

Daley Ranch Naturalist Hikes

July 2015

All hikes begin at the Daley Ranch entrance on La Honda Drive unless otherwise noted. **Bring water, sun hat, sunscreen, and proper hiking boots or treaded footwear.** All trails include steep and/or slippery sections. Please do not leave valuables in your car. Steady rain cancels a hike. The hike schedule is also available at www.escondido.org and www.visitescondido.com. **Please note that drinking water is not available on Daley Ranch so be sure to carry a sufficient supply.**

Wednesday, July 8, 9:00 a.m., “Just For Kids”

Got Kids? This hike is perfect for parents, grandparents, caregivers, and their kids. Join Naturalist DJ Summers on this kid-friendly hike as we explore the area. We will walk along an easy trail with several stops/rests along the way. Afterward, we will make a nature craft in a beautiful picnic area. Treats will be rewarded to good listeners! *Sorry, no dogs are allowed on this hike as we use mostly Dixon Lake trails and picnic areas.*

Saturday, July 11, 7:30 a.m., “Early Birds, Bugs, ‘N’ Botany”

Join Naturalist Lee Dezan on a slow-paced, 3-3.5 mile hike lasting 3-3 ½ hours. We will visit three pond sites and the ranch house renovation (external only) will be observed. Bring at least 2 liters of water. Treaded footwear is recommended along with sunscreen and a wide-brim hat. Binoculars are always handy as we usually see many birds. OK for leashed dogs. Rain never cancels.

Saturday, July 11, 6:30 a.m., “Discover Daley Ranch”

Meet Naturalist William Sherrard for a moderately paced hike on the trails of Daley Ranch. The planned hike is between eight and ten miles in length and will last about four hours.

Sunday, July 12, 9:00 a.m., “Daley Ranch Scenery”

A diverse plant population and expansive views are waiting to be enjoyed on Naturalist Rick Paul’s occasionally strenuous 4-mile hike, leaving from Cougar Pass. Be sure to ask Rick about the Daley Ranch keepsake! **MEET AT THE COUGAR PASS PARKING LOT. Cougar Pass Trailhead**—From Interstate 15, take the El Norte Parkway exit in Escondido east about a half mile to Broadway. Take Broadway north four miles to Cougar Pass (dirt road), turn right, and drive about one mile. Park in the asphalt lot on left.

Saturday, July 18, 6:30 a.m., “Discover Daley Ranch”

Meet Naturalist William Sherrard for a moderately paced hike on the trails of Daley Ranch. The planned hike is between eight and ten miles in length and will last about four hours.

Saturday, July 25, 6:30 a.m., “Discover Daley Ranch”

Meet Naturalist William Sherrard for a moderately paced hike on the trails of Daley Ranch. The planned hike is between eight and ten miles in length and will last about four hours.

Directions to Hike Locations

La Honda Trailhead—From Interstate 15, take the El Norte Parkway exit in Escondido. Go east four miles to La Honda Drive, turn left, drive one mile to Daley Ranch entrance and park in dirt lot on left.

Cougar Pass Trailhead—From Interstate 15, take the El Norte Parkway exit in Escondido east about a half mile to Broadway. Take Broadway north four miles to Cougar Pass (dirt road), turn right, and drive one mile. Park in the asphalt lot on left.

Caballo Trailhead—From Interstate 15, take the Valley Parkway exit in Escondido and go northeast about 5 miles. Turn left at Bevin into the Eureka Springs development. Follow the road toward the filtration plant entrance and turn right at the Escondido Humane Society sign (Volunteer Lane). Park in the dirt parking lot.

Lake Wohlford Trailhead—From Interstate 15, take the Valley Parkway exit in Escondido and go northeast about 5.5 miles. Turn right on Lake Wohlford Road and go 1.9 miles to Oakvale Road. Turn slightly right onto Oakvale and go about one mile. Turn left into the fenced parking lot.