

THE RIVER'S STORY

For over 8,000 years the San Diego River has been vital to our region. In 1769, it became one of the most important rivers in the United States with the founding of the first European settlement on the west coast along its banks. For this reason, the San Diego River is recognized as “California’s First River.”



BUT WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE RIVER?



The river has become neglected and largely forgotten in recent years. It is now polluted to the point that it is considered one of our nation’s most polluted

waterways. As such, the river’s vital ecological functioning is in danger of being lost.

The San Diego River Park Foundation is dedicated to engaging community members in returning the river to health and celebrating it with the creation of a river-long park system.



WHAT WE DO

CONNECT

We’re *connecting* the community to the San Diego River and to each other through:

- award-winning volunteer programs
- social gatherings, hikes and community events
- education and outreach

CREATE

We’re *creating* a river park system and advancing signature projects through:

- being a leading voice in advocating for the River Park
- land acquisitions and trail construction
- landmark projects such as the Discovery Center at Grant Park

CONSERVE

We’re *conserving* the river’s natural and cultural resources through:

- river clean-ups, surveys, monitoring and other activities
- research and scientific collaboration
- resource protection and management

Our vision is a river that is a healthy part of our community for generations to come!

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GET INVOLVED TODAY

There are many fun and rewarding opportunities to get involved with the San Diego River Park Foundation. You can make a difference!

VOLUNTEER

- Participate in a river clean-up
- Help create a neighborhood park
- Get your hands dirty at a community garden
- Paint a mural
- Join a river survey
- ... and lots more!

BECOME A MEMBER OR DONATE

Annual membership and individual donations help support our many programs to create and conserve the River Park. 100% of your donation goes to programs that help the river.

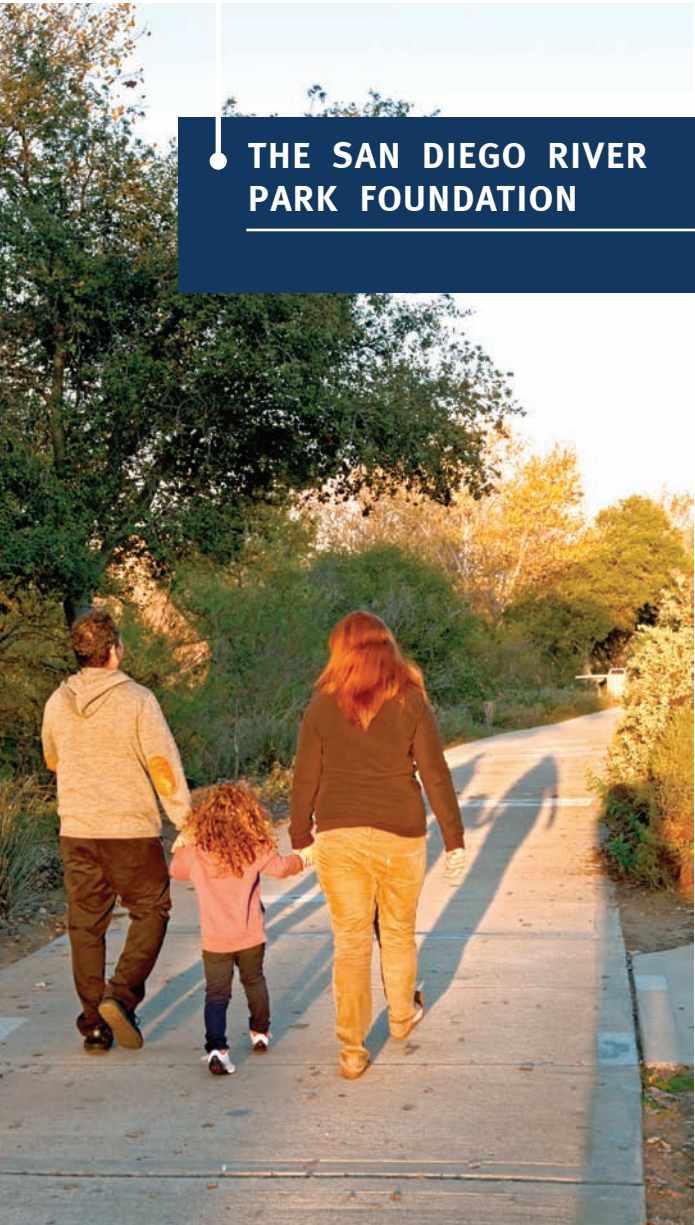
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Conserve.*

THE SAN DIEGO RIVER
PARK FOUNDATION



OUR MISSION

TO CHAMPION THE CREATION
OF A RIVER PARK SYSTEM
ALONG THE 52-MILE
SAN DIEGO RIVER.

This river park system will provide the community with recreational activities and a greater connection with nature. By **connecting** the community, **creating** a river park system, and **conserving** natural and cultural resources, the River Park celebrates the San Diego River's unique natural and cultural legacy, while enhancing our quality of life.

WHAT IS THE SAN DIEGO RIVER PARK?

It's a system of parks, trails, education centers and open spaces along the 52-mile San Diego River.

WHY A RIVER PARK?

- A clean river and sustainable ecosystems support a healthy community.
- Community gathering places foster greater neighborhood connections.
- Kids who play in nature grow up to respect and care for nature.
- Parks and trails boost recreation, tourism, real estate and overall economic value.
- Outdoor recreation leads to happy, healthy people.

SAN DIEGO RIVER PARK SYSTEM

DISCOVERY CENTER AT GRANT PARK
Imagine a place where children can play, the community can gather, and an understanding of the San Diego River is advanced. This is the future site for the river's premier education center.



SEFTON PARK AND MISSION VALLEY PRESERVE



THE ESTUARY
This fluctuating tidal area is where the river meets the ocean, and encompasses both the Southern Wildlife Preserve and Dog Beach. View a multitude of bird species while hiking, biking, or walking your dog along the River Trail.

OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO STATE HISTORIC PARK AND PRESIDIO PARK

MAST PARK
Part of Santee's River Park System

MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK
One of the largest urban parks in the United States, this is where the river has carved Mission Gorge. The park is a naturalist's and hiker's paradise – check out the Visitors Center and the historic Old Mission Dam.

TO SEE FULL VISION MAP VISIT WWW.SANDIEGORIVER.ORG

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INAJA MEMORIAL
This viewpoint and picnic area off Hwy 78 offers a spectacular view of the Upper River Gorge.

SANTA YSABEL OPEN SPACE PRESERVE

EL MONTE COUNTY PARK

LAKESIDE'S RIVER PARK

CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST



EAGLE PEAK PRESERVE
The San Diego River Park Foundation's signature preserve is a place of rare beauty matched by natural, recreational and cultural resources.

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE RIVER PARK!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- ☐ Student/Senior - \$10
- ☐ Regular - \$35
- ☐ Sustaining - \$50
- ☐ River Champion - \$100
- ☐ River Steward - \$250
- ☐ Park Patron - \$500
- ☐ Lifetime Member - \$1,200
- ☐ Business or Organization - \$100

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS

- ☐ Land Acquisition Fund \$_____
- ☐ General Support \$_____
- ☐ Endowment \$_____
- ☐ Plant-a-Tree Fund \$_____
- ☐ Other: _____ \$_____

- ☐ Please keep my donation anonymous
- ☐ My donation is in memory/honor of: _____

- ☐ Send me volunteer information

Name: _____

Address: _____

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