

Conejo Open Space Newsletter

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Non Native Plant Removal

On July 20th, A group of eight of our finest fennel fighters set out into our open space to contain the spread of fennel on the western plateau. We appreciate the help that these volunteers have given supporting our open space and couldn't thank all of you enough. To view images from the 7/20 event, click here.



If you are interested in seeing exactly how much fennel is left in our open space, Click the image of the map above.

Map Legend

Green markers indicate fennel that is cut and sprayed

Yellow markers indicate fennel that has been cut

Red markers indicate fennel that has had no action taken.

As you can see, there is still a great amount of fennel left to contain in our open space. If you are hiking and come across some fennel and it is not mentioned in our map, please contact us at news@cosf.org and we will add it to our database.

If you are interested in reducing the spread of non-native plants in our local open space, please contact Julie Osborn at (805) 492-6000 or via email at volunteer@cosf.org. The native plants and animals will be very appreciative!

Must be 18+ years of age to participate. No experience necessary. Tools and instructions will be provided.

Submit your Open Space Photos

We are interested in seeing some of the amazing photos that trail users shoot while in the open space. Please send us your photos at news@cosf.org for a chance to be recognized in the upcoming newsletter.

We also encourage you to share your photos and experiences on our <u>facebook page</u> so you can connect with other trail advocates.

Donate

Volunteer

Want to Volunteer? Here's How!

The COSCA Volunteer Corps has many ways for residents to help maintain and preserve the open space that surrounds our beautiful Conejo Valley. By joining with others, we can make sure that the trails, canyons, and ridgelines will be enjoyed by visitors for generations to come. You can read about the specific volunteer opportunities below, and you can submit a request to volunteer, noting your specific interests, here.

- Adopt-a-Trail Program
- Trail Watch Program
- <u>Trail Ambassador Program</u>
- Trail Work Days
- Trails Education Days



The Conejo Open Space Foundation was formed in 1995 to promote and maintain the open space and trail system of the Conejo Valley and to educate residents as to their roles as custodians and protectors of the open space and the environment. Our <u>web site</u> illustrates ongoing Conejo Open Space programs supported by the Foundation that help preserve and protect our precious open space.

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