

Lowé's Open Space Preserve

SDHC 2020 Update

The Lowe's Biological Open Space Preserve is a 9.6-acre wetland along the San Diego River within the limits of Mast Park in the City of Santee. Restoration of this site concluded in 2010 and San Diego Habitat Conservancy (SDHC) commenced management of the site in January 2011. Restoration of this site included removal of invasive exotic species and establishment of wetland species to return the site to native habitat. We respectfully request your cooperation and assistance to SDHC in preserving these wonderful resources.



Connection to the San Diego Ecosystem

The Lowe's Preserve is part of a larger system of preserved habitat in San Diego County. The Preserve is connected to other lands in Santee to the west, east, and north that are preserved or will be preserved to protect a variety of habitats. The Preserve contains high quality southern riparian forest and southern riparian scrub habitats that are host to a variety of native wildlife, including the sensitive bird species, yellow-breasted chat.

Prohibited Activities in the Preserve

Access and Pets

Access is prohibited to the Preserve due to the sensitive nature of the habitat and for the protection of the species that dwell and forage there. As such, hiking, biking or any human recreational activity is strictly prohibited under the conditions of the Easement. Domestic pets can also have a detrimental effect on native habitat. We would like to stress that dogs and cats are prohibited in the Preserve as well.

Trash & Hazardous Materials

Please help SDHC keep the Preserve pristine and healthy by disposing of trash in receptacles or at your home. If you see trash along in the Preserve, please help us out by disposing of it or call SDHC so we can attend to it. Hazardous materials, including such items as vehicle fuel and oil, coolants, household cleaning products and paints and solvents are detrimental to the health of the Preserve. Please call SDHC immediately if you observe illegal dumping or signs of hazardous materials in the Preserve.

Yellow-breasted chat
Photo by Gary Mueller

*Species observed by
Habitat Manger in 2020.*



Volunteer to Protect Biodiversity!

Join SDHC in preserving San Diego's native ecosystems and sensitive species by volunteering to assist with habitat maintenance events. Volunteers can make a huge difference by assisting with trash removal and invasive plant control, while learning about the unique features of the Preserve. Please feel free to contact SDHC if you would like to get involved!

*Volunteers helping to
remove debris and
encampment
material during 2020
cleanup event.*



The preserve is closed to the public. Please contact us if you have any questions or observe any unauthorized uses, such as littering, camping, and removal of plants.

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