

Happy Trails

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Quarterly Trail Volunteer Meetings

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

- Thursday, **Sept. 17**
- Thursday, **Dec. 17**

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Join volunteers who are critical in maintaining and preserving our trails. It's 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. 26 – National Public Lands Day at the Kelly Trail
- Oct. 10 – Old Rancho Santa Fe Road Trail
- Nov. 14 – Rancho Carrillo Trail
- Dec. 12 – Lake Calavera Preserve

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

Check the city's website to confirm volunteer event dates and times at www.carlsbadca.gov/trails.



Trail Academy Oct. 31

Do you know what a water bar, DG, McCloud or a belly dump are? What do you do when you encounter a rattlesnake out on the trail? What is the difference between a weed and a native plant?

Join fellow trail volunteers as we gear up for an informative discussion on trail construction, sustainability and maintenance on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Carlsbad Senior Center at 799 Pine Ave. The indoor trail training will be followed by a field trip to Hosp Grove with a picnic lunch provided. This Halloween hands-on training will be fun, helpful and will further your experiences as a trail volunteer. For more information contact Kasia Trojanowska at 760-434-2838.



National Public Lands Day Sept. 26

The City of Carlsbad will celebrate National Public Lands Day with a volunteer trail clean up at Kelly Trail in the Agua Hedionda Reserve Saturday, Sept. 26, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Volunteer work will include clearing the trail of overgrown brush, trail surface

improvements, litter pick up and other trail maintenance.

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort aimed at educating the public about the environment and natural resources to improve public lands for outdoor recreation.

"Every September, the city welcomes the opportunity to join with other communities nationwide in a special day of volunteer activities focused on improving public lands throughout the country," says Liz Ketabian, City of Carlsbad park planning manager.

National Public Lands Day is sponsored by the National Environmental Education Foundation, which was chartered by Congress in 1990 to advance environmental knowledge. The national volunteer day began in 1994 with just three sites and 700 volunteers, and last year approximately 175,000 volunteers worked at over 2,200 sites in every state.

In Carlsbad, hundreds of volunteers have participated in city sponsored events for National Public Lands Day as well as National Trails Day, Arbor Day and other activities that support stewardship for the environment and healthy outdoor activities.



Registration for the Sept. 26 event is not required. The city will provide tools, water and light snacks and requests that volunteers bring gloves and wear long pants, hats, sunscreen and closed toe shoes.

For more information, contact Kasia Trojanowska, 760-434-2838, kasia.trojanowska@carlsbadca.gov, or visit www.publiclandsday.org for information on this national event.



Carlsbad Trails *Master Plan Updates*

The city's Parks & Recreation, Planning and Transportation staff have responded to the comments received during the public review period for the Carlsbad Trails Master Plan update. Additional environmental screening will continue for the next few months. It is anticipated that the Trails Master Plan Update will be presented to the Parks & Recreation Commission in the fall, and, if accepted, will then go before the City Council for final approval.



New Adventure Trail Hikes

The City of Carlsbad is home to nearly 50 miles of trails, and the Parks & Recreation Department now offers a fun new activity for trail enthusiasts. Hiking on our trails is a great way for kids and adults to become more active and support a healthy lifestyle. Each week, a volunteer trail guide leads a different hike, ranging from easy to more challenging. Hikers 10 and up also get to experience and learn about local wildlife in the area.

Schedule

- Sept. 19 Golf Course/Veterans Park
- Sept. 26 Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation
- Oct. 3 Rancho La Costa Preserve
- Oct. 10 Lake Calavera Preserve

The cost is \$70 (Carlsbad residents get a 10 percent discount) for the four week session on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Register online at www.carlsbadconnect.org.



Featured Photo

Hosp Grove is now home to a monarch butterfly waystation to help increase the species' declining population due to habitat loss. Monarch waystations are gardens with milkweed and nectar plants that help in the monarch conservation effort. Milkweed plants are the only plants that monarchs will lay their eggs on and what caterpillars will solely feed upon. Nectar plants are the primary energy source for adult monarchs and provide much needed sustenance for their annual migrations.



Volunteer *Trail Captains*

Arroyo Vista – Tia Lanzetta
Carlsbad Oaks North Business Park – Melanie Misal
Coastal Rail Trail – Terese and Joe Sardina
El Fuerte/Bressi Ranch – Suzanne and John Rosser
Harbor Drive – Erin Stucker and Lin Ball
Hidden Valley Trail – Grace and Jess Losada
Hosp Grove – Gary Nessim and John Rodenhausen
La Costa Glen – Ed and Tricia Cerda
La Costa Valley – Debbie Phipps
Lake Calavera – Diane Nygaard and Paige Decino
Melrose 55 – Peter Thompson
**Old Rancho Santa Fe Road/
Rancho La Costa Preserve** – Richard L'Heureux
Rancho Carrillo – Ramesh Sirsi, Sally and Will Willis
Ridgeline/La Costa – Don Stapp
The Crossings/ Veterans Park – Mary and Richard James
The Ranch/Santa Fe Trails – Adam Richard
**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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