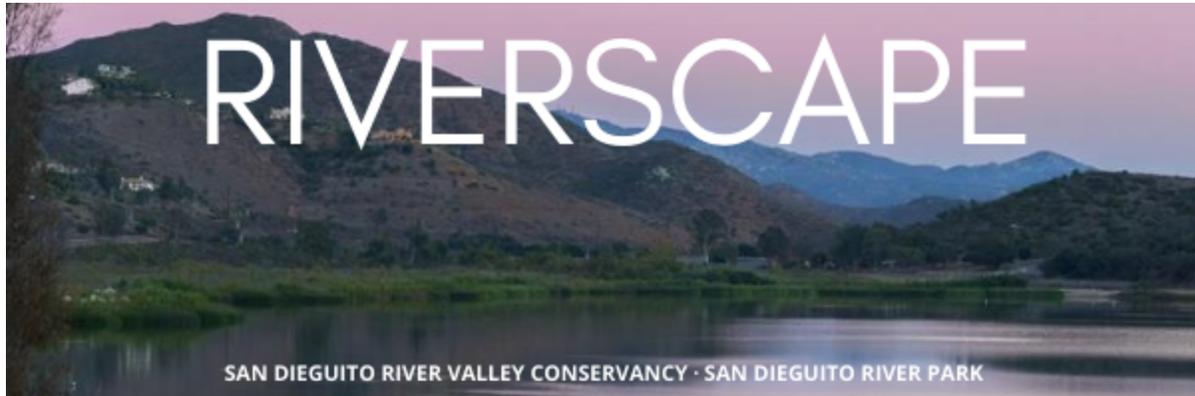


May 2022



Exploring our Sense of Place



The Exploring our Sense of Place program brings participants to the watershed from mountain to sea to connect to nature with hearts and minds.

This month, ESP activities included a hike at Clevenger Canyon, an archaeological presentation, and coffee and homemade lemon cake at the ESP Cafe.

During a brisk hike that included a 1,000-foot elevation gain, participants identified dozens of wildflowers and native plants.



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Date Set for 2022 River Valley Fest



Calling all party people! Mark your calendars — River Valley Fest 2022 is set for November 6.

Here's what we know so far about the annual fundraising gala:

- It's going to be great;
- It will be held at the Del Mar Hilton, the same location as last year's fest;
- Two of our dynamic board members, Jim Smith and Ellie Havilaand, are the lead planners; and
- You must not miss this epic event!

Wild Art



Why do lizards do push-ups? As a display of strength, some researchers say. Photo: Emily Kochert

Day Trip to Volcan Mountain



Need to recalibrate? A day trip to Volcan Mountain Preserve is just the ticket.

In April, Interim Executive Director Emily Kochert hiked the Five Oaks Trail with her camera.

"Get your heart rate up," she said, "and enjoy some amazing views!"



Coast to Crest Trail Challenge



Kristen Eng finds a tree pose at the Birdwing Open Air Classroom.

Coming soon: Best of C2C Challenge series

Calling all Coast to Crest Trail Challengers! We need your good ideas. Year Six of the C2C challenge begins July 1, and with five years at five hikes each on the books, we'd like to know which ones were your favorites.

Our plan for Year Six is to roll out a Best of C2C Challenge series.

Later this month, we'll start taking your votes with a survey. To jog your memory in the meantime, here's a list of those 25 hikes:

2021-22

- Blue Sky Preserve
- Black Mountain Summit
- Santa Fe Valley Extension
- Dust Devil Trail
- Gonzales Canyon

2020-21

- Santa Ysabel East
- Boden Canyon
- San Pasqual Valley
- North Lake Hodges
- Lusardi Creek Trail

2019-20

- Santa Ysabel West
- Highland Valley Trail

- Del Dios Highland Preserve
- Lake View Trail
- Pamo Valley

2018-19

- Kanaka Loop Trail
- Ramona Grasslands
- Raptor Ridge Trail
- Piedras Pintadas Trail
- Santa Fe Valley Trail

2017-18

- Volcan Mountain
- San Dieguito Lagoon
- Del Dios Gorge
- Bernardo Mountain Summit
- Clevenger Canyon

Past Challenges

Let's do this!

