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Nature adapts and so do we.

San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy



FACEBOOK LIVE CHATS

Even as we cautiously reopen, we continue to adapt to COVID-19 by bringing programs straight to your homes.

For the past seven weeks, we have explored the wonders of the river valley on Facebook Live. Our eighth and final chat, on Happy Hiking, is set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Please join us!

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Education Manager Ana Lutz-Johnson

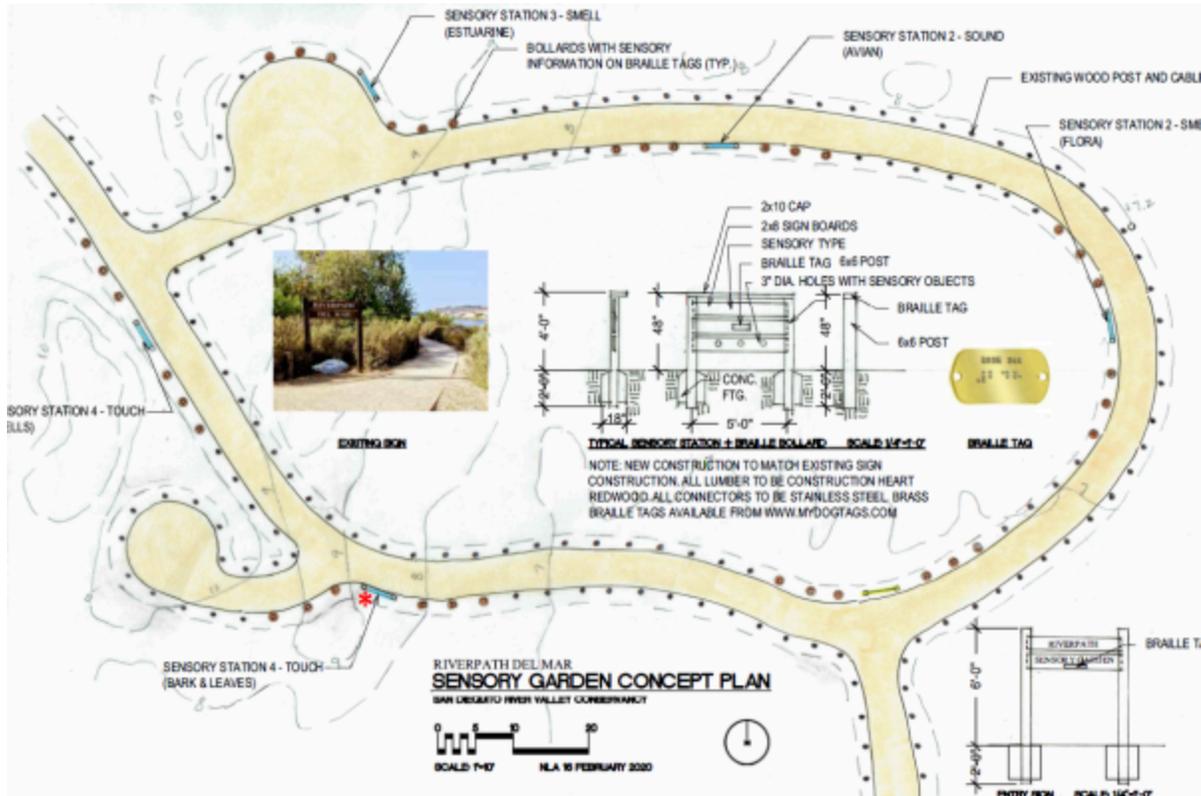
Education Manager Ana Lutz-Johnson leads the chats and organizes our online initiatives. Thanks to her hard work, we also reinvented our collaboration with Living Coast Discovery Center so people of all ages can experience our natural history. On Saturday, Ana and the Discovery Center's Ashley Barron hosted a Zoom webinar on the Science of Flight. Thanks so much to the 40 folks who joined in.

Our next Zoom session is set for 10 a.m. June 20. We will publish the topic and information on how to register shortly. Stay tuned!

