

HOOT, HOWL & PROWL

Saturday, October 23
\$5 per person

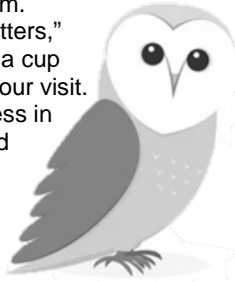
The fun begins every 15 minutes as docents lead guests on an after-dark adventure through the Reserve. The first group heads out at 5:30 p.m., and the last group leaves at 7:15 p.m.

Docents, dressed as native "critters," will bring Blue Sky alive. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate at the end of your visit.

Children are encouraged to dress in costumes, and everyone should dress warmly. Register at

www.poway.org/classes

No walk-ins accepted.



HIKING WITH KIDS

Saturday, November 13
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and \$3 per child

Feel like a pack mule hiking with kids? Why not let them share a little of the load? It will help them develop a degree of self-sufficiency and independence. Each child will be given their own kid-size backpack to decorate. We'll also provide some lightweight essential items for them to put in their packs before heading out on the trail with a ranger or docent for a one-mile hike. Limited to 30 kids. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Register online at poway.org/classes

FUN & FITNESS HIKING SERIES

6 week program starting January 3
Mondays at 9:00 a.m.

ALL LEVELS OF FITNESS WELCOME

Hiking is one of the best things you can do for your health. Come out and join us. What better way to meet new friends, de-stress, connect with nature, and get in shape? The fun begins at the south end of the parking lot. Distance and fitness level will gradually increase over six Monday mornings. No sign up needed.



DIRECTIONS:
FROM I-15 TAKE RANCHO BERNARDO ROAD EXIT, HEAD EAST ON RANCHO BERNARDO ROAD/ESPOLA ROAD FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE MILES. BLUE SKY RESERVE IS ON ESPOLA ROAD, APPROXIMATELY ¼ MILE PAST THE OLD COACH ROAD/BRIDLEWOOD ROAD TRAFFIC LIGHT INTERSECTION.

Blue Sky Ecological Reserve is a 700-acre, oak-lined canyon flanked by coastal sage scrub and chaparral-covered hills. The Reserve is home to a wide variety of flora and fauna. Brilliant colors of wildflowers on the hillsides in Spring, a gentle breeze, and the songs of birds provide an inviting escape for a nature walk. The trails are open to the public, free of charge, during daylight hours. The Reserve is managed by the City of Poway, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation with support from the non-profit Friends of Blue Sky Canyon.

Blue Sky Ecological Reserve

September-December
2021 Activities



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**ALL GUIDED HIKES ARE FREE AND
RESERVATIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED.**

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Meet at the bus shelter in the Blue Sky parking lot for all hikes. Bring your own water, as there is no drinking water in Blue Sky.

Canines in Blue Sky

Sunday, September 5 – 8:00 a.m.

Bring your furry friend and join docent Anna Gateley-Stanton and her dog for a morning dog walk in Blue Sky. Don't forget your leash, treats, and plenty of water!



Full Moon Hike
Sunday, September 19
6:30 p.m.

Artemis: Humanity's Return to the Moon

Join docent Celeste Larson for a guided full moon hike to Lake Ramona. Once we get there enjoy a presentation about NASA's Artemis program from NASA Solar System Ambassador and fellow docent Jessica Rzeszut. Learn about the program's planned 'firsts,' what we'll explore, and how we'll use what we learn to take the next giant leap in our space exploration journey before heading back to the trailhead under the light of the moon.

Fall at Last!

Sunday, September 26 – 9:00 a.m.

Join docent Mary Glass to see how things are faring in the Reserve as we wind into Autumn. We'll discuss the resiliency of the chaparral eco-habitat.



Dogs Unite at Blue Sky

Sunday, October 3 – 8:00 a.m.

Join docent Anna Gateley-Stanton on an easy trail hike for you and your dog(s). Enjoy a chance to socialize and exercise both your dog and you. Don't forget the leash, treats, and plenty of water for you and your furry friend.

Signs of Life Presentation and Hike

Saturday, October 16 – 9:00 a.m.

Join NASA Solar System Ambassador and Blue Sky docent Jessica Rzeszut for an overview and update on the Mars 2020 mission. The presentation in our amphitheater will focus on NASA's approach to and progress toward finding signs of life on the Red Planet and will also discuss how similar techniques can be applied toward finding signs of life in Blue Sky. Following the presentation, Blue Sky docents will lead an interactive hike through the reserve where everyone can participate in identifying signs of life.

Canines in Blue Sky

Sunday, November 7 – 8:00 a.m.

Bring your furry friend and join docent Anna Gateley-Stanton and her dog for a morning dog walk in Blue Sky. Don't forget your leash, treats, and plenty of water!

Celebrate "National Take a Hike Day"

Sunday, November 14 – 9:00 a.m.

Let's get out on the trail! Join docent Eric Brewer for a plants and habitats tour of our beautiful canyon.

Opt Out Black Friday in Blue Sky

Friday, November 26 – 8:00 a.m.

Shrug the shopping and come join our traditional post-Thanksgiving hike to Ramona Dam. Docent Celeste Larson will lead the 11th annual Black Friday outing! About 5 miles round trip, 800+ feet elevation gain.

Dogs Unite at Blue Sky

Sunday, December 5 – 8:00 a.m.

Attention all dogs! Bring your human and join docent Anna Gateley-Stanton for a walk in Blue Sky. Don't forget your leash, treats, and plenty of water!

One Last Time for Auld Lang Syne

Friday, December 31 – 8:00 a.m.

This is the last official docent led hike of the year. Join Celeste Larson for an interpretive 5.5-mile loop through Blue Sky, around Lake Poway, and back.

