

NATIVE HABITAT TOUR SERIES

spring 2007



THE TOLL ROADS PROUDLY PRESENT our annual Native Habitat Tour Series. Join us this Spring to see some of the more than 2,100 acres of open space that were protected with the construction of the 241 and 73 Toll Roads. Six unique hikes provide a glimpse into areas of Orange County few people have seen. Space is limited. Call today to reserve your spot.

UPPER CHIQUITA BIRD WATCHING & RESTORATION TOURS

Saturday, April 28, 2007 **#1** 6am - 9am Bird Watching Tour **#2** 9am - 12pm Restoration Tour

This 1,182-acre conservation area located near Coto de Caza was set aside in association with construction of the Foothill (241) Toll Road. This **easy/moderate** hike gives participants a peek at an area rich with coastal sage scrub, oak woodland, grassland, and natural drainage habitats. Specific techniques that were used to restore this popular site will be the focus of this two-mile restoration hike. Birdwatchers will enjoy many different birds, including the threatened California gnatcatcher and other native species.

BONITA WETLANDS BIRD WATCHING & RESTORATION TOURS

Saturday, June 2, 2007 **#3** 6am - 9am Bird Watching Tour **#4** 9:30am - 12pm Restoration Tour

The 21-Acre Bonita Channel is the main wildlife link from Upper Newport Bay to the San Joaquin Hills and was restored in association with construction of the San Joaquin Hills (73) Toll Road. Along Bonita Creek is a habitat you may not have realized was so close to populated Newport Beach and Irvine. Learn how The Toll Roads restored this creek from an underground culvert to a viable wetland habitat teeming with wildlife on this **easy** hike that will primarily take place on a paved path. Bird watchers will see wetland and coastal sage scrub bird species.

UPPER CHIQUITA RESTORATION HIKE

Saturday, May 19, 2007 **#5** 9am - 1pm Hiking Tour

This year we are offering a second tour of the highly popular Upper Chiquita Canyon Conservation Area. This special tour will be a true hike and will focus on big picture restoration used to develop native habitat such as coastal sage scrub, oak woodlands, and grasslands. The hike will be led by TCA's restoration biologist, Margot Griswold, the principal biologist with Earthworks Construction & Design. Please bring water and a snack on this **aggressive** four-hour hike.

LAGUNA COAST WILDERNESS PARK HIKE

Saturday, April 21, 2007 **#6** 8am - 12pm Hiking Tour

This **moderate** 6-mile hike begins in the Laguna Coast Wilderness Park and leads participants up through an oak woodland canyon, toward the San Joaquin Hills (73) Toll Road. It continues through a wildlife under crossing where we will look for tracks and identify the wildlife that is using the under crossing. The hike will continue to a scenic point overlooking Shady Canyon, Laguna Canyon and beyond. In addition to the beautiful scenery, the tour describes restoration techniques used to create sustainable habitat on the toll road slopes for the California gnatcatcher, a threatened songbird. Come prepared to walk along some moderately steep trails that traverse the slopes and learn about the restoration of native habitat.

- Directions and parking information will be mailed after signups are received.
- Special tours on weekdays can be arranged for groups of ten or more.
- In the event of rain, tours will be rescheduled.
- The Native Habitat Tour Series is designed for participants over the age of 12.

Please call to reserve your spot on a tour. 949.754.3405

Due to the popularity of this program, this year participants are asked to sign up for only one tour to allow more people to enjoy the series. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

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