

# Happy Trails

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## Quarterly Trail Volunteer Meetings

Want to find out more about the City of Carlsbad's trails program? Trail volunteer meetings are held quarterly on Thursday evenings at 5 p.m. at the Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Ave.

- Thursday, **Sept. 15**
- Thursday, **Dec. 15**

## Take a Stroll Through the Solar System at Lake Calavera Preserve

Colton Dister, an Eagle Scout candidate from Troop #750 and a student at Sage Creek High School, knows the Lake Calavera Preserve like the back of his hand. As a member of the cross-country team, he runs the preserve's trails almost every day. While in Ohio with his family, Colton hiked a trail with a linear scale model of our solar system, sponsored by the NASA Glenn Research Center. For his Eagle Scout project, he wanted to create something similar in his own hometown.

"A Solar System Walk: An Exploration of Scale," was completed over the summer, following more than a year and a half of work, including fundraising, volunteer recruitment, research and collaboration with the Carlsbad Unified School District to ensure the project was aligned with "Next Generation Science Standards." The result is an engaging and educational experience demonstrating the relative distance between the planets in our solar system. Individual interpretive signs feature high resolution NASA imagery, fun facts and thought provoking questions (that are answered at the next sign on the trail).

Colton recommends starting near the dam, at the sign for the sun, then proceeding along the trail all the way to Sage Creek High School. The signs will be incorporated into elementary school field trips and enjoyed by all trail users for years to come. Thanks, Colton. Way to go!



# Lake Calavera

## *Preserve Improvements*

The City of Carlsbad is making improvements to the Lake Calavera Preserve, one of the city's largest areas of protected habitat and nature trails located in the northeastern part of Carlsbad. The work, which includes the installation of a restroom for trail users and the replacement of invasive plant species with native plants, will require some temporary trail closures once work gets under way.

The planned improvements include:

- Removal of invasive palm and pepper trees
- New native plants and habitat restoration
- Installation of a single-stall restroom with drinking fountain and bike rack
- Vegetation clearing near dam
- Temporary landscape irrigation

Work waited to begin after bird nesting season, and is scheduled for completion this winter.



## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Trail volunteers are critical in maintaining and preserving our trails. Volunteering is also a great way to have fun, keep fit and learn about our natural environment, all while making a lasting contribution that benefits the community for generations.

Mark your calendar for upcoming volunteer opportunities (usually starting at 8:30 a.m.), and please remember to wear gloves, closed-toe shoes and sunscreen. Water and snacks will be provided.

- **Sept. 24**      **Hidden Canyon Park**
- **Oct. 15**      **Lake Calavera Preserve**
- **Nov. 19**      **Hosp Grove**
- **Dec. 10**      **Batiquitos Lagoon North Bluff**

To learn how to become a trail volunteer, please call the city volunteer hotline at 760-434-2929 or visit [www.carlsbadca.gov/volunteers](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/volunteers).

Check the city's website to confirm volunteer event dates and times at [www.carlsbadca.gov/trails](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/trails).

## National Public Lands Day

The City of Carlsbad will celebrate National Public Lands Day with a volunteer trail and park clean up at Hidden Canyon Community Park. The short trail connects the Ann L'Heureux Dog Park, located on Carlsbad Village Drive, to the lower Hidden Canyon Community Park area at 2685 Vancouver St.

Saturday, Sept. 24

8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Volunteer work will include trail surface improvements, installation of trail signage, brush removal, as well as tree and shrub planting at the lower park.

- Registration is not required.
- We will provide tools, water and light snacks.
- Please bring gloves and wear long pants, hats, sunscreen and closed toe shoes.



## Southern Preserve *New Trailhead Kiosk*

Summer heat didn't stop Caleb Leasure from Boy Scout Troop # 777 from working on a new kiosk at the Southern Preserve. The kiosk, which makes it easy for hikers to get maps, directions and other information, is located at the end of the utility road off the Paseo Encino Trailhead. Caleb raised money for all the necessary construction materials, and his troop contributed 295 hours of volunteer service for the trail project. Way to go, Caleb.



## Rancho Carrillo Trail *Refurbished Footbridge and New Accessible Ramp*



Congratulations to Taitin Hamilton, Eagle Scout candidate from Troop #716, who recently completed a project to refurbish a footbridge and ramp at the Rancho Carrillo trail. The ramp increases accessibility to the bridge just west of Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park. Tait's project also included erosion repairs, removal of noxious weeds, and trimming vegetation that was encroaching on the trail and a concrete drainage channel.

In addition to raising money for supplies, Tait secured 193 hours of volunteer service from members of his troop. What a great example of hard work and leadership!

# Featured Photo

## The Crossings and Veterans Park Trail

With breathtaking views of the Agua Hedionda Lagoon, the trail at The Crossings and Veterans Park was also the venue for the 2016 National Trails Day event June 4. Almost 50 volunteers and a few canine companions participated in the event, explored the diverse coastal habitat of Macario Canyon and learned the importance of the lagoon ecosystem.



## Volunteer *Trail Captains*



- Arroyo Vista** - Tia Lanzetta
- Batiquitos Lagoon North Bluff** - Adam Richard
- Carlsbad Oaks North Business Park** - Sue Irey
- Coastal Rail Trail** - Terese and Joe Sardina
- El Fuerte/Bressi Ranch** - Patricia Linton
- Harbor Drive** - Erin Stucker and Lin Ball
- Hidden Valley Trail** - Joe Ferris
- Hosp Grove** - Gary Nessim and John Rodenhausen
- La Costa Glen** - Ed and Tricia Cerda
- La Costa Southern Preserve** - April Frieda
- La Costa Valley** - Debbie Phipps
- Lake Calavera** - Diane Nygaard and Paige DeCino
- Melrose 55-Fioli Circle/ East Ridgeline** - Alvaro Villamizar
- Old Rancho Santa Fe Road** - Richard L'Heureux
- Rancho Carrillo** - Ramesh Sirsi (East)  
Sally and Will Willis (West)
- Ridgeline/La Costa** - Don Stapp
- The Crossings/Veterans Park** - Mary and Richard James
- The Ranch/Santa Fe Trails** - Bill Foster
- Village H-Calavera Hills/ Hidden Canyon Park** - Tim Campbell
- Villagio** - John F. Gillis
- Waters End** - Jamie Hartnett

## Citywide Trails Program *Mission Statement*

*"Provide a trails system that ensures the recreational and leisure needs of Carlsbad residents while supporting the protection and preservation of open space in accordance with the City of Carlsbad General Plan."*

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