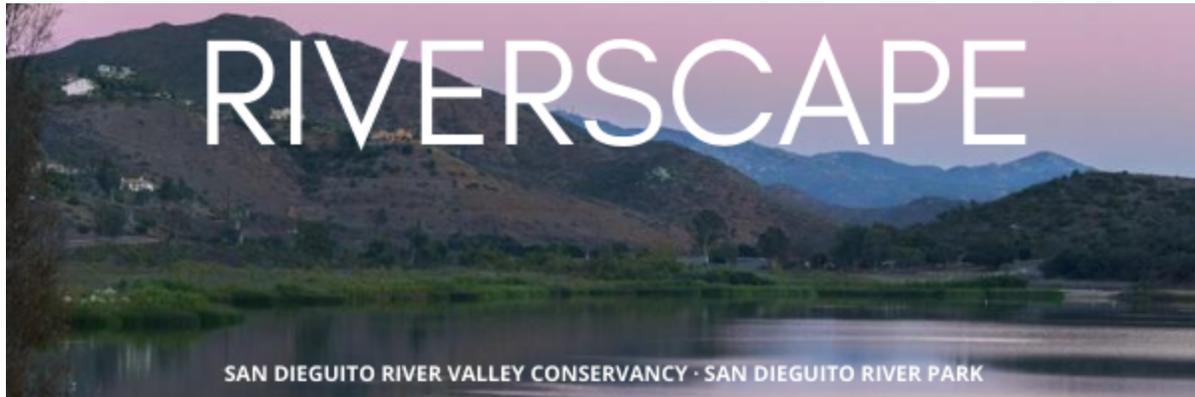


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Loving Lusardi Loop



We can't think of a nicer way to spend a Saturday.

Our executive director, Trish Boaz, led a guided hike on the Lusardi Loop, one of five trails bundled into this year's Coast to Crest Trail Challenge.

Spring color radiated from the trail and behind those masks, smiles radiated on our faces.

Nothing beats the curative power of nature.

We'll see you on the trail!



Backward Glance



How cool is this old image? Courtesy: Del Mar Historical Society

Coast to Crest Trail Challenge



Thank you for providing my husband and me with hiking inspiration during this pandemic.

— Laura and Nathan Mertz



There could not be a better time to lace up those boots and hit the trail!

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We're looking forward to displaying our patches proudly.

— Larry and Janet Pollack

This is our third year finishing the challenge as a family. We love the variety of the trails and the fact that our dog and bikes are permitted. Thanks for the excuse to drag my tween- and teenagers outside!

— Paul, Lisa, Ian and Lachlan Saam (and Ginger)





Row 1: Andrea and Christian Meyer; Bill Roche; Charlie Kahle; David and Theresa Milder.
 Row 2: Edward Miner; Eric and Hanna Ames; Heather and Kevin Galloway; Katrina Thiel.
 Row 3: Ken and Donna Cote; Krissa Jelly and daughter; Kristen Crane; Frances Walters and Kathy Raymond.
 Row 4: Mary Chang and Benjamin Guo; Matt Xenakis; Melanie Master and Paulette Phillips; Patricia Pingatore.
 Row 5: Rebecca Merrell, Marcos Pimentel and Shaya; Richard Pence; Sean Keane and Ali Hisserich; Susan Forsburg and Lisa Churchill.



Liz Belloso and Laura Jeremiah



Lorenzo and Juanita Lewis

Currents

Welcome aboard, Ellie!

We are delighted to welcome Ellie Haviland to our Board of Directors. Haviland, a former mayor and city council member in Del Mar, served as a liaison to the city's San Dieguito Lagoon Committee, Clean Energy Alliance and Sustainability Advisory Board, among other roles.

"I'm passionate about the preservation of open space and I'm grateful to the SDRVC for the tremendous work they have done," she said. "I look forward to working with my fellow board members to continue their success."



Conservancy awarded \$10k Prebys grant for educational program

Thank you so much to the Conrad Prebys Foundation for awarding us a \$10,000 grant to improve our educational programming. Among other things, the funds will help us upgrade our website so educational functions are more interactive, intuitive, inclusive and informational. We are excited to develop a robust virtual space that enriches minds and ignites passion for our natural environment.

[Open San Diego Union-Tribune article](#)



Relevant and useful info in EarthLab newsletter

As part of our Next to Nature program, we're always pleased to share relevant and useful information published by our conservation partners. We struck gold with this month's EarthLab newsletter published by Groundwork San Diego.

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In The News

[Hikers take Coast to Crest Trail Challenge, The San Diego Union-Tribune, March 1, 2021](#)

[Want some free exercise? Go take a hike, Pomerado News, March 3, 2021](#)

River Park News



Ranger Felipe Franco and Urban Corps of San Diego County workers groom a trail in Del Dios Gorge as part of an Active Transportation Trails Project.

Eagle Scout project beautifies grounds at farmstead

Matthew VanderVorst of Troop 668 gets big props for the cleanup, bench and sign installation he completed for his Eagle Scout project at Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead.

"All of this not only helps native plants thrive without the worry of invasive species, but it will also educate others on the historical value of many local plants," he said. "It was quite a large undertaking and, at many times, I thought I had bitten off more than I could chew, but, ultimately, I completed the project, learning from my experiences and appreciating all the hard work that goes into the San Dieguito River Park. I can't wait till the plants grow to their fullest and to see it being used by trail-goers."

Great job, Matthew!



Beautiful brochures cover native plants of River Park

Have you seen the Native Plant Guide to the San Dieguito River Park? The beautiful brochures can be found at River Park facilities and informational kiosks.

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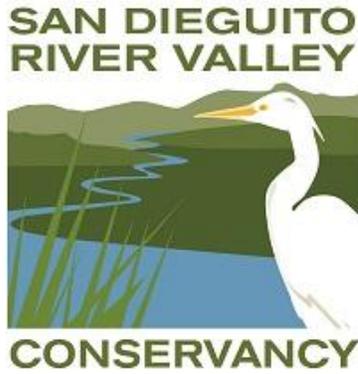
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