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MTRP Open Space Park Staff at work.... or, "The Hive"

The hive analogy is an apt description of the general operations here at Mission Trails Regional Park (MTRP). The staff seldom allows many shadows to form anywhere; constant movement is the usual state of affairs. As I outlined last time, the duties of an Open Space Park Ranger here at MTRP are varied, requiring that we wear many hats. All our staff – Rangers, Center Directors, Grounds Maintenance Workers - are generally as busy as bees. Our team covers all aspects of Open Space stewardship from area maintenance to generating and maintaining good working relationships with our area partners including community groups and agencies, while providing top of the line programs and education, and enforcing Municipal Code. Additionally, we act as field emergency contacts for rescues and a variety of emergencies that occur all over San Diego's park lands. The following is a brief description of

the primary assignments and duties of each of our Ranger, Center Director and Grounds Maintenance staff. They are in no particular order.

Ranger Heidi Gutknecht is our Educational Ranger in charge of producing, directing, monitoring and maintaining our Educational Programming at MTRP. School children of all ages benefit from Heidi's energetic interpretive methods. Heidi acts as our Ranger liaison with the highly regarded Trail Guide Program. Heidi is a fount of knowledge and is a great asset to our team.

Ranger Paul Seiley is responsible for monitoring and the eradication of non-native invasive plants in the Park. This particular Ranger may be seen in any area containing invasive plants that are attempting to choke out native and indigenous plant material. During the day, you may note this individual, wearing a pith helmet and white space

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Wildlife Clues are Everywhere

Even though you may not actually *see* any wildlife while you are out here hiking at Mission Trails Regional Park, if you take a closer look around, you will notice there are often clues, or *signs*, that wildlife leave behind. For example, you may see tracks (footprints), fur, feathers, scales, bones, browse (chewed leaves or stems), nests, burrows or dens (holes dug by an animal), scratch marks, lays



(flattened areas in ground vegetation), or some good ol' *scat* (animal droppings)! Wildlife scat is easy to tell apart from

domestic animal scat because it usually contains parts of the animals and/or plants that have been eaten. By the way, in a perfect world, you should not see any domestic animal scat left along the trails, as it is required by law to pick up after your pets.

To monitor wildlife activity in San Diego County throughout the year, the San Diego Tracking Team (SDTT) has established several different Wildlife Transects, which are surveyed quarterly by trained volunteers.

Observations of various wildlife signs, such as the ones mentioned above, are recorded for the different sections of each tran-



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TRAIL GUIDE TRAINING CLASS STARTS IN JANUARY

Trail Guides are MTRP volunteers trained to lead interpretive nature walks in the park. Each year MTRP conducts a training program for people interested in learning about the natural and cultural history of the park and sharing that knowledge with the public. The curriculum covers ecology, botany, geology, history, birds, mammals, reptiles, insects, and Kumeyaay culture. This 10-week program involves a three-hour classroom session every Wednesday evening and a three-hour field activity on Saturday mornings. At the end, students take a written exam on the material and demonstrate their interpretive skills by taking a veteran Trail Guide on a sample walk. Trail Guide graduates are expected to lead at least one walk for the public per month. The next session begins in January 2008. There is a \$25 materials fee for this class. Please contact Ranger Heidi Gutknecht 619-668-3279 for further information.



A Message From Councilmember Jim Madaffer

tee, MTRP Foundation, as well as staff and volunteers who labor to protect and improve this wonderful outdoor oasis.

Please stay in touch. I invite you to sign up for my e-mail newsletter. It is a great way to stay current with the many wonderful projects and events taking place in my District and in the city as a whole. You can sign up by visiting my Web site at <http://JimMadaffer.com> which also has videos of events and projects happening in the area. I ask you to keep me informed of issues as you see them. You may call my office at (619) 236-6677 or write me at City Hall, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101 or send an email to JMadaffer@sandiego.gov.

Protection, continued from cover

oped, MTRP becomes all the more important as an oasis for urban dwellers to enjoy the great outdoors.

