

**Sycamore Canyon / Goodan  
Ranch Preserve  
Fall/Winter 2009/2010  
Program Schedule**

16281 Sycamore Canyon Road  
Poway, California 92061  
(858) 513-4737

Over ten miles of trails and service roads open to hiking, mountain biking and equestrian use. Preserve visitors are welcome to visit our new visitor center. Live animals and exhibits on Goodan History, Cedar Fire, Kumeyaay and the MSCP are on display.

Events, hikes and programs start at various Preserve locations. **Some require a one mile walk from Goodan Ranch staging to the Visitor Center. Please check descriptions closely.** No vehicular traffic is permitted in the Preserve. Transportation for those with disabilities can be arranged, by calling the ranger at (858)513-4737.

Goodan staging area accessed from Poway Rd. east on Garden Rd, then south on Sycamore Canyon Rd. Sycamore Canyon Rd. ends at staging area.  
Highway 67 staging area accessed through SOUTHBOUND Highway 67 only, half a mile south of Scripps Poway Parkway. All events are free. For information or to make event reservations call (858)513-4737 or email [Justin.Gibbons@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Justin.Gibbons@sdcounty.ca.gov).

**MARCH**

**Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010** 9:30am – 11:30am

**Scavenger Hunt.** Do you love the outdoors? Are you good at following clues and solving puzzles? Well here is your chance to experience them all together. Join park staff for a self-guided, fun scavenger hunt designed specifically for children. Kids will have a chance to follow clues and find various points in search of the final treasure. The hunt will illustrate several interesting points near the visitor's center and all participants will receive a small token for finishing. **Ages 6-12.** Parent participation is encouraged so bring out the whole family for a fun day at the park. **Space is limited to 50 so please call (858)513-4737 for reservations. Program will begin at the Goodan Staging area. Rain or muddy conditions cancel.**

Program will be held at Goodan Staging area.

**Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010** 9:30am – 11:00am

**Hike and A Story.** Nearly every child has been to a story time at some point or another but here is your chance to experience one in the outdoors. County Parks and County Libraries are coming together to provide a program for children, ages 2 to 5, where they can hear stories related to nature and animals in a wonderful, natural environment. There will also be nature related crafts that the children can work on after the story time. Program will be followed with a short walk through the preserve. **Space**

**is limited to 30 so please call (858)513-4737 for reservations. Guests will drive down into preserve from Goodan Staging area and park at visitor center. Rain or muddy conditions cancel.**

Program will be held at Preserve Visitor Center.

## **APRIL**

**Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010** 9:00am – 11:00am

**Edible Plants.** Come learn all there is to know about our local edible plants from author and college professor Lisa Chaddock. Several Native American tribes have survived in this very region in the past, so see, touch, and taste what they used on a daily basis for nourishment and medicine. This program can help you learn what is safe and not safe to eat when hiking or camping in the local region. Learn what is safe to cook with and what sorts of dishes those who use to live in this area cooked and prepared. Program will be followed with a walk through the preserve. **Space is limited to 30 so please call (858)513-4737 for reservations. Guests will park at Goodan Staging area and must walk approximately 1 mile down to visitor center. Rain or muddy conditions cancel.**

Program will be held at Preserve Visitor Center.

**Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010** 9:00am – 12:00pm

**Wildlife Bingo.** Bingo! Come join park staff for a chance to play a fun game while immersing yourselves within our local plant and animal life. This bingo game, designed specifically for children, will give your small ones a chance to seek out several species of our local plants as well as our furry, scaly and feathered friends. Participants will be given a bingo card containing pictures and it will be the child's task to locate and cross off each one in an attempt to get Bingo! Each child will receive a small token for playing along. Parent participation is encouraged so bring out the whole family for a fun day at the park. **Space is limited to 50 so please call (858)513-4737 for reservations. Guests will park at Goodan Staging area and must walk approximately 1 mile down to visitor center. Rain or muddy conditions cancel.**

Program will be held at Preserve Visitor Center.

## **MAY**

**Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010** 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**Star Party.** Join SDAA volunteer astronomers and County Parks for a night with the stars. Come experience the chance to view Saturn, possibly Mars as well as several open star clusters, globular star clusters and even galaxies. These events are informative and fun for the whole family. We promise you will be wowed by this star experience! **Program will be held at Highway 67 Staging area accessed Highway 67 southbound only. RAIN or CLOUDS CANCEL.**

**Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010** All Day

**Geocaching Event.** Never heard of Geocaching? Well now is the time to learn. Geocaching is a sort of treasure hunt, where users use a handheld GPS device to find a hidden container, usually containing a log book and small trinkets. This phenomenon has grown to a world-wide level now available in every corner of the planet. This is your chance to experience this sport in the only County of San Diego park where it is allowed. Guests must bring their own portable GPS devices and be familiar with them. This is a self guided tour. All new geocaches will be placed out for this event, celebrating the end of the rainy season.

**Program will meet at Goodan staging area. Rain or muddy conditions cancel.**