A Joint Partnership of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the City of Poway, County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation, and Friends of Blue Sky Canyon

**DOCENTS WANTED!**

Support our school tour, school outreach and public tour programs by becoming a docent. We guarantee you will make a lasting impact!

**TRAINING IS FREE AND SELF-PACED**

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

Online applications can be found at www.poway.org

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**Blue Sky Ecological Reserve**

**Self-guided tour brochure**

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**Welcome to a Special Place!**

Blue Sky Ecological Reserve offers a window to a world of diverse natural wonders. Blue Sky’s 700+ acres of public land has been set aside as a natural habitat for several threatened and rare plant and animal species.

Habitat is a combination of food, water, shelter and space in an arrangement that meets the needs of plants and animals. The specific needs of each of these plant and animal species determine the type of habitat they can survive in.

Stand at the trailhead and look around. Note the green lushness of the creek spanning the bottom of the canyon. To your right, discover chamise chaparral habitat with its stiff-leaved plants. Look to the hillsides on your left. This is our coastal sage scrub, with its low-growing, aromatic, more soft-leafed plants.

We hope your visit will continue to spark your interest in the value, beauty and diversity of nature.

**Keep a Watchful Eye!**

Rattlesnakes, poison oak and loose rocks exist in Blue Sky as well as in other natural areas. These features are an important part of the natural community.

**This Reserve belongs to you!**

Please help us maintain a healthy environment by observing the following:

- For your safety, please stay on the trails.
- Keep your pet on a leash not more than 6’, and pick up after your pet.
- Releasing wild or domestic animals and plants is prohibited.
- Do not disturb or collect plants, animals or archaeological objects.
- Bicycles are prohibited.

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To learn more about how the Kumeyaay utilized native plants, visit the Kumeyaay-Ipai Interpretive Center

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