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Dear ,

Welcome to the April Riverscape. We hope it brings you a smile.



As we respond to COVID-19, we are reminded that nature doesn't go on lock down.

Spring is showing its colors even as sections of the river park, in keeping with various cities' rules, are closed to the public.

During the first two weeks of March, we led a restoration project at Gonzalez Canyon and a field trip at Lake Hodges. We congratulated more than a dozen people who conquered our Coast to Crest Challenge.

Shortly thereafter, Gov. Gavin Newsom added a stay-at-home order to earlier prohibitions on gatherings and calls to practice safe social distancing. In some places, however, people continued to cluster into groups. That led to the closure of many parks and beaches.

What can we do?

Wear a smile. Get outside when we can and where doing so is permitted. Stay at least six feet away from people who are not in our same household. Stay safe and take comfort in the fortitude of nature.

Busy hands in Gonzalez Canyon



Look what happens when Canyon Crest Academy Robotics Club members and their parents dive into our Gonzalez Canyon restoration project. Our hard-working group planted 85 native plants in a new restoration area.

One participant, Dipali, told us in a thank you note: "We all learned something new. I know I will forever remember this day."

Thanks, Dipali, and great job, everybody!

Isolation at Ramona Grasslands



It was easy for Brad and Janie to practice social distancing amid the isolation of Ramona Grasslands.

Thanks so much to Brad Bartlett for sending these photographs.

Ranger spotlight: Jamison Lauria

Jamison Lauria, a passionate protector of natural open spaces and wildlife, has joined our ranks as a park ranger.

She comes to us by way of Humboldt State University, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management and Conservation. Jamison's career path led to local and federal government agencies, where she monitored endangered, threatened and sensitive wildlife. Like any good naturalist, she enjoys birding, herping, backpacking, nature photography, bouldering, kayaking and snorkeling.

Welcome aboard, Jamison!

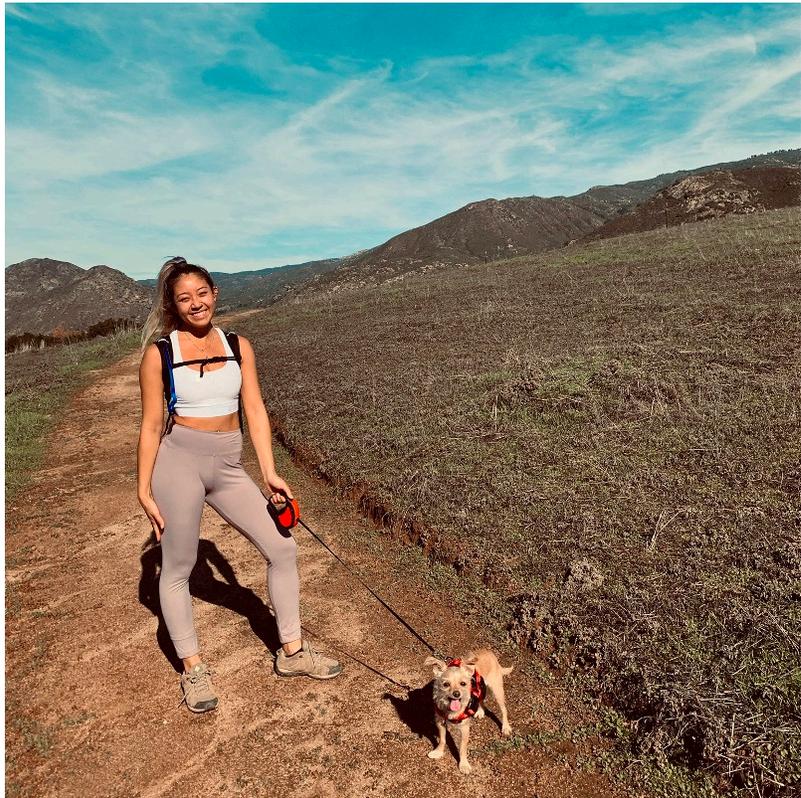


Answering questions at Lake Hodges



Why is water quality important? Where does local water come from? What's a watershed? During a field trip to Lake Hodges, we tackled these questions with seventh-grade students from High Tech Middle School.

COAST TO CREST CHALLENGE



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Coast to Crest
Challengers: We salute
you!

We appreciate your
smiles and your
adventurous spirit more
than ever.



Clockwise from upper left: Nici Dunn and Leo; Susan Glasco; Tim Shell and Bob Gagle; Nancy McEachern



Christina Kantzavelos and Kenan Aker



Tiffani Zalinski



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Clockwise from upper left: Alison Ashworth; Bryan Heard; Carmen Groe; Caroline Ruiz and Craig Rand; Kyle Walker; Diane McGrath and Frak Grant; Douglas Brown; Chris Griffith.

NATURE-BASED RESOURCES



During the statewide stay-at-home order, we are pleased to publish resources to connect you with nature in your own back yard. Thank you for staying safe.

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SIKES ADOBE UPDATE



After a two-week hiatus, the farmers market at Sikes Adobe Historic Farmstead is back in business from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sundays. Although the farmstead museum is closed, the garden continues to produce a bounty that is sold in the market.

The reopening of this and other farmers markets follows action by state and local health officials -- with encouragement from River Park Executive Director Kevin McKernan -- to allow the markets to operate as essential businesses.

Accordingly, the market and its vendors are following health and safety protocols, including:

- No pets, no children and no socializing;
- The number of shoppers permitted into the market at once will be limited;
- Shoppers are asked to complete their purchases promptly to minimize the waiting times of others;
- Shoppers are asked to maintain safe social distancing and to approach booths one at a time;
- On-site dining and sampling is not permitted;
- Customers who feel sick should stay at home.

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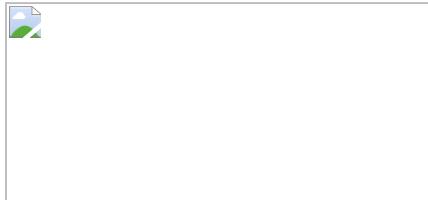


Aaron Chang photo

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