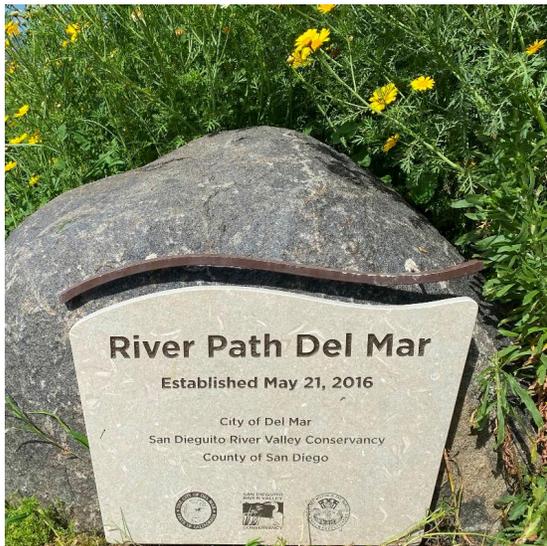
Restrictions are easing and we're starting to get back outside. Indoors and outdoors, we are excited to add to your enjoyment of nature.

[Open our archive of chats and webinars on YouTube](#)

Good to go on grants



The planned Multi-Sensory Trail at River Path Del Mar is expected to open spring 2021.



Good news on grants.

One of them -- \$8,225 from REI Co-op -- supports construction of a Multi-Sensory Trail at River Path Del Mar.

A second grant -- \$10,000 from SDG&E -- provides funding for our "Through-the-Lens" program.

In Del Mar, plans for the Multi-Sensory Trail include tactile panels for feeling the textures of leaves, bark and shells, and perches from which to sniff the smell of the estuary or that of pungent plants. Our goal for the project -- to increase access to

outdoor recreation -- fits hand-in-glove with the philosophy of REI.

When combined with earlier backing from Target and SDG&E, the \$30,000 program to activate the senses and enhance the experience of visitors of all ages and abilities is nearly two-thirds funded. We are applying for permits through the City of Del Mar this summer and hope to have the project completed by spring 2021.



Elsewhere, we are excited to apply SDG&E's Environmental Champion Grant toward our Through-the-Lens project.

Developed by Education Manager Ana Lutz-Johnson and board member Shelley Glenn Lee, Through-the-Lens shows 6th-through 8th-grade students the river park from the perspective of our wildlife cameras.

In-classroom work will have the kids processing and analyzing the photography as we get them excited about science and stewardship of the land.

"I'm constantly owling!"



Denise Quigley of Carlsbad makes nature photography look easy.

In her case, it is.

A family of great horned owls has nested in her back yard and seems happy to pose for her camera.

"I can't get anything else done around the house," Denise said. "I'm constantly owling!"

SUPPORT SDRVC

Donations are more deductible than ever



Aaron Chang photo

The federal government is increasing the deductibility of donations to nonprofit groups.

Just about anyone with taxable income can lower his or her tax bill by donating to the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy.

Under the CARES Act, if you itemize your deductions, you can now deduct 100 percent of your cash contributions as opposed to the 60 percent allowed previously.

If you don't itemize, people who are married and filing jointly can fully deduct up to \$600; individuals can deduct up to \$300 as an above-the-line deduction versus the prior amount of \$0.

For the 2020 tax year only, the CARES Act also allows people of Required Minimum Distribution age to pass on taking mandatory retirement account distributions. The Conservancy, however, can accept Qualified Charitable Distributions of this kind. These distributions are excluded from your taxable income.

Learn more from your tax professional and thank you for supporting the Conservancy with your increasingly tax-deductible donations.

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COAST TO CREST TRAIL CHALLENGE

Congratulations to our latest round of finishers!

There's a good reason for all of these smiling faces. These folks photographed themselves in the act of enjoying the outdoors and completing the Coast to Crest Trail Challenge.

The challenge calls for completing five hikes and shooting selfies at assigned spots to prove it.

We encourage you to hike the hikes ham it up for your cameras!



Tracy and Phil Colla



Laura Jeremiah

After COVID-19 closed portions of the park, we extended the deadline for completing the challenge to Aug. 31.

Get details on our website. We'll see you on the trail!

[Open the Coast to Crest Trail Challenge webpage](#)



Left to right: Alden Holmes, Josephine Ng, Jim and Sue Brown.



Left to right: Slader Buck, Nichelle Worthington and Kim Edwards, Anne Artz.

