

## **CNLM Volunteer Events (Winter/Spring 2023)**

### **Copper Creek Trail - Rancho La Costa Preserve**

**Background:** The Center for Natural Lands Management (CNLM) owns and manages land for the conservation of natural habitat including many sensitive species such as the coastal California Gnatcatcher. A small number of our preserves have public access including a trail system around Denk Mountain and Copper Creek in San Marcos and Carlsbad. Most trail improvements are accomplished with the help from volunteer days organized by CNLM and the San Diego Mountain Bike Association. The Copper Creek Trail has a history of flooding during rain; CNLM has been working over the years to add bridges and gravel to be able to keep the trails accessible for the public. There are also some sections along the trail that have non-native invasive species such as fennel. CNLM would like help with removing these species and planting native shrubs to replace them.

**Site:** Copper Creek Trail, San Marcos (San Diego County)

**Activities:** Trail work, restoration planting, invasive species removal

**March 2023 Volunteer Events:** Email [kbalazs@cnlm.org](mailto:kbalazs@cnlm.org) for more info, minimum age 12 years to participate (with adult supervision).

- Friday March 10, 8am-11:30am (come and go as needed): Trail work (moving gravel to areas of the trail that are muddy/flooded)
- Saturday March 18, 10am-2pm (come and go as needed): Trail work (moving gravel to areas of the trail that are muddy/flooded)
- Friday March 24, 8am-1pm (come and go as needed): Trail work and/or planting
- More dates to come!

#### **What to Bring:**

Please come prepared with signed waiver, appropriate attire (long pants, closed-toed shoes, hat, gloves) and sunscreen, water/snacks, kneeling pads, etc to keep you comfortable. Trail work days will involve heavy lifting/shoveling. Planting days will involve more kneeling. We will get muddy!

#### **Directions:**

Parking is available off San Elijo Rd just west of the entrance to Eden Park (1601 San Elijo Rd) (see map). Volunteers must hike to trailhead and/or staging area along Copper Creek Trail (~0.5 miles from parking area).



## Copper Creek Trail Volunteer Event Map

*Rancho La Costa Preserve, San Marcos, San Diego County, CA*