As Chair of the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force, I want to thank Senator Christine Kehoe, the author of SB 373, Mayor Jerry Sanders, Councilmember Toni Atkins, members of the Task Force, MTRP Citizens' Advisory Commit-

Recently Seen in Mission Trails



Above: Lesser Nighthawk and chick
Left: Nighthawk eggs



The Lesser Nighthawk is a member of the Goatsucker (Nightjar) Family which also includes the Poorwill. These birds are most active at dawn and dusk and catch insect on the wing. They may also be found feeding at night with a full moon or near street lighting. Normally, two eggs are laid directly on the ground and incubated only by the female for about twenty days. Twenty days after hatching the young will fledge.

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Art Exhibits

September 22 - November 2

"Nature's Shouts and Whispers" is an exhibition of fine art by award-winning local artists Mary Lou Holmberg and Dot Renshaw from September 22, 2007 through November 2, 2007.

Mary Lou M. Holmberg is a member of the San Diego Watercolor Society, the San Diego Museum of Art, Artists' Guild and the Northern Arizona Watercolor Society. Of her paintings Ms. Holmberg states, "My artistic challenge is trying to create originality. There is always a spirit that moves us . . . to the joy of discovery. I choose water media due to the tactile and natural feel of the material. It is just pure joy to paint."

Dot Renshaw is a member of several local art associations. An oil and pastel painter, Dot's paintings have been honored with several awards in 2007, including

First Place in Pastels at the La Jolla Plein Air Festival and Best in Show, Artist's and People's Choice Awards in the Idyllwild Plein Air Festival.

Ms. Renshaw enjoys painting on location in the early morning to capture the dramatic light in nature. "She chooses locations that the tourist usually misses; the small trails, the neighborhood canyons, and the juxtaposition of urban life against the delicacy of nature."

"Nature's Shouts and Whispers" will be on view in the Visitor and Interpretive Center Gallery daily from 9:00 – 5:00 p.m.

November 3 - December 14

"Fall Colors" an exhibition of fine art by the Pastel Society of San Diego from November 3, 2007 through December 14, 2007, is a juried exhibition featuring paintings by

some of the best pastel artists in San Diego County. The Pastel Society San Diego was founded in 1983 to educate, encourage and support the use of soft and oil pastels through demonstrations, lectures and workshops.

The Pastel Society of San Diego's show will be on view in the Visitor and Interpretive Center Gallery from 9:00 – 5:00 p.m. daily. A reception and award ceremony will be held on Saturday, November

10, 2007, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend to meet and speak with many of the participating artists.

The Visitor Center has ongoing exhibitions of local area artists' works which can be purchased, with a percentage of the proceeds going to the MTRP Foundation.



Mission Dam Siltation Removal Project

The Mission Trails Rangers and Grounds Maintenance staff are responsible for thousands of acres of parkland consisting of endangered and protected species of plants and animals. Their duties also include protecting the hundreds of thousands of people who visit the Park every year. What is not typically known is that Park staff are also stewards of the numerous archaeological and historic sites located within the Park.

Most of these sites are very fragile and may be subject to damage or theft and are off limits to the general public. Others, such as two acorn grinding sites used by the Kumeyaay, are easy to visit and are used by staff for educational purposes. The most famous historic site in the Park is the Old Mission Dam, formerly known as Padre Dam. To maintain its significant interpretive value as the first water impound-

ment structure engineered by Europeans in what is now the western United States, periodic maintenance of the site is necessary.

Construction of the Old Mission Dam began around 1810 and, with the use of a Kumeyaay labor force, it was completed around 1815. Built of local stone and cement, it was intended to supply a steady source of water for San Diego Mission de Alcalá, its gardens and livestock located six miles downstream. A flume, made of 18" tiles and cement, was also constructed to deliver the water to the Mission from the Dam. The system worked for a few years, but periodic flooding damaged the flume, and, in 1833, the Dam and flume stopped being maintained after the Mission was secularized. The state of California saw has recognized the Dam's value as an historic site as the first European directed water works project in the state. An historic marker

was placed near the Dam to commemorate its historical value.

Throughout the years, sand and silt have built up behind the Dam; at some places the sediment has reached the top of the dam. Vegetation, including cottonwood trees, has taken root in this sediment and the spreading root system might be undermining the Dam's integrity. Weeds have taken root along the top, and a two foot sycamore tree has taken root in the stonework along the upriver side of the Dam.