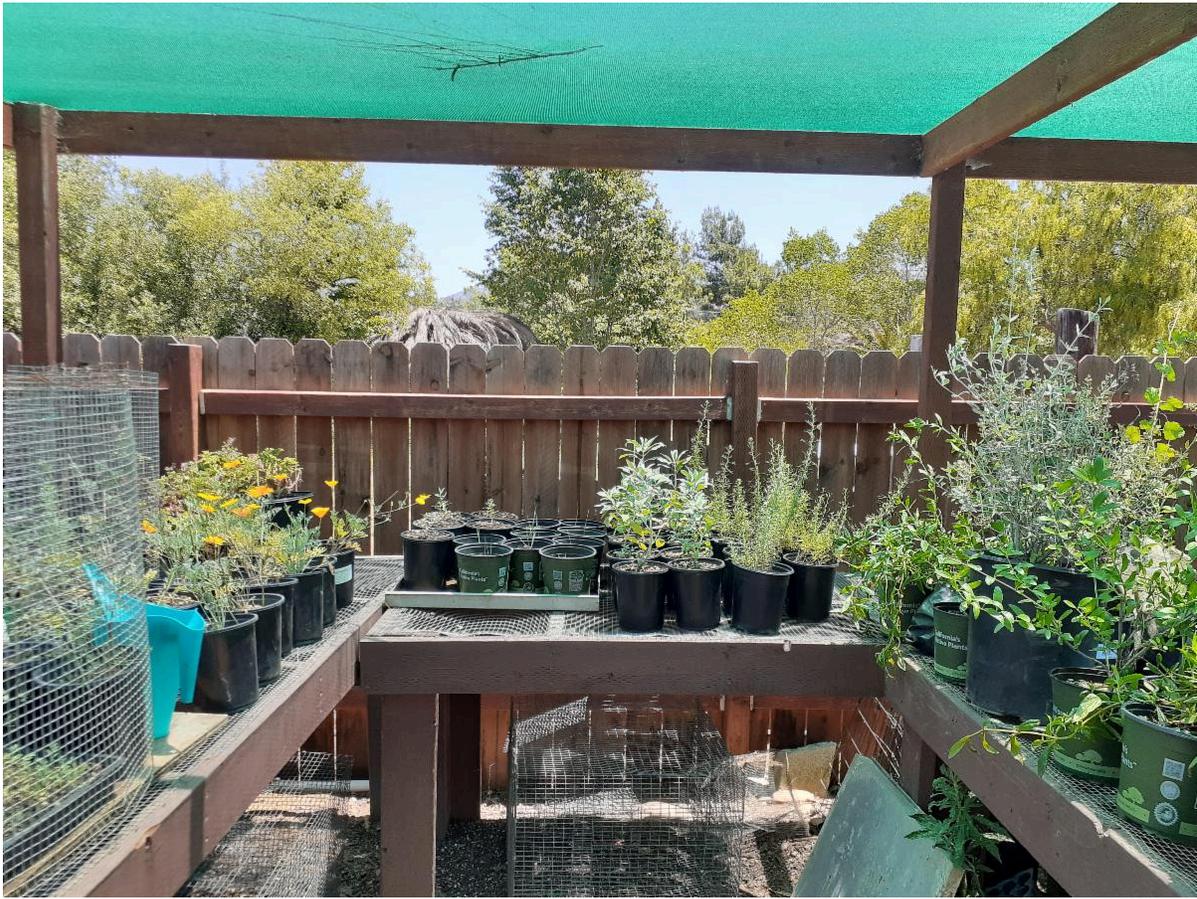


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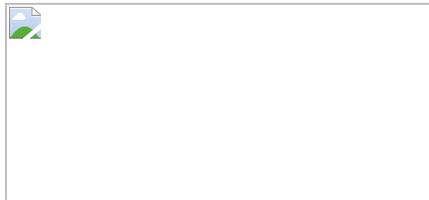
SIKES ADOBE UPDATE



Another way to bring home nature is with native plants. Here's a glance inside the nursery at the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead, where the lovely specimens include California poppies, white sage, narrow milkweed and California sagebrush. Some of them have grown from seed collected within the park for propagation and restoration projects.

Other plants are for sale from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the [North San Diego Certified Farmers Market](#), 12655 Sunset Drive, Escondido.

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