



# FEBRUARY 2023:

LOS PEÑASQUITOS RANCH HOUSE | 12122 CANYONSIDE PARK DRIVE, SAN DIEGO | 858-484-7504

LOS PEÑASQUITOS CANYON COUNTY PRESERVE | 12020 BLACK MOUNTAIN ROAD, SAN DIEGO

GROUNDS AND TRAILS: 8 A.M. - SUNSET, DAILY | MUSEUM: 9:30 A.M. - 4 P.M., FRIDAY - TUESDAY

## EVENT CALENDAR

### FEB. 4, 8 – 10 A.M. TREE PLANTING PARTY

All supplies are provided for this all-ages volunteer activity, in which participants will be planting new trees and taking on other park beautification projects. We'll be removing invasive plants, revegetating native species and adding up to 60 trees! Dress comfortably in clothes you don't mind getting a little dirty and wear closed-toe shoes and sun protection.

### FEB. 11, 10 A.M. – 3 P.M. BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

A free, family-friendly event focusing on history, archaeology, environmental education and fun!

### FEB. 18, 10 A.M. – 3 P.M. FLORA AND FAUNA DAY

Be a part of the action as rangers and the Friends of Los Peñasquitos unite for a half-day of fun. Take a 10 a.m. nature hike through the canyon, enjoy an 11 a.m. docent-led tour of the historic ranch house, attend a 12 p.m. Hawk Talk presentation, hit the trails for a mushroom and fungus walk at 1 p.m., or pick up a second house tour at 2 p.m. Experts will be on site to answer all of your questions about the property – from its vibrant past to its unique habitats.

**FRESCHEDULED TO MARCH 18!**

### FEB. 25, 9 A.M. – 12 P.M. RANGER-LED BIKE RIDE

Bring your own bike to this ranger-led ride-along through the preserve's most popular mountain bike trails. We'll be traveling up to 8 miles on easy to moderate terrain – with options for riders of all ages and experience levels. Learn about bike safety and trail etiquette while taking in the beauty of the canyon! Class 1 and 2 E-bikes okay.

**ALL SCHEDULED EVENTS ARE FREE.**

**ENJOY ACTIVITIES FOR VISITORS OF ALL AGES, INTERESTS AND ABILITIES.**

**PLEASE INFORM US IF YOU NEED ACCOMMODATIONS OR WOULD LIKE AN INTERPRETER ON SITE TO PROVIDE PROGRAMMING IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE.**

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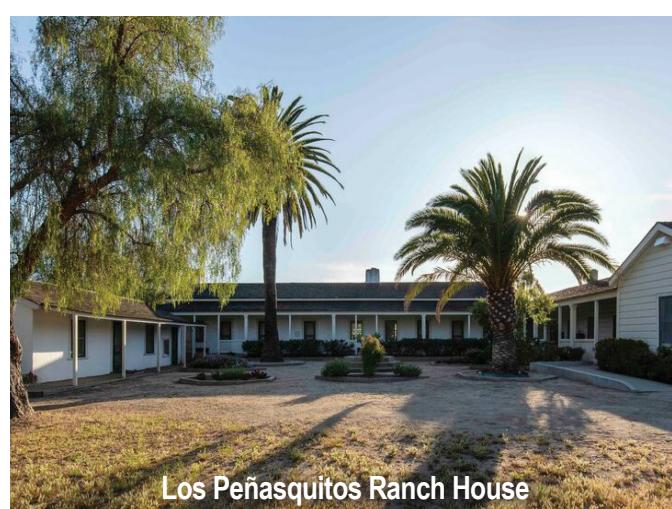
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## ABOUT THE PARKS



Los Peñasquitos Canyon County Preserve



Los Peñasquitos Ranch House

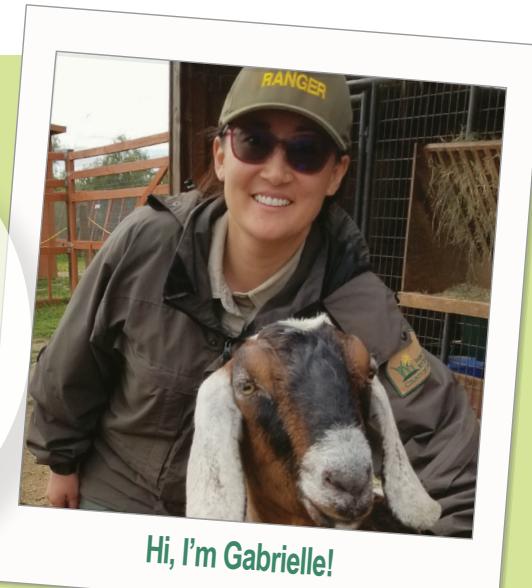
Los Peñasquitos Canyon County Preserve offers a beautiful year-round ecosystem unlike any other in San Diego County. Trails sit on either side of a bubbling creek feeding a dense grove of riparian plants and trees. Fields of native chaparral sit outside the groves, butting up against suburban development—an oasis frequented by local hikers, cyclists and equestrians. Trail users can take single-track trails near the creek with near constant shade, or venture out to a wider, sunnier trail and access road. Visitors in the spring may see a flowing waterfall at the west end of the preserve where the paths meet.

Los Peñasquitos Ranch House was the first Mexican land grant in present-day San Diego County. Presidio comandante Francisco María Ruiz fulfilled the conditions of the grant by building a small adobe structure in 1823. Ongoing archaeological digs take place on the site, revealing remnants of early civilization and the history of human habitation. An earthenware olive jar dating to the mid-1700s was used to ship oil, wines, and other foods to San Diego.

### MEET A RANGER: Gabrielle Mattey, Park Ranger

Gabrielle Mattey has been with the Department for 8 years – first as a Park Attendant at San Elijo Lagoon, then as a Park Ranger for San Dieguito and Los Peñasquitos. Before that, she spent 8 years serving in the US Air Force, honorably. She says the best part of the job is the variety of hats she gets to wear – from providing customer service, to doing maintenance projects, to running interpretive programs and leading volunteer projects. She also enjoys being on the department's Safety and Women in the Wild committees.

**“Many people don't realize we have an artesian spring that produces water 24/7, 365 days a year! It's definitely worth a visit, and our upcoming Bicentennial is a great opportunity for that. ”**



Hi, I'm Gabrielle!

200  
YEARS

Los Peñasquitos  
RANCH HOUSE  
BICENTENNIAL EVENT

FREE FOR  
ALL AGES

10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.  
SATURDAY, FEB. 11

Historic Tours • Expert Presentations • Ranch Activities

Tractor Rides • Kids Crafts • Games and Giveaways • Music • Food Stands

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