



CHINO HILLS STATE PARK

INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION

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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Volunteer Projects in the Park in over the last year

Last year, our volunteer efforts were both rewarding and enjoyable, and we'd love for you to be a part of the adventure.

Starting with April 2023, a dedicated team organized by the California State Park Foundation (CSPF) and CHSPIA (Chino Hills State Park Interpretive Association) came together for Earth Day. We pulled weeds and restored habitat around the Discovery Center (DC), focusing on the native plant garden. It was a fulfilling day spent outdoors, contributing to the beauty of our surroundings.

In May, we had some wonderful assistance from 60 managers from Marriot, who took a break from their convention to help us clear non-native introduced plant species from around the DC. Their support was invaluable, and a shoutout to Marriot for championing volunteerism!

In June, a team of state park maintenance workers and a dozen mountain bikers collaborated to clear brush and repair ruts along the beloved Bovinian Delight trail.

Then in February 2024, 25 volunteers from CSPF and CHSPIA worked together to clear tumbleweeds and black mustard plants east of the Discovery Center. During this project, a mouse nest was discovered. The stunned faces of the baby mice convinced the volunteers to leave the nest unmolested.

But our volunteer efforts extend beyond these highlights. Whether it's maintaining the native plant gardens by the Rolling M Barn and the Discovery Center, removing barbed wire to prevent injuries to park animals, or installing signposts for visitor navigation throughout the park, there's always something meaningful to do.

We invite you to join us on our next volunteer project and experience the joy of giving back to nature. Together, we can make a positive impact on our local environment and create lasting memories along the way. If you are interested in joining this effort contact Larry Klementowski at klem@chinohillsstatepark.org.



Volunteer Projects in the Park coming this year

Chino Hills State Park is a beautiful park with resources abound! State Parks Interpreter Shelly Imler is working hard on a volunteer program that allows us the opportunity to share those resources with Californians and our visitors.

We are on our way to growing our program in number and experience. This summer volunteers will be leading the way with Junior Ranger Programs coming to the amphitheater. We will be able to host scout groups during weekends throughout the summer and autumn. We are also very excited to share that we are able to launch a Summer movie series in the park. On another note, we will have the opportunity to have volunteers at the Discovery Center and through Bane and the Historical District almost every weekend for the rest of the year.

To celebrate our volunteers and all of the hard work they are putting in this Summer, we would like to thank them with an old school, summer camp style camp out in November. We are looking forward to what the year has to offer and encourage everyone to volunteer in the coming weeks or to come see what is in store. If you would like to join the volunteer team, contact Shelly at michele.imler@parks.ca.gov.



Volunteering in the Park: A Proud Tradition

Chino Hills State Park has a long history of volunteerism. In fact, it was founded by volunteers. In 1978 a group of residents who called themselves Hills For Everyone fought off a proposed airport on land that would become the Park. They then worked with local and state agencies to urge the creation of the Park, documented the natural resources, and designed the original boundaries. They even operated the Park for the first few years because the State didn't have the money to manage it. This was the first time in state history that volunteers were entrusted with this responsibility.

As the Park got off the ground, the first iteration of the Chino Hills State Park Interpretive Association was formed to continue to support the Park. This led to the creation of a Bicycle Assistance Unit and a Mounted Assistance Unit, which patrolled the Park to provide assistance and information to bicyclists and equestrians in the Park. There was also a Natural History Unit, which provided the first interpretation services to assist visitors in understanding what they were seeing in the Park. They also did trail maintenance and cleared barbed wire from the Park, an effort that continues to this day.

So, we thank those who blazed the trail before us and laid the groundwork for what the Park has become. Let us know if you want to add your name to continue this proud tradition today.

CHSPIA Social Media

The Chino Hills State Park Interpretive Association (CHSPIA) is pleased to be increasing its social media presence. Look for our posts on Facebook and Instagram where we will highlight the beauty of Chino Hills State Park, up-to-date Park information, and the many activities it offers visitors:

1. Educational programs presented by the Park Interpreter
2. Trails for hikers, bikers, and equestrians
3. Volunteer opportunities available that help keep our Park extra beautiful
4. Park hours and trail closures
5. Exhibits in in our Discovery Center
6. Gifts in our Discovery Center store
7. And so much more!

We will make sure the public is kept aware of all the great things we have here at Chino Hills State Park. Please follow us and invite your friends to do the same. Tag us in your posts about Chino Hills State Park, too, at #CHSPIA. Find us at the links below.



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