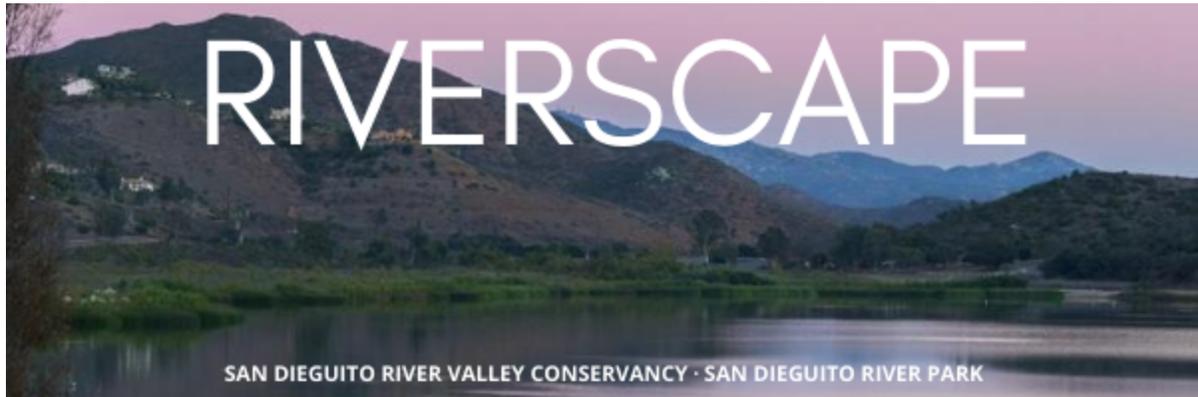


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Next to Nature and In Person



Many thanks to the many people who attended our Next to Nature demonstration event March 13 at Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead. We had excellent exchanges of information as our hosts imparted easy ways to enhance natural spaces and create wildlife connections right at home.

Last summer, during a series of six YouTube live streams, Next to Nature guides explored eco-beneficial landscapes from many angles. Watch the video series and learn more about the certification program on the Next to Nature webpage.

[Next to Nature Webpage](#)



PHATCROPS videos posted on new webpage



Did you catch our PHATCROPS gardening workshops? We plowed into the sessions with Sartteka Am Ab Nefer, lead gardener at PHATCROPS.

On a new webpage, you can take your pick of videos from each of the five workshops. Enjoy!

[Open Webpage](#)

Wild Art



The camera traps on our Del Dios property provide a rich grab-bag of photographs.

Work Party at Gonzales Canyon



SDG&E knows how to throw a work party. The guest list to the Gonzales Canyon restoration site included San Diego City Councilman Joe LaCava and more than a dozen volunteers. Thanks to a \$3,000 grant from SDG&E, we planted 85 native plants, of which 35 were native trees.



Coast to Crest Trail Challenge



Amy, Todd, Ava and Marston Barnes and Winston

Let's do this!

Are you ready to conquer the Coast to Crest Trail Challenge?

You're going to love the five hikes and that sweet feeling of accomplishment that comes with completing them.

We'll see you on the trail!



CTC 2021-22 Details



Phillis Dattilo and Meinir Heilbrun



Bill Sherrard



Christopher Nigro



Lisa Ruder and Dana Hartley



Diana VanOrmer



Mirko Raner

Commentary Published in U-T



In a commentary published in the San Diego Union-Tribune, Conservation Manager Joseph Rivera makes a strong case for kids getting into nature. The piece is one of three the paper ran to show Generation Z perspectives on climate solutions.

Joseph's op-ed appears beneath the headline: "When young people spend time in nature, it benefits their wellbeing — and our environment"

We agree. Great job, Joseph!

River Park News

Into the Adobe Archives

This cabinet card is a lesser known view of the Sikes family farmhouse taken from the southwest side about 1889 by travelling photographer, Joseph Fortin (1854-1942). On file SDRP. At this point in her life, Eliza Sikes had been widowed for eight years. The youngest of her children, Edward was 20. She continued to live here for several more years.

The Fortin cabinet card is the companion of the best known view of the east side of the farmhouse that is centered on two family members, as a horse that awaits patiently (view here <http://www.sdrp.org/wordpress/sikes-adobe/history/> on file Poway Historical Society).



Watershed Explorer Program

The Watershed Explorer Program Partners (SDRP, SDRVC, San Diego Archaeological Center, & Volcan Mtn. Foundation) visited the Ilan-Lael Foundation. We are looking forward to having the foundation work together with the Watershed Explorers Program partners to expand the youth outdoor field trips and integrate art, nature and community.



SDRP Volunteer Enrichment

Last month's volunteer enrichment was led by the San Diego Tracking Team. They gave SDRP volunteers an Introduction to Tracking lesson. They learned the ins and outs of track identification and hit the trails, identifying 10 different tracks along the way. Many thanks to the San Diego Tracking Team for your collaboration. If you are interested in joining the SDRP Volunteer Enrichment days by becoming a volunteer please reach out to Sr. Interpretive Ranger Leana Bulay (Leana@sdrp.org).



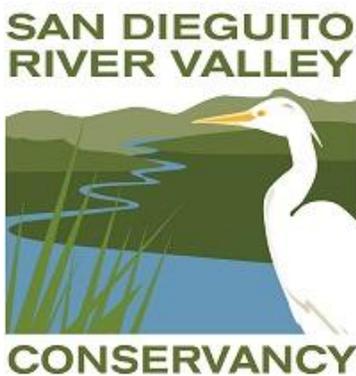
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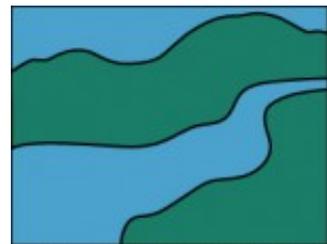
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