

Happy Trails

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City of
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Quarterly Trail Volunteer Meetings

Want to find out more about the City of Carlsbad's trails program? Come to a trail volunteer meeting at the Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Ave.

- **Thursday, June 7, 5 p.m.**
- **Thursday, Sept. 13, 5 p.m.**
- **Thursday, Dec. 6, 5 p.m.**

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 our community for generations.

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| • June 2 | National Trails Day at Carlsbad Oaks North Business Park Trail |
| • July/August | Summer break |
| • Sept. 29 | National Public Lands Day at Lake Calavera Preserve |
| • Oct. 20 | Harbor Drive Trail |
| • Nov. 3 | Hidden Valley Trail |
| • Dec. 8 | Old Rancho Santa Fe Road Trail |

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.

Jan. 20 - Coastal Rail Trail

In January, 27 volunteers contributed 65 hours of service for a Coastal Rail Trail cleanup that included planting indigenous shrubs and groundcover, clearing brush, installing trail regulation signs and removing litter.

Feb. 10 - Batiquitos North Shore Trail

The Batiquitos Lagoon North Shore Trail got some love from 20 volunteers contributing 39 hours of service. Participants repaired erosion, trimmed vegetation, installed trail regulation signs, removed litter and maintained the existing seating and gazebo.

March 24 - Rancho Carrillo Trail

Approximately 30 volunteers helped repair erosion at the Rancho Carrillo West Trail, cleared brush, and installed dog waste stations and trail regulation signage. Participants dedicated a total of 81 hours of volunteer service to the city.

Get the Straight Scoop on...Poop



Dogs are welcome as you hike Carlsbad trails, but did you know:

- Pet waste carries bacteria, viruses and parasites that can threaten the health of humans and wildlife. This harmful bacteria can be transported by rain water into our downstream waterways and eventually into our creeks, lagoons and ocean.
- Decaying pet waste consumes oxygen and sometimes releases ammonia. Low oxygen levels and ammonia can damage the health of fish and other aquatic life.
- Contrary to popular belief, carnivorous animals such as dogs do not produce usable manure-fertilizer for plants.
- Dog waste does not break down like wild animal waste (also called scat). Wild animals are consuming resources and nutrients from the ecosystem that when "returned" do no harm.

Avoid Fines: Follow Dog Laws

When you are out and about with your pet, please follow these rules to avoid fines and to protect habitat and wildlife.

- Remember to carry a bag and be sure to pick up after your dog. This is not only considerate, but is the law (CMC 7.08.010, SDCC 62.670). Most trails also offer dog waste stations with disposable bags and trash cans.
- Never toss dog waste into the bushes, street or gutter. Dog waste left on trails, sidewalks, streets and grassy areas is flushed into the nearest waterway when it rains and ends up in our creeks, lagoons and oceans — the same places we swim, surf and have fun.
- Keep your dog on a sturdy leash, under 6-feet long. This regulation is for the safety of you, your pet and other trail users. (CMC Sec. 7.08.010 & SDCC Sec. 62.669)
- Always stay on the trail so you don't damage the adjacent landscaping and sensitive habitat. Staying on the trails also will help you avoid dangerous (and, for your pet, potentially deadly) rattlesnakes.



Carlsbad Trails Have it *Made in the Shade*

If you are looking for a cool, shady refuge from the summer heat, we recommend Hosp Grove Trail, one of the most extensive in the Citywide Trails System. Located just south of The Shoppes at Carlsbad, it winds through a grove of mature eucalyptus trees. They were originally planted in 1908 by E.B. Hosp with the intention of using the wood in the construction of rail lines. But, as it turns out, eucalyptus wood is not strong enough, so it was never harvested. Years later the city acquired the property, and it is now enjoyed by hikers, picnickers and nature enthusiasts. The unpaved trail climbs to more than 100 feet in elevation and offers great views of the nearby Buena Vista Lagoon and Pacific Ocean.





Featured Photo

Red Tailed Hawk at Lake Calavera Preserve

The Red Tailed Hawk is one of the most common large hawks in the United States. An inhabitant of open country, it is commonly seen perched on roadside poles and soaring over fields and trees. Adults usually can be recognized by the trademark reddish-brown tail. The hawk does most of its hunting by watching from a high perch, then swooping down to capture prey in its sharp talons.



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 Trail – Patricia Linton
Harbor Drive – 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 & Will Willis (West)
Ridgeline/La Costa Trail – Don Stapp
The Crossings/ Veterans Park – Mary and Richard James
The Ranch/Santa Fe Trails – vacant
Village H – Calavera Hills/ Hidden Canyon Park – Tim Campbell
Villaggio – 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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