

Environmental Volunteer Opportunities Spring 2002

Spring is an ideal time for your group to participate in an environmental or other project! There are many volunteer opportunities with Earth Day, California Coastal Cleanup and other organizations that need help on ongoing or one-time-only projects. **PLEASE NOTE:** Some projects have an upper limit on the number of volunteers needed. Please telephone or email project contacts well in advance to make sure there are still slots available and to confirm your group's participation.

Creek, River & Coastal Cleanups (listed in order of occurrence)

San Francisquito Creek Habitat Restoration

April 6 (Saturday), 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Cleanup every first and third Saturday; phone for locations.)

Meet at the Webb Ranch fruit stand parking lot on Alpine Road.

Non-native invasive plant removal project. Wear sturdy shoes, long pants, long sleeves, a hat and sunblock.

Contacts: Susan Fizzell (650) 962-9876 ext. 305; creeks@Acterra.org & www.Acterra.org/watershed

San Francisquito Creek Cleanup

April 20 (Saturday), 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Meet at El Palo Alto Park (corner of Alma St. & Palo Alto Ave. in downtown Palo Alto).

Contacts: Susan Fizzell (650) 962-9876 ext.305; earthday@acterra.org & <http://www.acterra.org>

Restoring San Francisquito Creek, Palo Alto

April 27 (Saturday), 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

(also May 18 & June 1)

Plant native plants, remove non-native plants, monitor water quality, and clean up the shoreline. Gloves, snacks and tools are provided, bring a raincoat, water bottle and hat and dress in layers.

Contacts: Marilyn Latta or Anya Perron-Bur dick (510) 452-9261; mlatta@savesfbay.org; anya@savesfbay.org & www.savesfbay.org/cbrmain.html

National River Cleanup

May 18 (Saturday), 9 a.m.-noon

Campbell: Los Gatos Creek at Camden & Hwy. 17

Cupertino: Stevens Creek Reservoir at Stevens Creek County Park

Gilroy: Uvas Creek at Christmas Hill Park

Mountain View: (*two*) (1) Stevens Creek at Highway 85 & El Camino; (2) Stevens Creek at L Avenida

Palo Alto: San Francisquito Creek at Manhattan/Newell

San José: (*eight*) (1) Alviso Slough/Guadalupe River at Union Pacific Railroad Bridge at Catherine St.; (2) Coyote Creek at Coyote Hellyer County Park; (3) Coyote Creek at Kelley Park; (4) Coyote Creek at Watson Park; (5) Guadalupe River at Children's Discovery Museum; (6) Guadalupe River at McLellan Ave. between Virginia & Edwards; (7) Los Gatos Creek at Blackford Elem. School between Stokes & Hamilton; (8) Upper Penitencia Creek from Hwy. 680 to White Rd.

Saratoga: Wildcat Creek at Fruitvale and Allendale

Sunnyvale: Sunnyvale West Channel

Wear long pants, sturdy shoes, work gloves, sunscreen and a cap or hat. Site Coordinators will provide bags, extra gloves, refreshments and a gift for volunteers (while supplies last)

Contact: <http://www.cleanacreek.org/abou.htm>

River Cleanup of Guadalupe River

May 18 (Saturday), 9 a.m.-noon

Meet at the Garden Center, 715 Spring Street (cross street is Taylor)

Please register in advance. Bring water and wear long pants, durable shoes., a hat and sunscreen. Gloves and other equipment will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact: Lucy Perez (408) 298-7657; <http://www.grpg.org/Volunteer.html> (scroll down Web page for upcoming volunteer opportunities)

Santa Cruz Coastal Cleanup

September 14 (Saturday), 9 a.m.-noon

Contact: <http://www.ecoact.org/acc/index.html>

Coastal Cleanup

September 21 (Saturday), 9 a.m. to noon

Contact: <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html>

Earth Day 2002

(All the following events take place on Saturday, April 20)

<http://www.bayareaearthday.net>

<http://www.calparks.org/earthday>

Big Basin State Park

10 a.m.

Big Basin State Park at Rancho Del Oso

Install and assemble recycling bins

Contact: Felipe Jauregui (831) 425-1218

Half Moon Bay State Beach

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Francis Beach, 95 Kelly Ave.

Restore park ecosystem by planting natives and removing non-natives. Bring garden gloves, hat, layered clothing, sunscreen and water.