For the 2021-22 Challenge, the smiling selfies continue to pour in. Keep 'em coming!

CTC 2021-22 Details



Brandon Smith and Amy Throckmorton



Ellie Throckmorton



Grayson Throckmorton



Oliver Throckmorton



Wen-Wen and Clifford Matsuda



Cecilia and Ely Primero



Edward Miner

Eric Pelina and Josephine Ng

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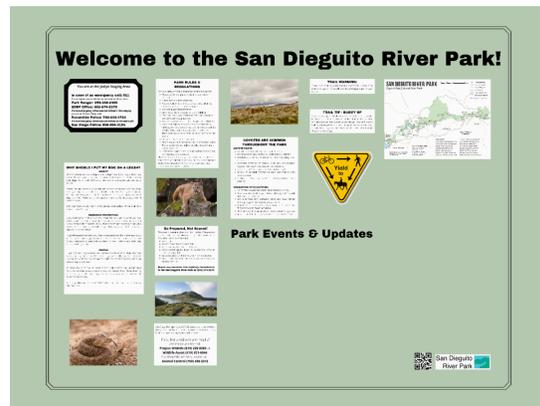
Earth Day

Every Day is Earth Day at the San Dieguito River Park! This year SDRP celebrated at two events. The first, pictured here, with volunteer Lyric Chavez. At the second event, Sr. Interpretive Ranger Leana and Interpretive Ranger Blanca joined forces with the Escondido Library for an educational morning to crown some new SDRP Earth Ambassadors. Later this month the Escondido Public Library, will be launching their own Check Out Nature Backpack program! Aimed at young explorers, these Nature Packs are equipped with items that will help them get outside and explore the natural world around them. The packs can be borrowed from the Escondido Public Library and include SDRP field guides, an activity book, binoculars, bug observer, first-aid kit, and more!



New Kiosks

Feast your eyes on SDRP's new kiosks! San Dieguito River Park has updated its kiosks in the park with pertinent park information. This is phase one of the kiosk revamp. The next phases include updating locations with more display space with a variety of information. This update is part of our increased attention to interpretation throughout the park. If you are interested in providing your valuable feedback and insights, please fill out the Interpretive Master Plan Survey: <https://forms.gle/Hp9FUZTGPRruh9aH6>



SDRP Volunteer Enrichment

Last month's SDRP volunteer enrichment was led by local historian Vincent Rossi. He gave a captivating hike out to Mule Hill where staff and volunteers learned all about its complicated history. Many thanks to Vincent for sharing your time and expertise. 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).



Into the Adobe Archives

Image description: The Sikes farmhouse, in center left view peeks out from among a cluster of trees. Zenas Sikes was a founder of the town of Bernardo (lower right). He held the position of postmaster when the first Bernardo post office was officially established on December 3, 1872. The town slowly faded away after the incorporation of the city of Escondido in 1888. The small building in a distant view north of Bernardo is the Oaks adobe that once adobe stood about where the hockey arena is located today in Kit Carson Park. Photo: courtesy of the Escondido History Center-- a partial view of panorama

The "Into the Adobe Archives" series is part of the Sikes Adobe 150th Anniversary Celebration. Join the Friends of Sikes Adobe for the 150th Open House Celebration Sunday, June 5, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event will feature a short history, Sikes family recognition, tours, and refreshments. For more information, please reach out to Interpretive Ranger Blanca: blanca@sdrp.org



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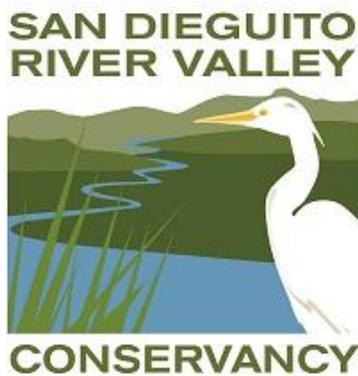
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