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The San Diego River Park Foundation's 20th Annual River Days Celebration Taking Place May 13th -21st

An annual celebration of the San Diego River features 20+ free, family-friendly activities



San Diego, CA (May 1, 2023) - From the mountains to the ocean, the San Diego River Park Foundation is ramping up for its annual celebration of the San Diego River. San Diego River Days kicks off May 13th and runs nine days, thru May 21st, bringing together many partner organizations to celebrate the San Diego River as a cultural, ecological, and recreational treasure. Activities are all FREE and include hikes, clean-ups, nature walks, educational opportunities, and more.

San Diego River Days were initially conceived as a way to highlight the year-round work done by local groups to improve the health of the San Diego River, educate people about our River, and engage community members in River-friendly recreation or action. Many amazing organizations, agencies, and businesses offer opportunities for community members to get involved all along the River, with activities and events planned from Julian to Ocean Beach. For San Diego River Days each year, the different groups plan a series of events to give the community a sampling of their exciting work.

This is the 20th year of the annual San Diego River Days celebration. The San Diego River Park Foundation and partners offer various fun and free activities that engage over 1,000 participants of all ages! These free activities are designed to be approachable and fun. By trying out

something new, attendees are able to get to know a local group, explore a new place, connect with nature, and learn something new about their community.

San Diego River Days would not be possible without the support of our community partners and sponsors. Sponsors include US Bank, Think Blue San Diego, City of San Diego, Civita, Sharp Health Plan, My Point Credit Union, Banc of California, Mission Federal Credit Union, Port of San Diego, Bernstein, Lazy Acres, and KPBS.

Partners include Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation, San Diego Tracking Team, Friends of Famosa Slough, Volcan Mountain Foundation, San Diego Fly Fishers Club, San Diego Astronomy Association, San Diego Plein Air Painters, California Art Club, City of San Diego Park Rangers, I Love A Clean San Diego, City of San Diego Parks and Recreation, San Diego Audobon Society, Pollinator Initiative, Santee Historical Site,

For a complete list of 2023 activities, [click here.](#)

FEATURED MEDIA EVENTS:

RIVER DAYS KICK-OFF

Date: Saturday, May 13

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: San Diego River Mouth

5156 West Point Loma Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92107

This family-friendly event will allow participants to enjoy hands-on youth environmental education activities, volunteer for coastal habitat restoration, take a tour of the San Diego River Mouth, docent-led birdwatching, and a wildflower seed giveaway.

NATURE NIGHTS: BATS AND MOTHS

Date: Saturday, May 20

Time: 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: River Center at Grant Park

2450 Camino Del Rio North, San Diego, CA 92110

Attendees will embark on an evening adventure to listen and look for bats and moths as they walk along the river. Guests will learn about bats and monitor their echolocation calls using bioacoustics. Staff will also set up a UV light to attract and observe moths. This event is family-friendly.

PLANT & PAINT

Date: Sunday, May 21

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: River Center at Grant Park

2450 Camino Del Rio North, San Diego, CA 92110

A family-friendly event that will include opportunities to make an impact at the FUTURE River Center at Grant Park. Plant a plant, paint a mural, and take a tour of the soon-to-be permanent home for the San Diego River in the heart of Mission Valley.

About The San Diego River Park Foundation

The San Diego River Park Foundation's mission is to engage people to work toward a better future for the historic San Diego River and create a 52-mile river parkway from the mountains to the ocean. The San Diego River Park Foundation is a non-profit community-based organization founded in 2001 that believes the San Diego River has incredible potential as a cultural, ecological, and recreational treasure for our region.

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