

Connecting with Nature on Fiscalini Ranch Preserve: Adopt-a-Road: Main Street from 2003 to Today



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If you are out on Main Street this morning (May 27), you may see volunteers from Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve (FFRP) along the way. They will be wearing high visibility vests and picking up trash as they go.

FFRP began participating in San Luis Obispo County's Adopt-a-Road program in 2003 when we adopted Main Street from Highway 1 to – well – Highway 1: all three miles of it. You may have noticed the Adopt-a-Road sign with FFRP's name on it in front of Santa Rosa Church.

Three or four times a year a group of volunteers gather to divide up the road. Working in pairs, they cover both sides of the street from Ardath at the south end to Windsor at the north. Richard Lee, Gil Eastman, and Walt Andrus have each done an amazing job leading this program over the last 18 years.

Impact of the Adopt-a-Road program is measured by how many bags of trash are collected. Really: the County picks up the trash bags and judges participation by the number of bags filled. FFRP volunteers collect a lot of trash, especially with the recent addition of discarded face masks and gloves. These volunteers have put in more than 50 hours since December 2019 cleaning up along Main Street, showing that their interest in the environment is not confined to the Ranch.

Keep an eye out for FFRP volunteers today and please say hi!



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