A few years ago, City staff with support from the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizen's Advisory Committee and Task Force began taking steps to get the necessary dredging done behind the Dam. The appropriate federal, state and local permits, as well as funding, have been acquired. The maintenance project was finally begun on September 27, 2007 and should be completed by October 30, 2007.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

On a recent trip to the Grand Canyon, I discovered a book titled "Over the Edge: Death in the Grand Canyon" by Thomas M. Myers and Michael P. Ghiglieri. The authors describe nearly every recorded death within the canyon and along its north and south rims. Chapter after chapter, story after story, the writers tell of accidents, practical jokes gone wrong, incredibly stupid ideas and dastardly deeds that have ended people's lives. There is even a chapter on murder. Frequently visitors are completely unprepared for entering the canyon; bringing few provisions, they find the trip down to the bottom relatively easy, only to find the trip out beyond their capabilities. On the main well-traveled trails, help was often near at hand. However, when this would happen on one of the little used trails, exhaustion, dehydration and heat stroke sometimes led to a tragic ending.



Many stories recount the numerous instances of "death by camera". A person wants to take a picture of a friend and asks the person to take one too many steps back. Photographers seek that great shot and lean or climb over the protective railing only to find their sense of balance fail them.

A father, wanting to play a joke on his young daughter, decides to jump off a rock, canyon side, onto a ledge below. The daughter, familiar with his practical jokes and antics yells, "Oh dad, stop goofing around" and heads back to the rest of her family camping nearby. A few hours pass and dad has not yet returned. Rangers find his broken body hundreds of feet below the slippery ledge.

These tragedies, as well as a great majority of the fa-



talities mentioned in the book, could have been prevented with a simple respect for the Canyon and a little common sense. Ironically, the smallest chapter in the book deals with death by wildlife, or more correctly, the lack of death by wildlife. There have been numerous injuries dealing with contact with wild animals, but the number of deaths can be counted on one hand. When a person injured by wildlife is asked by a Ranger what happened, the reply is usually, "I just poked it with a stick," or some such foolishness.

I can't help thinking of this book every time someone asks me about the dangers of wildlife in Mission Trails. In my seven years at Mission Trails, I have heard of only a single incident when a park visitor has been injured by an animal (rattlesnake) in the park. However, not a week goes by when there is not a report of heat stroke, biking accident, rock climbing accident, or heart attack while jogging. People are more a danger to themselves than any other animal in the park.

That is not to say mountain lions, bobcats, coyotes and snakes are not dangerous. They can be very aggressive when hungry or cornered. Even a wild bunny will try to defend itself by biting when it feels trapped. The best defense against animals is to have respect for them and to give them a wide berth. Generally, animals want nothing to do with people and will avoid them when they can. If you feel an animal is being aggres-

sive, try to look as large as possible, make a lot of noise and back away slowly. Do not crouch; if a child is present, pick them up. Do not panic and do not run. And please, never poke a wild animal with a stick if it is not being aggressive!

We have posters and brochures in the park and at the Visitor Center on how to protect yourself from animals, but little information on how people can protect themselves from themselves. Is it just too obvious to tell people to carry plenty of water and to stay on the trails? Should we instruct people to stay out of the park at night when most of the predators are out looking for a meal? Perhaps we could set up checkpoints at each trailhead to test people to see if they know their limitations. It is actually not that difficult to keep yourself safe; bring plenty of water for yourself as well as your pet, wear protective clothing such as proper shoes and hat, bring a cell phone for emergencies and, please, stay on the trails. It is also a good idea to let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return. You might also consider using a walking stick. It has been shown that a walking stick makes hiking more efficient and safe, especially on hills and on rough terrain.



Using common sense and being knowledgeable about the dangers you may encounter can help you protect yourself under most circumstances. But

what do you do to protect yourself from other park visitors. Unfortunately, there are those who come to Mission Trails to prey on unsuspecting park patrons. In this respect, car break-ins are the most common problem the Rangers have to deal with. All parking lots have signs instructing visitors not to leave valuables in their cars. This is sound advice, but this is not all you can do. Check the parking lot for others loitering or sitting in their car. If you feel uncomfortable about or suspicious of these individuals, move your car to another location and contact Park staff immediately.

Unfortunately, Mission Trails has occasional reports of patrons being attacked by other park

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visitors or their dogs. You may understand animal behavior and be able to control your own behavior, but it is difficult to predict or control the behavior of others. Another suggestion is to be aware of your surroundings, not only of the pretty flowers and singing birds, but any situation that may have the potential to be dangerous. Never confront any suspicious individuals. If, in spite of all your precautions, you encounter a belligerent and aggressive individual, stay calm and make every attempt to move away. Contact Park staff immediately.

