



# EARTH-FRIENDLY EVENTS IN APRIL

With ranger-led hikes, nature programs, animal encounters, Story Trails and volunteer events, we have planned dozens of activities for you to enjoy in San Diego County Parks outside this Earth Day, Week and Month!

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## HIKE WITH A RANGER

**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

**9 a.m.** – Staff at **Sycamore Canyon/Goodan Ranch County Preserve** will lead a hike along the moderately difficult, 3.5-mile Martha's Grove Trail. Learn all about this 2,272-acre property while experiencing a variety of habitats, historic oak groves, and the remnants of an old ranch. This activity meets at the Goodan Staging Area; call the park for details at (858) 513-4737.

**9 a.m.** – Attend a family-friendly 1.5-mile tour of the County's first open space acquisition: **Wilderness Gardens County Preserve**. View a grinding stone used by Native Americans and see one of the first grist mills in Southern California. Guests often extend their visit to explore connecting trails and enjoy a picnic in picturesque Pauma Valley! Call the park for details at (760) 742-1631.

**11 a.m.** – Rangers at **Sweetwater Summit Regional Park** will be leading another 1.5-mile nature hike focused on flora and fauna native to the Bonita area. Staff will point out unique species, answer questions and share fun facts along the way! This hike meets at the Horseshoe Lawn at the Campground; call the park for details at (619) 472-7572.

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

**10 a.m.** – Staff at Sweetwater Regional Park will be at the **Eastview County Park** Lawn to lead a second easy hike centered on local wildlife. Join them to learn about plant and animal identification and interesting adaptations, native versus non-native species, and other cool natural phenomenon. Call the park for details at (619) 472-7572.



## PLAY IN THE SUN

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

**10 a.m.** – **Reading with Rosy: An Animal Encounter with Books! San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center**

With our resident reptile ambassador – Rosy the Rosy Boa – our rangers will host an interactive snake workshop, a lagoon trail walk, and a very special storytime with the San Diego County Library! Meet at the Nature Center Amphitheater; call the park for details at (760) 634-3026.

**12 p.m.** – **Picnic with the Goats Los Penasquitos Ranch House**

Bring your lunch for a pen-side picnic with our resident animal ambassadors. During the picnic, park rangers will discuss 1860s ranch life, animal care and Nubian goats. At the end, there will be an opportunity to interact with the goats and tour the centuries-old ranch house; call the park for details at (858) 484-7504.

**Monday, April 22, 2024**

**11 a.m.** – **Earth Fair County Operations Center Patio**

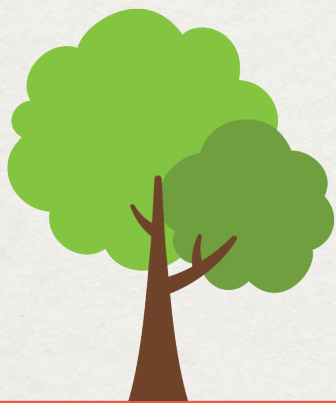
Learn how the County of San Diego is working to create a more sustainable world through its departments and programs. Staff are hosting a free public fair with a variety of interactive and informative booths, demonstrations and giveaways.

**4:30 p.m.** – **Earth Day Discovery Table & Nature Craft Ramona Grasslands County Preserve**

Check out some of the animals you might encounter on a hike at Ramona Grasslands! Our Nature Discovery Table will have items representing once-live local wildlife like skins, pelts, skulls and teeth. Learn something new, ask questions, and participate in an Earth Day nature craft. Call the park for details at (760) 788-3326.

## GIVE BACK TO THE EARTH

County Parks and Recreation has partnered with **I Love a Clean San Diego** to clear waste around waterways and prevent it from moving downstream. **All projects will take place from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 20. Advance registration is required: [cleansd.org](https://cleansd.org)**



### PARTICIPATING COUNTY PARKS:

- Flinn Springs County Park (El Cajon)
- Old Ironsides County Park (El Cajon)
- Otay Lakes County Park (Chula Vista)
- Rainbow County Park (Rainbow)
- San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve (Cardiff-by-the-Sea)
- South Lane County Park (El Cajon)
- Spring Valley County Park (Spring Valley)

An additional tree planting and giveaway event will take place at **Lindo Lake County Park** on **April 20, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** where 100 trees will be added to the local tree canopy!

Register for this incredible event – and all others – at [sdparks.org/volunteer](https://sdparks.org/volunteer).

## STROLL ALONG A STORY TRAIL

San Diego County Library has placed colorful pages of children's books on signs for our staff to post on trails at some of our most family-friendly parks during Earth Week (April 20–27)!

Visit the following locations for a one-of-a-kind English/Spanish literary adventure:

- Adams County Park (Valley Center)
- Dos Picos County Park (Ramona)
- Flinn Springs County Park (El Cajon)
- Lake Morena County Park (Campo)
- Lincoln Acres County Park (National City)
- Live Oak County Park (Fallbrook)
- Louis A. Stelzer County Park (Lakeside)
- Otay Lakes County Park (Chula Vista)
- Pine Valley County Park (Pine Valley)
- Potrero County Park (Potrero)
- Ramona Grasslands County Preserve (Ramona)
- San Dieguito County Park (Del Mar)



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