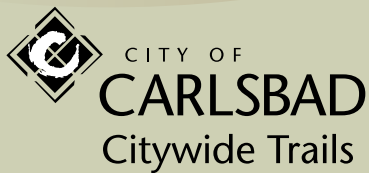


# HAPPY TRAILS

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**Carlsbad 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.”

**City of Carlsbad Parks & Recreation**

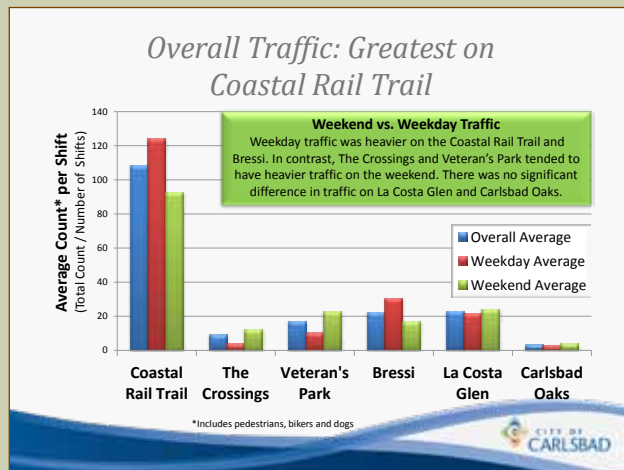
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## Carlsbad Trails Survey and Trail Count

Access to nature, a diverse transportation system, and a healthy outdoor lifestyle were all identified by Carlsbad residents recently as part of the “community vision” for the future. The vision was created based on a nearly two year public outreach and involvement process called Envision Carlsbad. The vision was adopted by the City Council in 2010 and helps guide city staff in their planning efforts. One important priority has been expanding the city’s trail program.

The city recently completed its first trail count and in depth trail survey. In September, city staff and volunteers visited city trails to collect data on trail usage. The count included a range of trail types such as open space trails and trails associated with transportation corridors such as the Coastal Rail Trail, and the trails along Poinsettia Lane and El Fuerte Street in Bressi Ranch.

The data from the trail count and trail survey will serve as a benchmark for evaluating the current status of the trails program and for planning future development of the trails system. The trails included in Carlsbad’s first trail count were: Carlsbad Oaks North Business Park, Coastal Rail Trail, La Costa Glen Trail, Veteran’s Park and The Crossings trails, and the El Fuerte Trail and Poinsettia Lane trails in Bressi Ranch. Counters documented the number of users (pedestrians, bicyclists, dog walkers, etc.) at various times of day and days of the week.



More in depth information on the results from the trail count and the feedback survey are available on the City’s website at [www.carlsbadca.gov](http://www.carlsbadca.gov) on the Parks and Recreation Department trails website, or you may contact [liz.ketabian@carlsbadca.gov](mailto:liz.ketabian@carlsbadca.gov) or call 760-434-2978.

## Second Saturday Trail Work

### October - Trail Hike at Rancho Carrillo

On Saturday, October 13, hikers were once again treated to a Canyoneer led trail hike with Walter Konopka and Pat Gifford. As hikers left the Leo Carrillo Ranch Park and hiked the five-mile round-trip journey up to Simmon's Family Park in San Marcos, there was much to be learned and shared by the trail guides. The many plants, bugs and varied habitats sparked some quite interesting tales of nature, that were entertaining as well as enlightening.

For more information on Canyoneer trail hikes go to the Museum of Natural History website and check out next year's hikes, that will include the Calavera Preserve. You won't be disappointed in a Canyoneer led trail hike.

### November - La Costa Glen Trail Clean Up

Mother nature did not cooperate on Saturdays in November, so trail volunteers came out on December 3 to complete the trail maintenance on this south Carlsbad trail, and what a great crew. It



## Become a Trail Volunteer

Join the many dedicated citizens who care deeply about the Citywide Trails. Citywide Trail Volunteers are critical for preserving, maintaining, protecting, developing and operating trails in Carlsbad for public use. It's a great way to have fun, keep fit and learn about our unique environment—all while making a lasting contribution that benefits the community for generations to come. To learn more about becoming a trail volunteer or the Adopt-a-Trail program, contact Liz Ketabian at 760-434-2978.

