

# Happy Trails

## Come Volunteer With Us!

### Trail Cleanup Opportunities

We have several upcoming trail cleanup opportunities. Events start at 8:30 a.m. Remember to wear your gloves, closed-toe shoes and sunscreen. We'll bring the water.

- Saturday, Sept. 24** National Public Lands Day at Lake Calavera
- Saturday, Oct. 22** Carlsbad Oaks North Business Park
- Saturday, Nov. 19** Old Rancho Santa Fe Road Trail
- Wednesday, Dec. 14** Hidden Valley Road Trail

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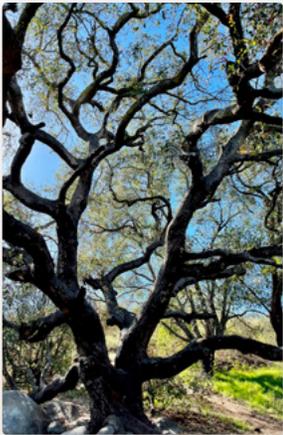
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Featured Photo: Coastal California Gnatcatcher

# TRAILS less traveled



## Carlsbad Oaks North Business Park Trail

**What makes this trail unique:** The parks at both ends of the trail are a great place for a picnic, or a great place to bring a book, or journal and relax.

Parking for this trail can be found in a small lot off El Fuerte St. near the intersection of Faraday Ave. A short walk to the southeast will lead to the access gate for the trail. The trail meanders through chaparral and a beautiful mature oak grove. As the path reaches a fork, the main trail turns north and starts climbing a steep hill towards the business center. Past the business center, the trail will lead you to a park at intersection of Palomar Airport Road and Melrose Dr. with a large water feature that has several waterfalls, picnic tables and grass to sprawl out.



## Agua Hedionda Summer Wind Trail

**What makes this trail unique:** This loop trail is one of Carlsbad's shortest trails; it is great for a partially shaded summer meander or for people looking to sit and enjoy nature.

On street parking is available for this trail along Summerwind Pl., and the trail can be accessed from the end of Summerwind Pl. or along Crestview Dr. Canopies of sycamore trees shade part of the trail. The bench on the trail is a great place to sit and enjoy views of the Agua Hedionda Creek and search the lush riparian habitat for wildlife. It is a perfect destination for bird watching enthusiasts. Several species that are often spotted on the trail include heron, egret, California brown pelican, California towhees, the red-tailed hawk, and Anna's hummingbird.



## East Ridgeline Trail

**What makes this trail unique:** The panoramic views from the top as well as the fall colors in autumn.

On street parking is available for this trail along El Fuerte St. between Babilonia St. and Corintina St. This 2.1-mile hike is not an easy one but the views of the San Marcos Mountains, the San Marcos Creek and the Pacific Ocean make it well worth the journey. In summer this is a good hike to do early in the morning or later in the day, because there is very little shade. In autumn, the sycamores and cottonwoods that can be seen in San Marcos Creek will be ablaze with golds, yellows and oranges.

# Fire Safety

This year's fire season is already well underway. The summer heat, combined with severe drought conditions, cause wildland vegetation to dry out and become fuel for wildfires. In the City of Carlsbad, we are lucky to have many beautiful trails and urban-wildland interfaces. However, during fire season, these precious wildland areas and the surrounding urban areas could be lost due to human carelessness. According to nifc.gov, 87% of the wildfires in 2019 were caused by humans; so, it is up to all of us who enjoy and live near these wildland areas to do our part to prevent wildfires.



## FIRE SAFETY TIPS from Smokey Bear

### Smoking

- **NEVER** smoke on trail. You do not know where your ash could land and what it can ignite.
- **DON'T** throw cigarette butts from your car window, stub the butts out in an ash tray

### Home Care

- If you live near a wildland area, create a 30-foot zone of fire-resistant space around your home and consider using fire-resistant plants and landscaping.
- If you are doing yard maintenance, power equipment like lawn mowers could cause fires if they are not well maintained. Do maintenance when the weather is cool and not windy.
- When disposing of charcoal briquettes and ash outside, drown the charcoal and ash with lots of water, stir them, and soak again. Be sure they are out cold.

### Driving

- When driving, make sure that chains and other metal parts aren't dragging from your vehicle, because they can throw sparks.
- Parking or driving on dry grass or brush could lead to a fire. Hot exhaust pipes could ignite the grass.

For more information on **FIRE SAFETY** check out [www.smokeybear.com](http://www.smokeybear.com)

## Local emergency proclamation

On Aug. 23, the City of Carlsbad proclaimed a local emergency related to traffic safety, following a significant increase in collisions involving bikes and e-bikes in the past few years. The city's response is focused not just on bikes, but all modes of travel, recognizing that everyone shares in the responsibility for safer streets.

Because some city trails are along busy streets, we are passing along some pedestrian safety tips that will help keep you and your loved ones safe, whether on the trail or taking a stroll around your own neighborhoods:

- Cross at a designated crosswalk if one is nearby.
- Watch for approaching cars. At 30 mph, a driver needs at least 90 feet to stop.
- Make it easier for drivers to see you at night – wear light colors, reflective material and use a flashlight.
- Practice safe walking routes and behaviors with your children.

For more information on improving traffic safety together, visit [carlsbadca.gov/saferstreets](http://carlsbadca.gov/saferstreets)





## Featured Photo

The coastal California gnatcatcher (*Polioptila californica californica*) detected perching on black sage (*Salvia mellifera*) during the city-wide surveys this year. This species is a high priority species for the City of Carlsbad's Habitat Management Program (HMP).

# Volunteer Trail Captains

**Arroyo Vista/Villagio** – Curtis Wilbur  
**Batiquitos Lagoon North Bluff** – OPEN  
**Carlsbad Oaks North Business Park** – Sue Irey  
**Coastal Rail Trail** – Yovanni Maldonado  
**El Fuerte/Bressi Ranch Trail – Interim** – Brian Stadnik  
**Harbor Drive** – Craig Kirk  
**Hidden Valley Trail** – Brian Stadnik  
**Hosp Grove** – Gary Nessim and John Rodenhausen  
**La Costa Glen** – Ed and Tricia Cerda  
**La Costa Southern Preserve** – April Kennedy  
**La Costa Valley** – Debbie Phipps  
**Lake Calavera** – Paige DeCino, Jess Paez  
**Melrose 53-Filoli Circle/ East Ridgeline** – Slader Buck  
**Old Rancho Santa Fe Road** – Richard L'Heureux  
**Rancho Carrillo** – Ramesh Sirsi (East) Sally & Will Willis (West)  
**Ridgeline/La Costa Trail** – Don Stapp  
**Robertson Ranch** – George Cornell  
**The Crossings/ Veterans Memorial Park** – Shane Hohnstein  
**The Ranch/Santa Fe Trails** – Alvaro Villamizar  
**Village H / Hidden Canyon Park** – Tim Campbell  
**Village H South** – Gerald Rea & Wanda Stiles

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## 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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