

Summer 2018



Stonewall Sentinel

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Calendar of Events
Summer 2018

June 7- CRSPIA Board meeting
July 5- CRSPIA Board meeting
August - CRSPIA Board meeting
Date to be determined

Check the website for events at:
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CRSPIA: Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Interpretive Association

The mission of CRSPIA is to support California State Parks, including Cuyamaca Rancho State Park by providing educational and interpretive activities as well as funding exhibits, building improvements, trails and our volunteers who patrol the trails to enhance the experience of our visitors.



Photo by Susan Stutz

President's Message

Excitement and activities are planned throughout the park for the summer! Besides the splendor of the wild flowers, the sounds of water in our creeks, and the birds displaying their colors and sounds, we have packed in activities for each and every weekend of the summer. Stop in our Visitor's Center to see the new fashions, books, and unique gifts on display. While there, pick up our beautiful Cuyamaca Rancho State Park brochure for May through September which will guide you through the "happenings" all summer long!

This colorful brochure funded by CRSPIA was created by our park interpreters, Michele Hernandez and Carmen Aurrecochea. In it you will find fun and informative things you and your family can do together. We hope that you will take a minute to see what is scheduled for you this summer. Fridays there will be Patio Talks and Tours in various parts of the park. On Saturdays, our interpreters will be busy providing nature Hikes, Flower Hikes, Horse Encounters,

Junior Rangers, and our popular campfire programs. On various Saturdays we will have music by the Pony Tales, Star Parties, Saturday Morning Workshops, and so much more. CRSPIA hopes everyone will find something to pique their interest here this summer.

Get the full Summer Schedule at the Park's Facebook under the events tab before coming up. This summer we are using many types of media sites. If you are a Facebook follower, you will find us at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, or follow us on Twitter at Cuyamacarancho, and Instagram at cuyamacaranchosp.

If you need more information on CRSPIA and how you can help Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, please visit our website at CRSPIA.org. We are looking forward to seeing you in the park. Happy Summer!



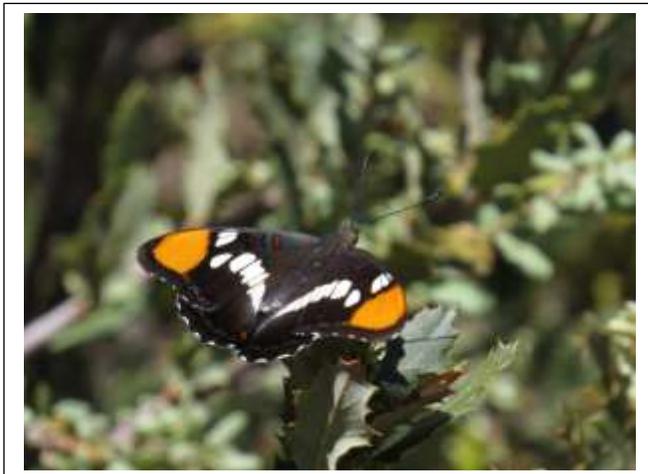
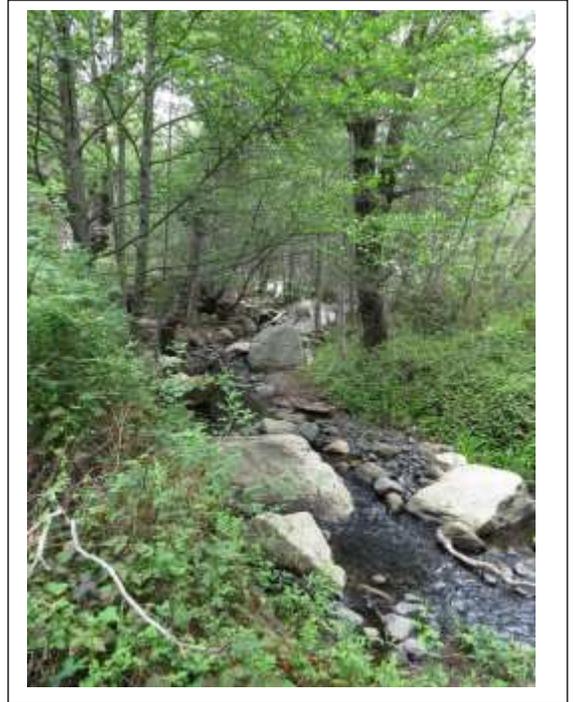
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Beautiful things to see in the Park Article and Photos by Chris Jones

Flowers are definitely in bloom! I took the flower hikes with Michele and Carmen on both Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13. Saturday was clouded over with a cool enough breeze for me to keep my light jacket on, but Sunday was a beautiful sunny day though not much warmer. Both days were just right for hiking. Tim Doyle and a friend accompanied us on Saturday. On Sunday two young hikers who were quite interested in the flowers joined us.

Saturday we roved from Sweetwater parking to Green Valley Falls, which is flowing beautifully. I don't think I can do justice to the variety of flowers and shrubs in bloom, so I've just included some photos. There was a black racer snake along the side of the trail at one point, but he quickly slithered off about the time my camera was ready to shoot it. We saw a number of ground squirrels in GV campground, and one blended in so well with a rock that you could only see its head from a distance.

Sunday we roved from West Mesa parking north along the Cold Stream Trail. There is a bee hive just next to the trail not too far along. Carmen got a good video of it. We all felt a green wild cucumber and felt how soft it is this time of the year—a far cry from how spiny and hurtful it can be after it dries out later in the year. One of the California sister butterflies posed for us on our return trip, so all of us got a number of photos. Views across the valleys east of the trail and of Stonewall Peak were clear, perhaps because of a light rain early the day before. After we arrived back at the Visitor Center, Carmen discovered a tick on the back of her neck, so do be careful to check for them after visiting the park.





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