Contact: Marianne Kjobmand (650)726-8801

Wilder Ranch State Park

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Check in at the Wilder Ranch State Park Visitor Center, 1401 Coast Rd., Santa Cruz

Weed the Victorian ornamental gardens, plant the heirloom vegetable garden, and build a vermicompost bin.

Contact: Carolyn Schimandle (831) 426-0505

Trail Maintenance

<http://www.stanford.edu/~mhd/trails>

Throughout the year, local volunteers meet at various points in the Santa Cruz Mountains to build and repair trails with the Santa Cruz Mountain Trail Association. Wear long pants, boots and a long-sleeved shirt; bring gloves, lunch and something to drink.

Big Basin Trail Maintenance

April 6 (and first Saturday of every month), 9 a.m.

Meet at park headquarters for some hands-on trail work

Contact: Bob Kirsch (408) 243-4245

Skyline to the Sea Trail

April 13 (and second Saturday of every month), 9 a.m.

Meet at Saratoga Gap at 9:00 a.m.

Contact: Al Lisin (408) 252-8106

Castle Rock State Park Trail Maintenance

April 13 (normally on *third* Saturday of every month), 9 a.m.

Meet at Saratoga Gap parking lot

Contact: Martin Donald (650) 966-1984

California Trail Days

April 20 & 21 (Saturday & Sunday), 9 a.m.

Meet at any of the three locations listed above.

Contact: See numbers listed above.

Build and repair Santa Cruz Mountain trails in this annual statewide event. Come for one day or two.

Trail Restoration Project at Long Ridge Open Space Preserve

April 20, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Contact: (650) 691-1200; <http://www.openspace.org/volunteers>

Trail restoration project at Peters Creek Trail

April 20

Sign-ups are mandatory for this event. If you are new to Preserve Partners, please complete the New Volunteer Signup Form (on their Web site).

Contact: Paul McKowan (650) 691-1200; volunteer@openspace.org & www.openspace.org

Trail Day at Arastradero Preserve

April 21, 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Meet at the Preserve parking lot on Arastradero Rd. just north of Page Mill off Hwy. 280. (www.Arastradero.org for directions). Build and repair trails at beautiful Arastradero Preserve. Wear layered clothing and sturdy shoes.

Contact: (650) 968-7065, outreach@trailcenter.org & www.trailcenter.org

Arastradero Preserve Habitat Restoration

April 24, 5 p.m. to sunset

See previous entry for location.

Contact: David "Tex" Houston (650) 739-0009; Tex@Acterra.org & www.Arastradero.org

Gardens & Forests

Our City Forest.

Our City Forest is embarking on a greening initiative to plant 1,600 shade trees in the Monterey Highway area between Curtner Avenue and Bernal Road in San José. Volunteer service clubs are needed to help with this massive planting effort throughout the next year.

Contact: (408) 998-7337 & <http://www.ourcityforest.org>

Rose Garden Neighborhood Preservation Association

Call for the next volunteer day.

Naglee & Dana streets, San Jose.

Contact: (408) 236-2130.

San Jose Heritage Rose Garden.

Spring & Taylor Sts., San Jose.

Volunteers are desperately needed to weed the new plantings.

Contact: (408) 298-7657

San Jose Historical Museum

1600 Senter Rd., adjacent to Kelley Park, San Jose.

The Garden Club welcomes more volunteers to help maintain grounds. Call for next general cleanup day.

Contact: Laurel Perusa or Mary Force (408) 287-2290

Woodlands Restoration Team

Sundays, 9 a.m.

Meeting place and work site vary, so phone to get details for each week's event.

Wear comfortable, layered clothing, leather boots if you have them, and bring a lunch, water and a daypack or other device for carrying your things. If it looks like rain, call on Friday night to find out if the event will take place. Light rain is not usually a problem.

Contact: (408) 662-3039 (volunteer hotline); <http://www.volunteerinfo.org/wildland.htm>

General Volunteer Opportunities**Bay Area Volunteer Information Center**

Contact: <http://www.volunteerinfo.org>

Community Impact

Contact: <http://www.communityimpact.org>

Volunteer Exchange of Santa Clara County

Contact: (408) 247-247-1126, info@vcsv.org & <http://www.volunteereexchange.org>