

Daley Ranch Naturalist Hikes

May 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.***

Saturday, May 9, 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 eight and ten miles in length and will last about four hours.

Sunday, May 10, 6:45 a.m., “Early Morning Fitness Hike”

Join Rita Ospelt as she will be heading to the north end of Daley Ranch and will be enjoying five of the single track trails. The total distance is about 10.5 miles and we will be hiking at a brisk pace. There are some steep uphill/downhill sections. Not suited for children.

Saturday, May 16, 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 eight and ten miles in length and will last about four hours.

Sunday, May 17, 8:00 a.m., “Trail Maintenance/Clean-Up”

Here's another way to connect with nature--join a Ranger to clean up and trim the trails. 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.

Saturday, May 23, 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 eight and ten miles in length and will last about four hours.

Sunday, May 24, 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, May 30, 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 eight and ten miles in length and will last about four hours.

Saturday, May 30, 10:00 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.**

Sunday, May 31, 6:45 a.m., “Early Morning Fitness Hike”

Why hike on level terrain when there are steep hills to go up and down? Join Rita Ospelt of the hills we will tackle are on Boulder Loop, Crest, Cougar Ridge, Engelman Oak and Hidden Spring Trails. The total distance is 11.1 miles and we will be hiking at a brisk pace. Not suited for children.

Sunday, May 31, 8:00 a.m. to about 10:30 a.m., “Breeding Birds of Lake Wohlford”

Naturalist Sally Sanderson will lead an easy-paced bird walk along the Egret Trail and the service road on the opposite side of the lake from the ranger station. Bring binoculars, water, hat, and wear walking shoes. You may also want to bring a camera as there will be many photo opportunities. We will be looking for year-round residents and breeding migrants. **Meet at the parking lot on Oakvale Road off of Lake Wohlford Road at 8:00 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.

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.