

Field Trip to Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Reforestation Project

May 29, 2014

A field trip will be held on Thursday, May 29th, 2014 to visit forest restoration sites at the Cuyamaca Rancho State Park in eastern San Diego County. The trip will include a stop at Cuyamaca Peak to observe the extent of the 2003 Cedar Fire, a short hike into the last remaining stand of mature sugar pine in San Diego County and visits to a variety of site preparation and planting polygons from the first seven years of the restoration project.



Visit http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=27166 for information about the Reforestation Project and restoration in the park following the 2003 Cedar Fire.

Participants should their provide own transportation, although we will carpool once onsite. Be prepared for moderate hiking and bring your lunch and water. For more information and to register for the field trip please go to

<http://ucanr.edu/reforestationwebinar/>. There is no charge for the field trip. For further information please contact Richard Harris at rrharris2464@sbcglobal.net or (707) 685-5508.

Tour Agenda

9:00 AM	<p>Meet at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Headquarters</p> <p>Introductions Overview of tour Carpool to park sites</p> <p>Address: 13652 Hwy 79 Julian, CA 92036 Link for map to Cuyamaca Rancho State Park: http://www.parks.ca.gov/Lat_Long_Map/?page_id=667 ; NOTE: Google and MapQuest show an incorrect park headquarters location on the map. The office is directly west of Stonewall Peak, on the west side of Hwy 79 at about the 9 mile marker. Link for park brochure and map: http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/667/files/CuyamacaWebLayout2010Rev.pdf; <i>The park is a little more than a 2-hour drive from downtown San Diego depending on traffic.</i></p>
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM	<p>Cuyamaca Peak</p> <p>Stop 1: Drive to peak to view and discuss the extent of 2003 Cedar Fire Stop 2: Hike into 59-acre stand of sugar pine, Coulter pine, Jeffrey pine and incense cedar targeted for preservation of genetic stock Stops 3-5: Hike into 2008 pilot planting site and 2009-2011 planting sites along Azalea Springs Road.</p>
Noon	<p>Paso Picacho</p> <p>Stop 1: Lunch at the Paso Picacho Day Use Area (bring your own lunch) Stop 2: 2014 planting site - Observation and discussion of site preparation methodologies including mechanical mastication, hand clearing, and broadcast burning.</p>
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	<p>Middle Peak</p> <p>Stops 1-3: Observe 2008 - 2013 planting sites and discuss seedling growth, seedling protection measures, and site preparation challenges.</p>
3:30 PM	<p>Adjourn Tour at Park Headquarters</p>