



Enhancing public awareness of the importance of maintaining and restoring the unique natural habitat within Chino Hills State Park through interpretive and educational activities.

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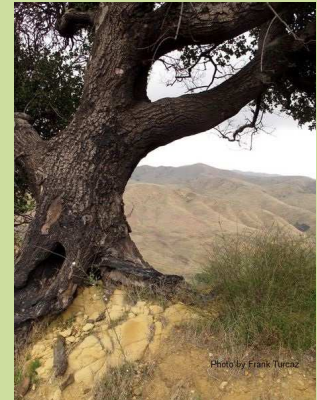
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It has been a busy spring of weed clearing around the Discovery Center. [Read More](#) (Scroll Down)

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Do you have something you want to share about an experience in the Park, such as a special sighting of an animal or bird or plant, or maybe a romance or a friendship you made while in the park?

Contact Eric at [eric@chinohillsstatepark.org](mailto:eric@chinohillsstatepark.org).

## State Park Roles

If you've ever wondered about the roles of the friendly employees you meet at the State Park, look no further. You probably met a Park Aide, an Interpreter, or a Park Ranger.

The Park Aides are the front-line greeters to the State Park, providing valuable information and are most likely found at the Bane kiosk or the Discovery Center. They will let you know current information about things like closed areas, snakes, ticks, poppy blooms, or limitations such as dog or e-bike restrictions. They also keep facilities clean and orderly.

The Park Interpreters connect visitors with the park's historical and cultural backgrounds through park programs and exhibits. They use their training in Natural History to help plan, develop, and present interpretive projects to the public; often to large groups of students. They help maintain a reference library and photographic and specimen collections and compile information and prepare reports and other interpretive material.

The State Park Peace Officers (Rangers), protect wildlife, people, and the ecosystem within the park. They enforce park rules and regulations, conduct tours, and perform animal care and park maintenance.

Safety is a top priority. Park rangers must enforce safety and fire codes, lead or take part in search and rescue missions, and provide emergency medical aid. They will issue citations or even make arrests when required.

Park rangers help ensure that visitors enjoy and appreciate protected public land. They play a pivotal role in the appeal, accessibility, and safety of the park, in addition to making sure they're maintained to the highest standards.

In addition to these three roles, other workers you might meet include maintenance workers, archaeologists, environmental scientists, volunteers, and utility workers.

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## Spring Events in the Park

With our wet winter came a massive growth of mustard and thistle. Two volunteer brush clearing events put a dent in this growth and cleared all the weeds from around the Discovery Center and interpretive trail.

The first event was on Earth Day. CHSPIA received a grant from the [California State Parks Foundation](#) to allow us to purchase tools and host almost 100 volunteers. These volunteers, mostly from Southern California Edison and the Gas Company, cleared weeds and overgrowth from the interpretive trail and from around the picnic ramadas. They removed more than 50 bags of weeds and chipped about the same amount of overgrowth.



The second event was a few weeks later and the volunteers were Marriott employees in town for a national convention. As part of a service day for the convention, almost 100 Marriott employees came to the park and cleared weeds around the entry sign, around the parking lot, and down the Telegraph Trail to the bridge. They filled up a 40-yard bin with weeds.



Thank you to all the volunteers for all of their hard work!

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## From the Desk of the Interpreter

Chino Hills State Park Interpreter Ian Bernstein has received a promotion to Interpreter II and will now be the K-12 Access & PORTS Program Coordinator for the Inland Empire District.

His new role is helping the interpreters in the six Inland Empire District Parks develop and refine their school program offerings, as well as acting as liaison to the school districts to make student attendance of these programs as easy as possible for administrators and teachers.

Also, as the PORTS (Parks On-line Resources for Teachers and Students) Program Coordinator, he helps the interpreters in the six parks create and present unique digital programs for K-12 audiences and coordinate the scheduling and technology troubleshooting.

He also helps coordinate the District's participation in Summer Learning Programs each summer for afterschool and disadvantaged community groups. This year Lake Perris, Silverwood Lake, and California Citrus Parks will be hosting these programs.

All of this means that while Ian will still be around Chino Hills State Park as part of his new responsibilities, he is no longer the Interpreter here. State Parks is in the process of looking for a new full time Interpreter and hopes to have someone in place on the Fall.

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## It's Tick Season

With all the new growth in the Park this winter and spring, these are perfect conditions for ticks. But there are things you can do to not bring ticks home with you after a visit to the Park



Also, visit the [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov) for more information.

[www.ChinoHillsStatePark.org](http://www.ChinoHillsStatePark.org)

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**CHSPIA** is a non-profit volunteer based organization that assists the California Department of Parks and Recreation in maintaining and restoring Chino Hills State Park. Through interpretive programs and volunteer support designed to enhance visitor experiences, CHSPIA fosters appreciation and the enlightened use of the State Park. All funds raised go directly to CHSPIA to support interpretive activities, events and other programs.

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