



San Elijo Lagoon CONSERVANCY
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New Summer Tours & Events at San Elijo Lagoon

Biodiversity Tours, Family Days, and More—June and July

Solana Beach — Ever wonder why the native Lemonade berry's leaves never wilt, even in drought? What comes out when the sun goes down at San Elijo Lagoon? These all-ages discoveries, and many more, are part of a lineup of new summer tours and events presented by San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy. Registration is under way:

JUNE 2016

SUMMER SUNSET TOUR SERIES—*Kicks Off*

Thursdays, June 16, July 21, and August 18: 6:00 pm-Sunset

This is nature's happy hour—an evening aglow with discovery. Enjoy sage-scented breezes. Watch for darting cottontails! The hike concludes with a *Taste of the Trails* refreshment. Members: Free; Public: \$5 or \$12 for series

BUILD DUNE HABITAT

Community Habitat Restoration Event: Saturday, June 18: 8:00-11:00 am

Volunteers are sought to help expand coastal dune habitat for threatened bird species, like the Western Snowy Plover, and the endangered California Least Tern. Volunteers will transport sand that was excavated from the mouth of the lagoon to improve water flow, to the dune site. It's a serious workout! By capitalizing on timeworn infrastructure additional dune habitat will be created. Register: SanElijo.org/LagoonPlatoon

DROUGHT-SAVVY PLANTS TOUR

Sunday, June 26: 3:00-4:30 pm

Living with little rainfall is challenging for all of us, but some species handle it better than others. Ever wonder why the Lemonade berry's leaves never wilt? Become more familiar with the lagoon's native drought-tolerant plants and their unique adaptations. Complimentary Tour.



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LAGOON DISCOVERY CAMPS

Session 2: July 18-22; Session 3: July 25-29; Half-days from 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Campers ages 6-9 can explore San Elijo Lagoon while making friends in nature. Activities include live animal encounters, ID animal tracks, and upcycled nature crafts. Youth will also enjoy discovery hikes, playing games, and journaling. Camps occur at the nature center. Register: \$150/child—Scholarships Available

KUMEYAAY FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, July 3: 11:30 am-1:30 pm

Discover how the Kumeyaay lived off the land. What would you eat in San Elijo Lagoon? How would you have fun? Families can taste lagoon delicacies and play games. Family Fun Days is co-presented by San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy & County Parks and Recreation at the nature center. First Sundays monthly. Complimentary Event.

SUMMER SUNSET TOUR

Thursday, July 21: 6:00 pm-Sunset

This is nature's happy hour—an evening aglow with discovery. Enjoy sage-scented breezes. Watch for darting cottontails! The hike concludes with a *Taste of the Trails* refreshment. Members: Free; Public: \$5

LOOKING BACK TOUR

Sunday, July 24: 3:00-4:30 pm

It's about people and nature, together over time. Coastal wetlands are naturally dynamic, as is our history with San Elijo Lagoon. Learn more about the ways both nature and humans have altered the lagoon's landscape. Complimentary Tour.

Details and Registration: SanElijo.org/Events

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San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy is the nonprofit land trust for San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve. The mission is to protect and restore the resources of the reserve, its watershed, and related ecosystems for the benefit of current and future generations.

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