MEETUP | JULY 16, 2022
LOS PEÑASQUITOS CANYON COUNTY PRESERVE
AT RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS ADOBE
12122 Canyonside Park Drive, San Diego, CA 92129
Check-in 8:30 - 9 a.m., Rolling by 9:15 a.m., end at/after 11 a.m.

THE PROPERTY

Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve is beautiful year-round, with an ecosystem unlike any other in San Diego County. Managed jointly by the County and City of San Diego, 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 frequently visited by local hikers, cyclists and equestrians.

Twelve miles of multi-use trails are on site, with connections through other jurisdictions. The preserve also boasts an historic adobe ranch house with a museum, community garden and small family of farm animals (connect with them @PQGoats on Instagram).

Level: Beginner | Distance: 6 miles | Elevation gain: 83 feet | E-bike and family friendly

This is the most basic valley loop of Penasquitos Canyon with some singletrack but mostly wide dirt roads. It starts at Rancho Penasquitos Adobe and travels to the Waterfall and back, featuring a couple of bridges at water crossings. Explore the trails and dirt roads on each side of the valley through the oaks and sycamores on an easy-paced ride. Guides will point out other points of interest such as Eichar’s Grave. Support restoration efforts trail guidelines by following the signs and staying on designated paths; some trails near the river are only open to hikers and equestrians.

Spots are limited. To secure your spot, call the Lakeside Community Center at 619-443-9176, weekdays between 12 and 5 p.m.

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All scheduled events are free; waived parking fees. Registration and waivers are required.

Events are not for participants under the age of 8 or unaccompanied youth. Difficult ride will have a minimum age of 18.

Free rental equipment is available; this will be an option when you register. (Minimum height is 5’2”).

Helmets are required and all bikes should be in good working order with treaded knobby tires and working gears and brakes – ready to travel uneven, rocky, sandy and challenging terrain. Quality checks will take place on site before the ride.

Inclement weather will cancel.

MEETUP PERKS

Gain safety tips and information on bike quality checks and trail etiquette.

Connect with industry experts and park personnel.

Meetup participants will receive custom-made “Ride On” socks.

Collectable stickers will be offered at both the meetup and ranger stations.

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