The Ranger Staff, with the help of SDPD, will respond quickly to any report of suspicious or potentially dangerous activities within the Park. Due to the great size of the park, staff cannot be everywhere and rely on vigilant park users and our valuable Volunteer Patrol members. When reporting a life threatening incident, first call 911 and then contact park staff. All other times, call Park staff at 668-3281. They will assess the situation and, if necessary, will contact the appropriate emergency services, usually police and/or fire rescue. It is paramount you include as much information about the individuals or individual: approximate height, weight, skin color, color and style of clothing, as well as color and make of car and license plate if possible. If you carry a camera and are in a safe position to do so, take pictures.

Mission Trails Regional Park is a relatively safe place to be; with the help of interested and concerned users, it can be made safer for all park patrons. This is your park. It is important that you, your family and friends feel secure when visiting. We can all work together by following simple guidelines and procedures to ensure that no one is put at unnecessary risk while enjoying the Park's many unique features and recreational amenities.

Roland Roberge

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sect. Data collected from the surveys are used to verify the existence of important wildlife habitats and corridors, which in turn helps support and justify the mission of San Diego's Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) – to preserve and manage native habitats. For more information on the MSCP, log onto: www.mscp-sandiego.org.

Here in Mission Trails Regional Park, there are 3 designated transects: the Wildlife Tunnel (Transect #30), located east of Santo Rd., under Hwy 52; the Oak Canyon Bridge (Transect #31), located west of Mast Blvd., under Hwy 52; and Spring Canyon (Transect #32), from the Grasslands to Spring Canyon, beneath the Hwy 52 overpass. Signs commonly observed along these transects are from mule deer, coyote, bobcat, raccoon, skunk, gray fox, rabbits, and various rodents.

Discovering wildlife signs is fun and exciting, like finding hidden treasure! We can always use more Tracking Team members. Does this sound like something which might interest you? To join, you must first attend one of the SDTT's Introductory One-Day Trainings for Wildlife Survey Volunteers. These free trainings are held at the Adobe Ranch House in Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve (log onto their website at: www.sdtt.org for a schedule of upcoming classes offered and more details). For more information on the Mission Trails Tracking Team, please call Ranger Heidi at (619) 668-3279.

Ranger Heidi Gutknecht



Gift Shop

Start your holiday shopping early at our gift shop in the quiet, relaxed setting of the Visitor Center. We are proud to offer merchandise geared to those who love to explore the out-of-doors. Whether a guide book or a walking stick, our merchandise will help you enjoy your excursions into nature.



Besides our own "San Diego's Mission Trails Regional Park: Official Guide Book", you will find various books dealing with the geology, history and ecology of the San Diego region.

The gift shop also continues to carry crafts made by the local Native American people. Numerous, pots and baskets are available for your purchase and enjoyment.

Open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, seven days a week, with plenty of free parking.

Recycle your glass, plastic and aluminum at



Kumeyaay Lake Campground. Containers are located in the day-use parking lot.

Proceeds go to MTRP Foundation.

Winter Solstice Hikes on Cowles Mountain

The Mission Trails Regional Park Trail Guides will lead pre-dawn hikes, from the trailhead adjacent to the parking lot at Golfcrest Dr. & Navajo Rd., to the area of the solstice observatory on Cowles Mountain on the 20th and 22nd of December. The Canyoneers of the San Diego Natural History Museum will lead the hike on Friday the 21st. All hikes will depart at 6:00 a.m. The solstice site is approximately one mile up the trail. The age of the site is unknown. It is known that the Kumeyaay used similar sites in Southern California. For all three hikes, we hope to see the rising sun split by a peak on the eastern horizon. The ascent will be in the dark. Good shoes and a flashlight are recommended. These hikes continue to be among the most popular events in the park. A word of caution for anyone joining the hikes or hiking on their own: there is danger of eye damage if you stare directly at the sun. You can observe the sunrise safely for a very few seconds through narrow slits (such as between your fingers held together) or smoked glass. Plan on a two-hour hike.



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suit, toting a strange looking application device, intent on killing non-native, invasive plants. Paul is also responsible for the administration of our Kumeyaay Lake Aquatic enhancement grant as.

