

Happy Trails

UPCOMING

Volunteer Opportunities

The City of Carlsbad is looking for dedicated trail volunteers to assist in preserving, maintaining and protecting the Citywide Trail system by attending trail maintenance events. Trail volunteers are critical in maintaining and preserving our trails.

By becoming a trail volunteer you will:

- Attend at least three trail events per year
- Gain trail maintenance experience
- Learn about our unique coastal environment
- Socialize with other like-minded community members
- Make a lasting contribution and have fun

Join us for a future trail volunteer cleanup event:

Saturday, March 28

Lake Calavera Preserve

Saturday, April 25

Arbor Day Event at Pine Avenue Park

Saturday, May 16

Village H

Saturday, June 6

National Trails Day Hike at the Crossings and Veterans Memorial Park Trails

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



RECENT Trail Work

Thanks to our dedicated trail volunteers who work side by side with city staff on the monitoring and maintenance of the city trail system.

HIDDEN VALLEY Trail Event, Jan. 11

On a crisp winter Saturday morning of Jan. 11, 24 volunteers came out and contributed approximately 45 hours of service to help beautify the Hidden Valley Trail. Volunteers along with city staff warmed up right away by painting bollards, trimming vegetation, repairing erosion and picking up trash. The enthusiasm of the group was undeniable and the new, fresh look of trail began to unfold quickly. At the end of the event volunteers expressed their satisfaction for the job well done and excitement for meeting new friends. The City of Carlsbad appreciates all the volunteers and staff that came together to make this event a success.



Eagle Scout PROJECT

Thomas Gonzales, Scout from Troop 2000 brought the Eagle Scout project idea to city staff of building a crescent shaped stone bench to be placed near the trailhead of Arroyo Vista Trail, where he hiked growing up. He worked with representatives from the Parks Division, who maintain the public trail, to come up with a stone bench design that meets their design aesthetic and maintenance functionality. The stone chosen is a naturally occurring one that was also locally sourced and blends seamlessly in the natural environment. The bench also had an artistic touch to it with flat stones on the top in the shape of a snake. Thomas showed great leadership in organizing his troops which spent over 160 hours on this project. He fundraised \$450 for the tools and construction materials in addition to the in-kind donations. Thomas's Eagle Scout project showed immense commitment and will benefit the trail that gave him so many fond hiking adventures as a child.



Thomas Gonzales

Timothy Livingston, Scout from Troop 732 brought to city staff the Eagle Scout project idea of building a bench at the historic Leo Carrillo Ranch Park, where one could sit and take in all the magnificent views the park has to offer. He worked with staff at Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park to come up with a bench design that meets the criteria of the master plan. He researched and developed a bench design that gave the look and feel of the historic benches at The Ranch. Timothy fundraised over \$180 for the construction materials and showed great leadership in organizing his troops, which spent over 120 hours on this project. Timothy's Eagle Scout project demonstrated great collaboration and will provide the community a great gift for years to come.



Timothy Livingston

GOOD STEWARDSHIP ON **Muddy Trails**

Wet weather is a welcome change that helps flora and fauna on our trails thrive, but it can also pose a challenge for our trails and habitats. When left undisturbed the vegetation that surrounds our habitats filters out pollutants and slows down the rate of water flow. People have a large impact and it's important for us to learn what we can do as trail stewards to provide the least amount of impact to the habitats that are close to our trails.

Here are some easy ways in which we can protect our natural habitats and keep our trails safe and in good condition after rainfall.

- **Stay on Marked Trails**

Running, hiking or biking around mud or puddles, instead of through them, widens trails, impacts vegetation and causes unnecessary erosion.

- **Get Involved with Trail Events**

City organizes trail maintenance events almost every month, excluding the hot summer months. Participating volunteers help to repair erosion and reduce the amount of sediment entering our waterways.

- **Pick Up Trash**

This is the easiest thing to do and is a community pride morale booster. Trash can have devastating effects on the overall ecology of the area as well as the morale of the community.

- **Educate Others**

The more people are aware about what they can do to be good stewards of the trails, the stronger an impact it will have on preserving our waterways.

- **Hike on Paved Trails 24 to 48 Hours After Rain**

This is the time when unpaved trails are at their most vulnerable and will most certainly cause erosion. Choose paved or hard surface trails instead.

- **Paved trails to consider 24 to 48 hours after rainfall**

TRAIL	DISTANCE	DIFFICULTY	SURFACE
Coastal Rail Trail	0.7 miles	Easy (Flat)	Paved
Sea Wall along Carlsbad Blvd	0.7 miles	Easy (Flat)	Paved
Legoland	0.5 miles	Easy (Flat)	Paved





Featured Photo

Cassin's Kingbird. This bird's scientific name translates to "vociferous tyrant" and it fits this loud songbird that frequents the Carlsbad area well. You may see these birds attacking much larger hawks if they pass too close to their nest. Like other flycatching birds, the grey and yellow Cassin's Kingbird hunts insects from high above.

Volunteer Trail Captains

- Arroyo Vista/Villagio – OPEN
- Batiquitos Lagoon Trail – Neal Works
- Carlsbad Oaks North Business Park – Sue Irey
- Coastal Rail Trail – Yovanni Maldonado
- The Crossings/Veterans Park – Shane Hohnstein
- El Fuerte/Bressi Ranch Trail – Patricia Linton
- Harbor Drive – Craig Kirk
- Hidden Valley Trail – Tia Lanzetta
- 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 – Slader Buck
- Old Rancho Santa Fe Road – Richard L'Heureux
- The Ranch/Santa Fe Trail – Alvaro Villamizar
- Rancho Carrillo – Ramesh Sirsi (East) Sally and Will Willis (West)
- Ridgeline/La Costa Trail – Don Stapp
- Robertson Ranch – George Cornell
- Village H – North/ Hidden Canyon Park – Tim Campbell
- Village H – South – Wanda Stiles and Gerald Rea

Are you someone who enjoys being out in the open space, giving back to your community and doesn't mind getting your hands dirty? If you are interested in becoming a Trail Captain, please call 760-434-4725.

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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