Preserve Calavera
Coastal North San Diego County

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Here are some ways you can get involved:

Graffiti Vandalism at Sacred El Salto Waterfall

Photo Credit: Andrea Kuhns

Thank you Andrea for reporting this latest heartbreaking vandalism damage to the sacred El Salto Waterfall. We all expect that priceless areas like this have the highest level of protection. But having a plan, and actually protecting a site are two very different things. It takes all of us to care for our natural resources. We are all stewards of these lands. Stand up, speak up and get involved- like Andrea did.

Migratory Purple Finch Seen at Lake Calavera

Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia

Buena Vista Audubon reported a purple finch seen at Lake Calavera on January 19th- migratory birds that enjoys a brief stop over at one of our rare year round fresh water wetlands. Come on our February 8th hike and you might be surprised at what other species might be found.

February Activities

Feb 4 Wed

6 - 8 PM

Ocean Acidification, Rising Sea levels and What We Can Do About It

Attend this special presentation by Tristan Carland, Ph. D from Scripps Institute of Oceanography on the impacts of climate change on our oceans. He will talk about human pollution of our oceans and what we can accomplish through legislation and market based solutions including gas price changes, subsidies and a study on regional economic effects of proposed carbon tax legislation. This event is sponsored by OFA and will be held at the Mission Branch Library, Community Room at 3861 Mission Ave in Oceanside.

Feb 8 Sun

10 - 12 AM

Birding Hike at Lake Calavera

Local birding expert Jennifer Jacobs will lead this 2 mile hike around Lake Calavera. This time of year we are likely to see several migratory species in addition to the native species that call this area home. Meet at the gate on the driveway to the Lake Calavera dam on Tamarack near Strata in Carlsbad. There are about 8 parking spaces on Tamarack. If full, park in the residential neighborhood along Strata. Bring binoculars and wear good hiking shoes. Space limited. RSVP to info@preservecalavera.org or call 760-724-3887.

Feb 15 Sun

1:30 - 4:30 PM

Whale Watch Trip

Make an afternoon of it with Sierra Club members, family and friends as we venture out to locate gray whales. This is expected to be one of the best whale watching seasons in 30 years and right now is the height of the gray whale migration. Dr. Renee Owen, a marine

Carlsbad's General Plan Falls Short on Parks and Open Space

Locked and gated school yard at Buena Vista Elementary in Carlsbad

This is what counts as a park in the City of Carlsbad General Plan- a locked, gated school yard that is only open limited hours for organized sports. We believe green infrastructure- parks and open space – is the fabric that joins a community and makes it a place we want to live in. The residents of Carlsbad were promised 40% open space since 1986. Let's all work to make that promise a reality. Please check out our website for information on parks and open space in your neighborhood- and get involved.
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biologist, will be along to explain interesting facts about what we observe. Wear warm clothing, sunscreen and hats to be comfortable. (Don't forget to Dramamine in advance if you are prone to seasickness). Bring your cameras and binoculars to make this a memorable whale-watching trip. Cost is $45/ person. Purchase Tickets at: https://sierraclubsandiego.mycafecommerce.com.

Feb 21 Sat

8:30 – 11:30 AM
Trail Work at Coastal Rail Trail in Carlsbad

This is one of the regular monthly trail maintenance volunteer events with the city of Carlsbad. Check in at the trail head on Oak Ave. Work will include planting native plants, posting trail signs, and litter cleanup. Wear sturdy shoes, hat, and long sleeved shirt.

Feb 28 Sat

10:00 AM – Noon

Hands-on California Native Plant Propogation workshop at Anstine-Audubon Nature Preserve, 2437 Hutchison Street Vista, CA 92084. For directions, see website: http://www.sandiegoaudubon.org/our-work/sanctuaries/anstine-nature-preserve

Upcoming Events:

Mar 14 Sat - Carlsbad Oaks North trail work

Mar 21 Sat - BVAS Annual Bird House Auction

May 9 Sat Trail work at Lake Calavera

May - TBD - Endangered Species Day event - let us know if you would like to help

Our all volunteer organization can't do what we do without your help. Your time, talent and donations can make a difference - right here in your own backyard. Call or email us to see how else you could get involved.

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