



SAN DIEGUITO RIVER VALLEY CONSERVANCY | SAN DIEGUITO RIVER PARK JPA

Top Stories



Ranger Nicolas waters an upland restoration site just west of El Camino Real and south of the river. It is one of many mitigation sites managed by the San Dieguito River Park JPA, which has planted coastal scrub and seeded the slope with a mixture of native grasses and plants. Decades ago, tomato fields filled much of the river valley between Interstate 5 and El Camino Real.



So Fresh and So Clean: New Website

We are excited to launch a new website to inform, entertain and keep you right up to speed on everything we do. The overhauled site at www.sdrvc.org includes fresh photos, text and graphics.

The site's speedy navigation centers on our three pillars—Conservation, Education, and Recreation—and is designed to deliver the information you need quickly.

Learn about our leaders, staff and finances. Get to know our strong record for land acquisition and management. Plan your hikes with links to interactive trail maps. Visit our "Events" page to register for programs. Click "Get Involved" to volunteer or become a Conservancy member. "Support Us" shows how any donor at any level can make a difference for Conservation.

Send any feedback to sdrvc@sdrvc.org

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Wide-eyed over Wetlands

Ranger Calei and Ranger Elias of the San Dieguito River Park JPA had their audience riveted July 23 with interactive activities that got kids excited about the watershed and the wildlife that calls it home.

It was the second straight summer that rangers have brought their presentation to the City of Solana Beach Summer Day Camp.

"The children learned about the delicate balance of the ecosystem and the vital role they can play in preserving it," Ranger Calei said. "This event was a wonderful opportunity to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards."





Waitlist Open for ESP 2024-25

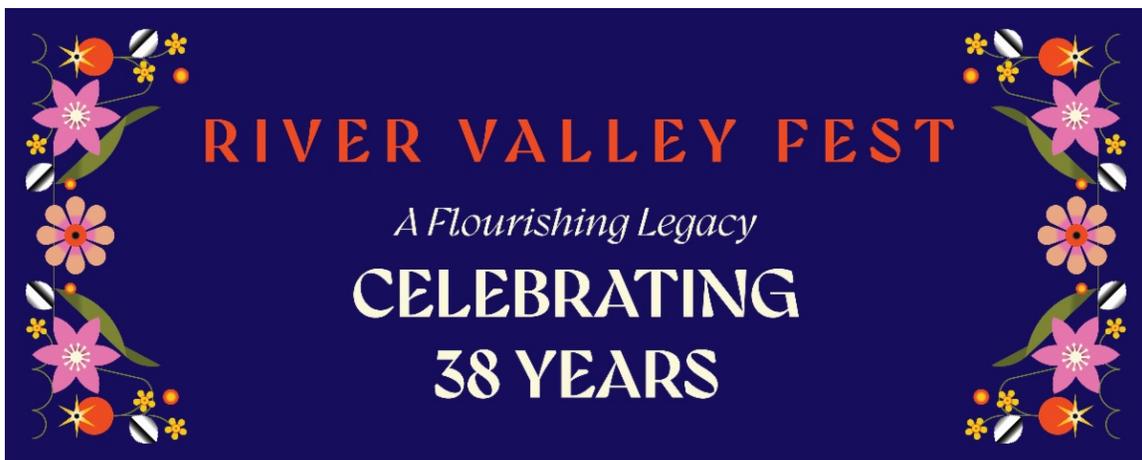
Registration in July for the 2024-25 season of Exploring our Sense of Place reached capacity in about a week but hopeful participants can still add their names to a waitlist.

To keep the experience intimate, enrollment is capped at 25 for the series of seven excursions. Participants dive deeply into natural history and their connections to the nature that surrounds them.

ESP hikes are led by experts in the fields of wildlife, geology, Native Americans, birds, native plants and the ecology of wetlands.

Add your name to the waitlist by visiting the ESP website.

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Oct. 13: River Valley Fest 2024

Mark your calendars! River Valley Fest 2024 is set for 4 p.m. Oct. 13 at Hilton Del Mar. Our plans continue to take shape...we'll publish more details ASAP!

Upstream



Aug. 3: Creekside Critters

Meet and greet turtles and tortoises 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Del Mar Library. We're delighted to welcome the San Diego Turtle and Tortoise Society to lead our Creekside Critters event for kids and families.

[Register](#)



Aug. 4 & 18: Yoga at the Birdwing

Find your side planks 10 a.m. Sunday at the Birdwing Open Air Classroom. Instructors Susan and Mary lead the free classes on the first and third Sundays of the month. Bring your water bottle and mat!

[Register](#)



Aug. 16: Paint N Sip

Our first-ever Paint N Sip get-together is set for 4 to 7 p.m. Aug. 16 at Speckle Rock Vineyards in Escondido. Local artist Melody Wagner will guide you in rendering your acrylic masterpiece. No artistic experience is necessary!

[Register](#)



Aug. 30: Walk N Talk

Let's conquer the Coast to Crest Trail Challenge together! Our Walk N Talk to complete Hike No. 2 of this year's series is set for 9 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 30 near Rancho Bernardo. Meet at the Piedras Pintadas trailhead.

[Register](#)

Downstream



Walkin and Talkin at Bernardo Bay

Our first Walk N Talk group hike for Year 8 of the Coast to Crest Trail Challenge brought more than a dozen of us to the sunny shores of Bernardo Bay. Members of the Conservancy's staff lead the monthly Walk N Talks. The chatter can cover flora, fauna and almost anything else!



Coast to Crest Trail Challenge



Rhianne Steins

Selfie sweep-up from Year 7

As we close the books on Year 7 of the Coast to Crest Trail Challenge, here's a final flurry of better-late-than-never selfies.

To the many intrepid challengers who crushed Year 7, we salute you!

Are you ready to dive into the Year 8 hikes? To add that Year 8 patch to your collection?

Click for details. See you on the trail!



Year 8 Coast to Crest Trail Challenge patch.

Year 8 Details





Lynn Loeb and Susan Flagstad



Laura Lande and friends



Laura Hendrickson and Dany Gitnick



Larry and Susie Kara



Larry and Janet Pollack



Jenny Vandavelde and friends



Heming Diep



Dorian Davis



Dan and Mary Weston



Aubree Diep



Stephen Mazurek and Max



Samantha Piper and Kevin Dinglasan

Volunteering

Monthly Trail Maintenance

Work with rangers to improve the trails and



restore native habitats from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 11 in Del Mar. Meet at the Dust Devil Trail Staging Area, 13925 El Camino Real.

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

Every month from 9 to 11 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Sunday and the 2nd and 4th Monday.

Work with our dedicated Friends of Sikes Gardeners to preserve and promote the heritage and beauty of the gardens at the Historic Sikes Adobe.

Contact: calei@sdrp.org

Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead



Smith & Anthony Company Hub Grand Oven

By Anita Hissem

Prominently displayed in the original adobe kitchen at the [Sikes Historic Farmstead](#) is the Smith & Anthony Company Hub Grand oven. Smith & Anthony Company of Boston, Massachusetts, was a very high-end manufacturer of stoves, ovens, furnace ranges, boilers, steel doors and a variety of heating equipment from its inception in 1879 until it went out of business in 1917.

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