

San Diego Canyonlands Regularly Occurring Volunteer Events

Projects range from trash pickup, non-native plant removal, planting native plants (depending on time of year) and trail maintenance.

Remember to wear sturdy closed-toe shoes and sun protection. Please bring your own drinking water and snacks.

It is best to check with the site contact prior to attending an event to make sure that there have not been any changes to the schedules.

The following sites have events on the First Saturday of the Month as indicated

Site: Ruffin Canyon (Serra Mesa)

Note: At this site the first Saturday of **each odd month** – January, March, May, July, September, and November (unless otherwise notified)

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Activity: Canyon Care. Please bring water, a hat (if needed), wear sunscreen (if needed), closed-toed shoes are necessary. All gloves and tools provided as necessary.

Location: 3200 Ruffin Rd., San Diego, Ca

Directions: Exit I-15 at Friars Rd. and take it West. Turn right (North) onto Mission Village Dr. Turn left (South) on Ruffin Rd. Road dead-ends into Ruffin Canyon. Parking is in the Taft Middle School parking lot. Meet at the tree. Thomas Guide Page 1249 E5.

Contact: Jason W. Allen, Park Ranger – City of San Diego, Park and Recreation Dept: 619-235-5262 or JWAllen@sandiego.gov

Site: Shawn Canyon (Serra Mesa)

Note: At this site the first Saturday of **each even month** – February, April, June, August, October, and December (unless otherwise notified)

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Activity: Canyon Care. Please bring water, a hat (if needed), wear sunscreen (if needed), closed-toed shoes are necessary. I provide all gloves and tools necessary.

Location: 9200 Shawn Ave., San Diego, Ca

Directions: From I-15, exit I-15 at Friars Rd. and take it west. Turn right (north) onto Mission Village Dr. Turn left (west) on Shawn Avenue, the road dead-ends at the canyon. Meet at the gate at the end of Shawn Avenue.

Contact: Jason W. Allen, Park Ranger – City of San Diego, Park and Recreation Dept: 619-235-5262 or JWAllen@sandiego.gov

Site: University Heights

First Saturday of every month

Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Location: 1100 Golden Gate Dr., San Diego, California

Directions: Exit Highway 163 at Washington Street, go east. Turn left (West) on Lincoln Ave., make an immediate right (North) on Maryland St. Turn left (West) on Madison Ave. and then a right (North) on New York St. Park on Street. Meet at the corner of Golden Gate Drive and New York Street

Contact: Park Ranger at jwallen@sandiego.gov or 619-235-5262

All of the following sites have events on the Second Saturday of Every Month

Site: Tierrasanta Canyons

Second Saturday of Every Month

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Activity: Clean out invasive plants - eucalyptus suckers and saplings, acacia brush, broom, dead palm fronds, fennel, and others. The Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons has a limited supply of pruning saws, loppers, and gloves. Bring water.

Directions: Work site varies within Tierrasanta – check with site contact.

Contact: Roberta Froome. rfroome1@yahoo.com or 858-627-0682

Site: Gonzalez Canyon (Carmel Valley)

Second Saturday of Every Month

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Location: 4512 Lansdale Dr., San Diego, CA

Directions: I-5 to Del Mar Heights Rd, then east 1.2 miles to Lansdale (light just after Torrey Pines High School) turn left and make the first left into Torrey Highlands Park. Park near the restrooms. Meet at metal gate across road from the restroom.

Contact: Park Ranger at jwallen@sandiego.gov or (619) 235-5262

Site: Rose Creek (Pacific Beach)

Second Saturday of Every Month

Time: 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon

Directions: Meet behind the Rose Creek Cottage 2525 Garnet Ave in Pacific Beach. Park on Fogg Street just South of Garnet

Note: Enjoy weeding, watering and planting native species and get involved with your creek and your community. We will have snacks and beverages. Easy one to two hours project - great for children of all ages. However, due to liability concerns, a parent or guardian must accompany all minors during the event. Volunteers should bring water and heavy-duty work or gardening gloves.

Contact: Karin Zirk 858-405-7503 or kzirk@earthlink.net

Site: 47th Street Canyon (City Heights)

Second Saturday of Every Month

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Activity: Habitat restoration – at this time primarily through the removal of invasive weeds such as Arundo. We have a limited supply of loppers and gloves. Remember to wear closed-toe shoes and sun protection. Please bring your own drinking water.

Location: Meet at Myrtle Ave and 46th Street

Directions: From I-15 S, exit University Ave and turn left to merge onto University Ave. Turn right onto Fairmount Ave. Turn left onto Myrtle Ave. Meet where Myrtle ends, overlooking the canyon.

Contact: John Hanley at 47thStreetCanyon@gmail.com

All of the following sites have events on the Third Saturday of the Every Month

Site: Juniper Canyon (North/South Park)

Third Saturday of Every Month

Time: 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Location: 2699 Felton St., San Diego, California

Directions: Exit I-805 at University Ave., take it West to Boundary St. turn left, turn right on Palm St. and then a left on Felton St., Felton dead ends into Nutmeg. Park on the street. Meet on the South side of Nutmeg St. at the white fence
Contact: Park Ranger at jwallen@sandiego.gov or (619) 235-5262

Site: Cottonwood Creek (Encinitas)

Third Saturday of Every Month

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 noon

Directions: Meet at the trail entrance just up from the southeast corner of B St. (extension of Encinitas Blvd. west of Coast Highway 101) and Third St., 2 blocks west of Coast Hwy. It's just up from the pump station on that corner. There is parking on the street or in the big Moonlight Beach parking lot at the top of the hill on Third Street.

Note: Wear clothes suitable for gardening and sun protection – hat, sunscreen, etc. Water and oranges will be available.

Contact: Brad Roth, Project Manager Cottonwood Creek Conservancy – (760) 436-2632 or Cell (only on as necessary) (760) 402-6215

Site: Swan Canyon (City Heights)

Third Saturday of Every Month

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Activity: Habitat restoration, maintenance, and clean-up. Please bring water, sun protection and wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes.

Directions: From Home Ave. go North on Fairmount Ave. Turn right (east) on Olive Street (by Hamilton Elementary School). Olive Street dead-ends into Highland Ave. Meet at the corner of Olive Street and Highland Ave.

Contact: Brian Moehl – (619) 698-1437 or brian@sdcanyonlands.org

All of the following sites have events on the Fourth Saturday of Every Month

Site: Chollas Creek

Fourth Saturday of Every Month

Time: 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

Location: 1999 47th St., San Diego, California

Directions: Exit I-805 at Home Ave. take it Northeast to Fairmount Ave.; turn right, at 47th St. turn left. Follow road down to bottom. Park on Street. Meet at gate at the corner across from Leisure Land sign

Contact: Park Ranger at jwallen@sandiego.gov or (619) 235-5262

Site: Navajo Canyon (Del Cerro)

Fourth Saturday of Every Month

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: 6800 Easton Ct., San Diego, Ca

Directions: Exit I-8 at Waring Rd. take it North. Turn right (South) on Eldridge St. and follow left as road turns into Easton Ave. Turn right (South) on Easton Ct. and take to end of cul-de-sac. Park in the Church parking lot. Meet at gate

Contact: Park Ranger at jwallen@sandiego.gov or (619) 235-5262