

## **Daley Ranch Naturalist Hikes December 2018**

*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](http://www.escondido.org) and [www.visitescondido.com](http://www.visitescondido.com). **Please note that drinking water is not available in many areas on Daley Ranch so be sure to carry a sufficient supply.***

### **Saturday, December 8, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, “Eagle Peak Clean Up”**

Eagle Peak is now accessible to climbers by permit. On Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, we will host a clean-up in this area to find and collect any litter. Wear long pants, long sleeves, closed-toe shoes, and bring a way to carry water. Bags and trash reachers will be provided.

### **Saturday, December 15, 2018, 7:00 a.m., “Discover Daley Ranch” 5 to 7 Miles**

Meet Naturalist William Sherrard for a slow to moderately paced hike on the trails of Daley Ranch. The planned hike is between five and seven miles in length and will last about 2.5 to 3.0 hours. Bring plenty of water as there isn't any water source on the trails. There are plenty of spots to turn back to the parking lot if you wish to shorten the hike.

### **Sunday, December 23, 8:30 a.m., “Wintering and Resident Birds of Lake Wohlford”**

Naturalist Sally Sanderson will lead an easy-paced bird walk from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Lake Wohlford. The route will be about 3 miles, and will follow the southern and eastern shoreline from the parking lot on Oakvale Road. We hope to see a Bald Eagle perching on its favorite tree or hunting in the lake for fish. Common Mergansers should be back from their northern summer haunts. Bring binoculars, hat, water, and wear layered clothing. Heavy rain cancels.

#### **MEET AT THE LAKE WOHLFORD/OAKVALE TRAILHEAD AT 8:30 A.M.**

***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 and turn left into the fenced parking lot.

**Sunday, December 30, 2018, 7:00 a.m., “Discover Daley Ranch” 5 to 7 Miles**

Meet Naturalist William Sherrard for a slow to moderately paced hike on the trails of Daley Ranch. The planned hike is between five and seven miles in length and will last about 2.5 to 3.0 hours. Bring plenty of water as there isn't any water on the trails. There are plenty of spots to turn back to the parking lot if you wish to shorten the hike.

**Want to be a volunteer?** If you are interested in volunteering as a **Trail Patrol, Hike Leader, Trail Maintenance or Litter-Abatement Team Member**, please stop by the Dixon Lake Ranger Station for information and an application—or call (760) 839-4345.

**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.