

Rancho del Oso

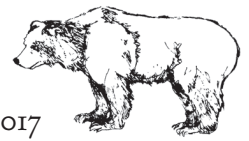
Nature and History Center

News

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Celebrate Wildflower Weekend!

Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23 • 12 to 4 pm • Nature Center



Join our botanist-led wildflower walks on both Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM to view them in their natural setting. Hikes start at the Nature Center.

Winter's abundant rain promises a profusion of spring wildflowers in the Waddell Valley. Rancho del Oso's elegant and botanically captivating annual event will feature an impressive collection of vibrant wildflowers growing in the area. Each year offers it's own unique sampling of the flowers appearing along Rancho del Oso's trails—buttercups, paintbrush, lupine, iris, poppies, bleeding hearts, and more. Up to eighty native plant species along with several non-native species found blooming in the western portion of Big Basin Redwoods State Park will be on display in the Nature Center. They will be arranged by habitat, and labeled with Latin names as well as common names. The assortment of shapes, sizes, colors and forms are a delight to the senses!

Come visit the Nature and History Center

Open Saturday–Sunday, 12 noon to 4 pm

Check us out on the Web and join us on Facebook!

www.ranchodeloso.org and www.facebook.com/RDOSP

Wildflower and Nature Hike of Waddell Valley



Fridays, April 7 † May 12 † 10 am

Join docent **Bryce Stauble** and learn to identify many of the flowering plants within Rancho del Oso's seven diverse habitats. This walk is a leisurely hike through Waddell Valley, and is a great hike for those interested in natural history and our local flora. Bring a snack, water and your curiosity! Meet at Rancho del Oso Nature and History Center.

Nature Wander

Sundays, April 9 † May 14 † June 11 † 1 pm

Find out what's growing, living and blooming right now in the Waddell Valley on this approximately one mile, one-hour-plus guided walk with docent naturalist **Ann Garside**.

Ann will share information about the plants and habitats of Rancho del Oso, as the group walks from coastal scrub through one of the remaining five distinct populations of Monterey Pine left in the world. Show up with curiosity and energy. Hikes start at the Nature Center.

Snake Park Saturdays

April 8 † May 13 † June 10 † 2 pm

Why are snakes important to us? How do they see, smell, taste, hear? What and how do they eat? What does a snake feel like? Several snakes will be on display and native reptile adaptations will be discussed in the beautiful backdrop of Waddell Valley. We will meet up at the Ranger Station, a short hike in from the yellow gate across the parking lot at Waddell Beach on Highway 1.



Join the Waddell Creek Association!

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News-worthy

On behalf of the Waddell Creek Association Board and fellow members, we offer our sincere congratulations to **Jeremy Lin** in his new staff position! Effective March 9, Jeremy will serve as the **Staff Services Analyst** at State Parks. This is a much deserved promotion and will be an added boost to our programs at Rancho del Oso.



Salamander Saturday on March 4 was a tremendous success with over two hundred people in attendance! Four different salamanders were on display, including the Pacific Giant Salamander.

A salamander sing-a-long was led by Jeremy and Jasmine Lin, in complete salamander garb. The beading and coloring crafts were popular, and hikes led by Jeremy went into the woods to find newts. It was a beautiful day at Rancho del Oso and a significant salute to our local amphibians.

Let's welcome **new Boardmember Ed Poser**, who will be developing and posting a blog about different aspects of the Waddell Valley and the trails. More to come in the next newsletter!

Wilderness Patrol Volunteer Training California State Parks, Santa Cruz District

Trainings will occur on Saturdays, April 1, 8, and 15 ☛ May 6, 13, and 20

Wilderness Patrol volunteers hike or mountain bike into scenic backcountry and contribute to the health and function of our beautiful State Parks! Training topics include: roving interpretation, visitor engagement, trail maintenance standards, reporting guidelines and operation protocol for Nisene Marks, Castle Rock and Rancho del Oso Big Basin Redwoods State Parks.

Please contact Jeremy Lin (jeremy.lin@parks.ca.gov or 831-427-2288) for more information and application materials.





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Rancho del Oso — Coastal Section of Big Basin Redwoods State Park

The Rancho del Oso Nature and History Center is open to the general public.

The Center is located 2 miles south of Año Nuevo (or 16 miles north of Santa Cruz) just off Highway 1.

Turn at the first road south of the Waddell Creek bridge and follow the signs. Extreme weather may cancel events; please call ahead.

For more information or to register for events, call 831 427-2288 or email jeremy.lin@parks.ca.gov.

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Our Mission

The Waddell Creek Association, in cooperation with California State Parks, works to educate and inspire public appreciation and stewardship of the extraordinary natural and cultural resources of the Waddell Valley, by providing resources and support for volunteer and educational programs at Rancho del Oso/Big Basin Redwoods State Park. Your membership helps us achieve these goals.