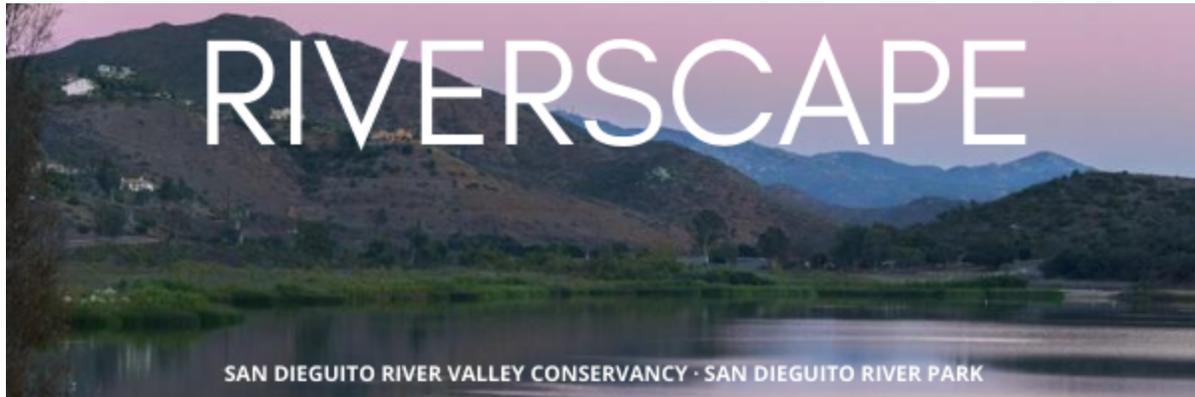


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The 2020-21 Coast to Crest Trail Challenge is on!



San Pasqual Valley



**Boden Canyon**

Lace up those hiking boots, the 2020-21 Coast to Crest Challenge has begun!

Five excellent, outdoor adventures await, from the upper watershed at Santa Ysabel East to the lowlands of Lusardi Loop.

We can't wait to hear your stories and see your selfies.

Finish the five hikes and submit your selfies to receive a special certificate, decal, REI coupon and colorful patch.

We guarantee you'll stand a little taller after finishing the hikes and sewing that patch onto your pack!

**CTC 2020-21 Details**



**Lusardi Loop Trail**



**North Lake Hodges to Del Dios**



**Santa Ysabel East**



Susie Kara is the first hiker to finish the the 2020-21 challenge and submit all five selfies.

"Thank you so much for putting together such a beautiful assortment of trails," Susie wrote in an email. "My favorite hike was Boden Canyon."



How pretty is this patch? The designer is Canyon Crest Academy student Natasha Velez Sheldon.

**CTC 2020-21 Details**



Donna Nasielski also wasted no time in completing this year's challenge. This is the third straight year that Donna has completed all five hikes.

Way to go, Donna!

For Wild's Sake: 1,000 thanks!

We're still riding high from the great success of our River Valley Fest fundraiser, themed "For Wild's Sake."

The hybrid event brought our program to at-home participants through a webcast and to a limited number of in-person guests at Viewpoint Brewing Co. in Del Mar.

One thousand thanks to the many people who made the evening so successful.

You don't have to wait for the next fundraiser to help us succeed For Wild's Sake. We always, always appreciate your donations. Thank you.

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## For Wild's Sake Videos



**President Nate Northup greets guests and thanks supporters.**

**Get a taste of the full program in this short video.**

**Bobby Wallace of the Barona Band of Mission Indians, Kumeyaay Nation, opens the event with a prayer.**

## Upstream

### **We can't wait to collaborate with The Green Queen**

We can't wait to work with Maria Muhammad, co-CEO of I Am Green and Vice President of Outreach and Programs for San Diego Urban Sustainability Coalition.

Her friends call her the Green Queen.

We met during a virtual summit on climate change, to which she brought great passion and enthusiasm. We agreed that we must collaborate.

In her role with I Am Green, Maria addresses environmental injustices and inequity, broadly and closer to home in Southeast San Diego. Her group helps neighbors understand sustainable practices, environmental literacy and how to organize. She enlists and trains "climate ambassadors" to



develop initiatives and spread the word on sustainability.

I Am Green Facebook Page

Her corps of 25 ambassadors ranges in age from 11 to 60-something and includes students, professionals, business owners and anyone else.

"We really want to marry the climate ambassador program with what the Conservancy is doing," Maria said.

So do we, Maria, so do we!

## Bobcat v. Rattlesnake



Check out this bobcat's technique for catching a meal.

[Watch Video](#)

## River Park News



## New interpretive panels in Pamo Valley

If you're lucky, you'll see the River Park's new interpretive panels on your next visit to Pamo Valley. If you're really lucky, you'll see Ranger Avary Rollins.

The four panels draw their inspiration from the late Emily Durbin, an activist who worked to stop projects she believed would harm the environment. The panels' themes are: A Passion to Save Pamo Valley; Balancing Recreation with Wildlife Protection; Protect Your Watershed, and Pamo Valley Early History.



## Welcome aboard, Bailey!

Introducing Bailey Calhoun, a new intern at the River Park and an environmental studies student at Cal State University San Marcos.

A skilled gardener, Bailey combines her passion for sustainability with that of producing bountiful harvests. She is soaking up information about the natural history of our watershed. Like any good naturalist, Bailey loves hiking and backpacking. She's also a rock climber.

For relaxing, Bailey reads novels and plays with her three kittens.

Welcome aboard, Bailey!



## Farewell, Terry Badger

We're going to miss Terry Badger, a River Park supporter and volunteer from the early days. His perennial good cheer belied his five-year battle against multiple myeloma. Our sympathies go to Terry's family and friends.



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There has never been a better time to donate. During the 2020 tax year, the federal government is increasing the deductibility of your donations under provisions of the CARES Act. Learn more from your tax professional and thank you for supporting the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy.

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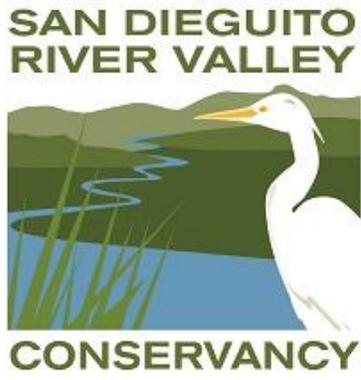
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