Ranger Elias Rocha will discuss the many benefits of the 84-acre restoration project. Park and meet at the Dust Devil Nature Trail Staging Area.

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Nov. 3, 9, 17: Yoga at the Birdwing

Our Yoga at the Birdwing offerings have expanded to three sessions a month. Instructor Anna, shown here, leads a second-Saturday class with no recorded music. Birdsong, breezes and other sounds of nature provide the soundtrack.

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Nov. 23: Gonzales Canyon Habitat Restoration

Dig in to habitat restoration and learn about our local ecology with our friends from San Diego Canyonlands from 9 to 11 a.m. Nov. 23 at Gonzales Canyon.

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Downstream



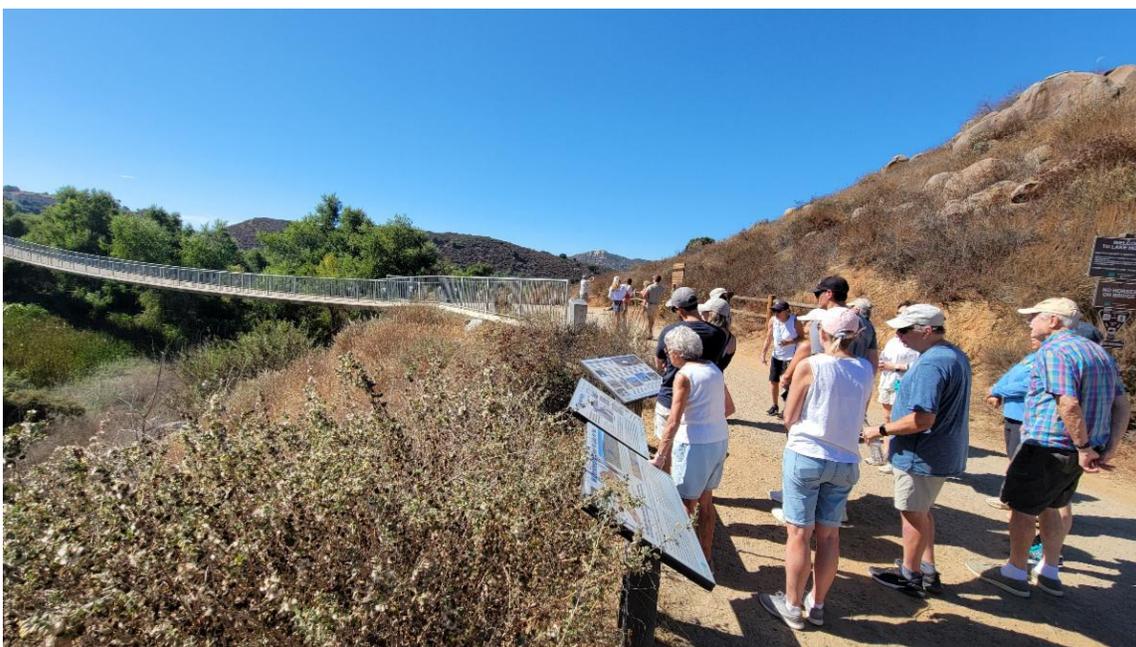
Creekside Critters

Sky Hunters, a nonprofit dedicated to conserving raptors and birds of prey, hosted our Creekside Critters get-together Oct. 5 at the Del Mar Library.



Big Numbers at Native Plant Sale

The California Native Plant Sale at Sikes Adobe Oct. 19 drew nearly 700 guests, who purchased thousands of plants from more than a dozen vendors. More than just a sale, the event offered nature lovers a chance to compare notes with experts and fellow native plant enthusiasts.



David Kreitzer Memorial Walk

During a memorial walk Oct. 23, friends and family of David Kreitzer visited the David Kreitzer Lake Hodges Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge. Kreitzer, a founder of San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, retired U.S. Air Force officer, student of botany and multifaceted volunteer in Rancho Bernardo, died last November.



Walk N Talk at Clevenger Canyon

Nathan Lou of the nonprofit Mongol Tribe was our special guest Oct. 26 during our Walk N Talk group hike at Clevenger Canyon.



Bat Hike at Bernardo Bay

We had a great turnout for our Bat Hike Oct. 26 with our friends from Living Coast Discovery Center. During the twilight hike at Bernardo Bay, we searched for bats in their natural environs and talked about the important role the nocturnal, winged mammals play in our ecosystem.

Coast to Crest Trail Challenge



Oksana Glukhikh and friends sent us just the right greeting from Del Dios Gorge



Christina Fink and Nancy Preston began the Coast to Crest Trail Challenge during Year 7 in 2023-24. Now the friends are on a mission to complete every hike from every year.

"We are working backwards for the joy of finding these trails," she told us last week in an email.

They're also in it for the thrill of receiving those Coast to Crest Trail Challenge patches.

Past Challenges

Year 8 Challenge is On!

Year 8 of the Coast to Crest Trail Challenge is on!

With the mild climes of fall upon us, there couldn't be a better time to lace up and explore!

Year 8 Details





Linda Culp, Elisa Arias and Jose Nuncio at Piedras Pintadas

Volunteering



Monthly Trail Maintenance

Work with rangers to improve the trails and restore native habitats from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 10. Meet at the Coast to Crest Trail at Santa Fe Valley and Del Dios Gorge Parking Lot, 8173 Del Dios Rd, San Diego.

We'll 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.

Contact: calei@sdrp.org

Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead



Sprucing up the Farmhouse

By Anita Hissem

Over the summer, the Friends of Sikes Adobe have been busy replacing some worn and tattered items at Sikes Historic Farmstead. Upkeep is an ongoing project in the San Dieguito River Park's historic house museum with its vintage furnishings.

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Friends Host Field Trips

The Friends of Sikes Adobe and River Park staff are always pleased to host field trips. Recent guests have included children from High Tech Elementary and Escondido Union School District.

In the field, we use real-world contact with nature to connect kids to what they are learning in the classroom.

Nature walks bring home lessons on biodiversity. A visit to the farmhouse brings history to life.

We enjoy the visits and the kids really seem to appreciate them, too!



FESTIVE FARMHOUSE
A Farmstead Holiday Celebration

Join us to celebrate the season at the historic
Sikes Adobe Farmstead in Escondido.

Immerse yourself in enchanting Christmas music and
unwind in our elegant Victorian parlor.

Enjoy farmhouse tours, paper crafts, cookie decorating,
hot drinks, and treats.



Sunday, December 8th
11 am to 2 pm



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Your generosity is our lifeblood. Thank you! Photo: John Weare

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