Ranger Mel Naidas is the primary liaison for most MTRP field projects. Mel has operated in a variety of capacities here, including Eagle Scout projects, and standing in for me as OCA (Out of Class Assignment) Senior Ranger during my recent extended absence. Mel may be most noted for his substantial work on our trails restoration and maintenance teams. He provides primary patrol/enforcement contact duties as well and heads the Park's Volunteer Patrols. Mel has always offered solid performance in a variety of areas and is highly respected by staff and the community alike.

Ranger Tom Miller's current assignment is at Kumeyaay Lake Campground (KLC). Tom is responsible for meeting the needs of the camping public while providing area interpretation and enforcement of Park rules and regulations. Tom also runs trail crews and has been helpful in a variety of public related programs and projects.

Recreation Specialist David Lee is our Visitor and Interpretive Center Director. In this capacity David's responsibilities include managing our Visitor Center Volunteer Program and Visitor Center children's programming. David is clearly a jack-of-all-trades, managing most facets of Center operations. Last year David led the charge on our highly successful Explore Mission Trails Day. Besides answering a multitude of questions, paying Visitor Center bills and assisting the Senior Ranger on a variety of projects, David acts as liaison with MTRP Foundation Staff.

Center Director Lauren Baker is responsible for administrative operations at KLC. These duties include maintenance of the reservation system and making sure the public understands the camping rules and regulations. Lauren's high energy is directed toward establishing positive relationships with the camping public and working with Ranger Tom Miller in completing the primary campground management component. Even though the Campground is a small facility, it can generate some very interesting situations, which Lauren handles with competence.

Grounds Maintenance
Workers Tom Folk and Carmelo

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Esquer's primary duties are to keep the facilities and the park in general looking good. Both Tom and Carmelo enjoy their work and do far more than just making sure things are clean and safe. They often serve as first contact to provide information to the general public. Both men have responded to emergencies such as fire control, evacuations, traffic control and assistance with special project coordination.

To learn more about and to contact any of our staff or to find out about events and programming at the Park, check out our web site at mtrp.org.

Senior Ranger Tracey Walker

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Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation provides opportunities for individuals, businesses, community organizations and foundations to support a variety of programs and projects within Mission Trails Regional Park. Thank you to our many friends who make annual contributions to Friends of Mission Trails Regional Park. A variety of donor opportunities are available as indicated below. All contributions are tax deductible. Names of contributors of \$1,000 or more will be engraved on a plaque permanently displayed at the park Visitor and Interpretive Center. Donations of \$100 and above will accumulate from year-to-year for contributor recognition purposes.

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More Protection for MTRP

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger recently signed a bill that will provide significant protection for our beloved Mission Trails Regional Park and other parks and Open Space areas. This bill is important because it ensures that the lands currently designated as open space cannot be sold or exchanged without a vote of the people. This is in keeping with the wishes of the people who love and use the park, as well as all the residents of San Diego.

The bill, SB 373, enables the City of San Diego to have parcels of land currently classified designated open space to be reclassified as dedicated open space. With the new designation of "dedicated" open space, those parcels of land cannot be used for any other purpose without a vote of the people.

SB 373 stipulated that the City has until December 31, 2007 to adopt a list of parcels to be converted to dedicated open space.

This park started with the vision of a handful of community members who had the foresight to realize the need for open space and worked over the years to establish MTRP. SB 373 also has vision in looking ahead to realize we need to protect this park and similar areas of open space for future generations to enjoy

MTRP fans know that the park includes 5,800 and is one of the largest urban parks in the country. Although located in my district, it is a regional asset that offers educational, and recreational opportunities for all to enjoy. As the surrounding areas become increasingly devel-

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NOTICE OF TEMPORARY TRAIL AND PARKING LOT CLOSURES

Work has begun to remove sediment that has accumulated behind Old Mission Dam. Because of the heavy equipment needed for the project, the parking lots at Bushy Hill and Father Junipero Serra Trail, and at Old Mission Dam will be closed for approximately four weeks. In order to ensure the safety of park users, the hiking trail from the dam to the San Diego River will also be closed. Please observe all No Parking and No Entry signs during this time. Weather permitting, it is estimated the project will be completed by October 30. For current project and closure updates, visit our web site. See accompanying article on Pg. 3