

# Daley Ranch Naturalist Hikes

## April 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 unless otherwise noted. This 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 on Daley Ranch, so carry a sufficient supply.***

### **Friday, April 10, 9:00 a.m., “Just For Kids”**

Got Kids? This hike is perfect for parents, grandparents, caregivers, and their kids (Homeschooling Families are welcome!). Join Naturalist DJ Summers on this kid-friendly hike as we explore the area. We will hike along an easy trail with several stops/rests along the way. After the hike, 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, April 11, 7:00 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 8 and 10 miles in length and will last about four hours.

### **Sunday, April 12, 6:45 a.m., “Early Morning Fitness Hike”**

Why hike on level terrain when there are steep hills to go up and down? Naturalist Rita Ospelt will test your endurance and stamina on this 11.1 mile hike. Some of the hills we will tackle are on the East Ridge, Stanley Peak, and Crest Trails. We will be hiking at a brisk pace. Not suited for children.

### **Sunday, April 12, 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., “Open Ranch House”**

Escondido Rangers are offering monthly tours of the Daley Ranch House. The tours are held the second Sunday of each month. Rangers lead the tours/presentations, with volunteers from the Friends of Daley Ranch assisting.

### **Saturday, April 18, 7:00 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 8 and 10 miles in length and will last about four hours.

### **Saturday, April 18, 8:00 a.m., “Trail Maintenance/Clean-Up”**

Join the Daley Ranch Ranger for trail maintenance. This is a great way to get your daily exercise and help out the Ranch. Meet at the Daley Ranch parking lot on La Honda Drive. Be sure to wear a long-sleeved shirt and closed-toe shoes; gloves, hat, and sun screen are strongly recommended. You must be at least 18 years of age to participate.

### **Sunday, April 19, 8:00 a.m., “Breeding Birds of Lake Wohlford”**

Naturalist Sally Sanderson will lead an easy-paced bird walk of about 3 miles, lasting two to three hours at Lake Wohlford. We will follow the southern and eastern shoreline from the parking lot on Oakvale Road. We may see Bald Eagles and Ospreys among the resident birds and early summer visitors. 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.

**Saturday, April 25, 7:00 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 8 and 10 miles in length and will last about four hours.

**Sunday, April 26, 6:45 a.m., “Early Morning Fitness Hike”**

On this hike, Naturalist Rita Ospelt will go to the north end and west side of Daley Ranch. Some of the hills to be tackled are on the Hidden Spring, Cougar Ridge, and Boulder Loop trails. The total distance is 11 miles and we will be hiking at a brisk pace. Not suited for children.

**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.