

Happy Trails

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Quarterly Trail Volunteer Meetings

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

- **March 1**
- **June 7**

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

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Mark your calendar for upcoming volunteer opportunities (starting at 8:30 a.m.), and please remember to wear gloves, closed-toe shoes and sunscreen. Water and snacks will be provided. Children under the age of 18 will need a parent to sign a Parental Consent Form on the day of the event.

Feb. 10	Batiquitos North Shore
March 24	Rancho Carrillo Trail
April 28	Arbor Day Event
May 12	Kelly Trail
June 2	National Trails Day at Carlsbad Oak Business Park

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

Confirm volunteer event dates and times at www.carlsbadca.gov/trails.



Trail Volunteers Honored

Parks & Recreation Department staff hosted the Trail Volunteer Appreciation Event at the Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park on Dec. 14, 2018 to celebrate the past year's collective successes and dedicated work in improving the City of Carlsbad's trail network. Volunteers were recognized for their long-standing commitment to the trail program, and for their over 1,300 hours of volunteer service for this calendar year alone.



Trail Volunteer Program

Trail volunteers are critical in maintaining and preserving our citywide trail system. For the last decade, the city has built and maintained a strong trail volunteer community that works side by side with staff on the monitoring and maintenance of the city trail system. Volunteer opportunities include native habitat restoration, trail maintenance and construction, organizing trail work days, installing signs and trail markers and more.



The Trail Volunteer Program teaches community members to build and maintain city trails. Volunteers are educated on the restoration and protection of natural habitats and open space, while promoting conservation.

The city trail system provides many recreational opportunities to enjoy the city's unique natural areas, as well as provides a comprehensive network for non-motorized transportation routes, and connects neighborhoods to commercial and business areas, schools, parks and beaches in an urban setting.

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In 2017, volunteers logged nearly 1,300 service hours which is a \$41,385 value to the city.



Pilot Ranger Program



The City of Carlsbad created a Pilot Ranger Program to provide enhanced security and protection of the city's trails, parks and protected open space areas. This is a summary of the program's activities during its first quarter of operation. The time period includes July 1 to Sept. 30.

To prepare for the program, the Police Department gathered equipment and supplies that included a vehicle and uniforms to clearly identify the rangers, and two Police Department employees volunteered to take on the duties of the new rangers.

Here is a snapshot of the first quarter

At the preserves, the rangers worked a total of 348 hours and made 777 public contacts. At parks, beaches and lagoons, the rangers made 427 public contacts.

Contacts were generally education and awareness about the new Ranger Program and about associated laws and municipal codes. Over half the contacts were made in the habitat management plan preserve areas.

The following issues were documented by the rangers during their first quarter patrols

- Dogs off leash or in a location where dogs are not allowed
- Animal waste on the trails
- Illegal camping
- Vandalism
- Safety issues

The community has responded with a highly positive reaction to the new Pilot Ranger Program and the services the rangers have provided.





Featured Photo

Great Egret

Common in our shallow coastal wetland areas of Southern California, this Great Egret spotted at Lake Calavera Preserve, displays immaculate white plumage with black legs and brilliant yellow bill. The Great Egret feeds mainly on fish, frogs, small mammals, spearing them with its long, sharp bill. It will often wait motionless for prey, or slowly stalk its victim. At one time, the beautiful plumes of the Great Egret were in great demand and the population of the species dwindled to dangerously low levels, but because of conservation efforts, the bird's population has successfully rebounded.

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
- 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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