## Know of a Trail in Need? Call us.

Have you discovered a trail maintenance need out on Carlsbad's trails? If so please contact Michael Bliss, Park Maintenance Supervisor at 760-434-2985. We appreciate your volunteer service to the Carlsbad community in reporting all trail maintenance needs. If you find a graffiti problem on any of the trail amenities, please call the Graffiti Hotline at 760-434-6700.

# Volunteer Trail Captains

## Second Saturday Trail Work - cont.

was a gorgeous trail weather day and not only were walkers and joggers enjoying the trail, but so were the volunteers. Work focused on refurbishing the kiosk at the Levante St. trailhead with a new coat of paint. Volunteers also removed vegetation that was starting to encroach on the trail, repaired erosion and replenished the trail surface with decomposed granite. Rounding out a full morning of work, volunteers and parks maintenance staff tackled overgrown vegetation along the trail south of The Forum shopping center and cleaned out the trail ditch, leaving the trail from La Costa Ave. to the Encinitas border in tip top shape.

### December - Lake Calavera Preserve

On Saturday, Dec. 10, some 20 volunteers spent the morning doing various improvements at the preserve including trail erosion repairs and a drainage improvement at the Skyhaven Lane east trailhead. In addition to "dirt work," a special planting effort took place at the one acre mitigation site, thanks to trail co-captain Bet Fetscher's contribution of 35 native plants that she grew from cuttings taken from the preserve.

Special thanks for this day's volunteer effort also goes to Habitat Restoration Sciences for donating their time, equipment and expertise in performing trail erosion repairs as well.

## Trail Talk

A new video series, *Trail Talk* is now airing on the city's website. Each video depicts a popular trail in Carlsbad and provides interesting information about why the presenter enjoys that particular trail. To view the videos go to the City's website at [www.carlsbadca.gov](http://www.carlsbadca.gov) and search for Trail Talk.

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# Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and Recognition

On December 1, a volunteer appreciation luncheon was held at the Carlsbad Senior Center to recognize the great support of city trail volunteers. After welcoming remarks by Parks and Recreation Director Chris Hazeltine, trail volunteers were recognized for over 2,000 hours of volunteer service in the last calendar year, and for milestone accomplishments to implement Carlsbad's first trail count and trails survey, and for maintaining and improving the 30 miles of open space trails throughout Carlsbad. Without trail volunteers, the City of Carlsbad would not have the great trail system that both residents and visitors enjoy—whether for exercise, nature study or simply the mental health benefits of getting outdoors in the great California sunshine.

Highlights of the last year:

- 2,000 trail volunteer hours were donated by 360 volunteers
- Most 2011 trail volunteer hours were spent at the Calavera Preserve
- Trail Captains and Litter Busters contribute the most volunteer hours on an individual basis
- High school students at Carlsbad High and Pacific Ridge High School contributed the most hours as a group

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

### TRAIL WORK EVENTS

January 28, 2012

Lake Calavera

February 11, 2012

The Ranch and Santa Fe Trails

March 10, 2012

Rancho La Costa Preserve

-Trails East of Rancho Sante Fe

Events are subject to change. To verify date and locations, please contact Liz Ketabian, 760-434-2978 or check the City's website at: [www.carlsbadca.gov/trails](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/trails).

## Quarterly Trail Volunteer Meetings

Quarterly Trail Volunteer Meetings are held once a quarter on Thursday evenings at 5:00 p.m. at the Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Avenue.

Visit: [www.carlsbadca.gov/trails](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/trails)

Trail locations and descriptions, trail maps and more.

## Contribute to Happy Trails Newsletter

If you have an idea for an article for the newsletter, please contact Brenda Ratcliff at 760-476-0797.

Special thanks to Jamie Hartnett and others for newsletter photos.