



Friends of the
Fiscalini Ranch
Preserve



RESTORATION TAKES A STEP FORWARD ON THE RANCH

In June, the Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve (FFRP) completed construction of a purpose-built nursery to grow plants for habitat restoration on the Ranch. The 10'x24' screen house is located within the fenced Facilities yard near the East Ranch.

The nursery has space to grow 450 Monterey pine (*Pinus radiata*) or a mix of pines and

forest understory or coastal bluff plants. FFRP has been reforesting the Ranch for many years. Since 2003, the forest has expanded approximately 25% due to replanting and forest management. This new nursery will allow us to expand these efforts. Building on an understory survey conducted last year by Cal Poly graduate student Natalie Nemeth and FFRP volunteers, we will grow native forest shrubs both to diversify the forest and to act as nurse plants for newly planted Monterey pine.

Constructing the restoration nursery was possible only because of generous support from the Arthur L. & Elaine V. Johnson Foundation, Orange County Community Foundation, and Reid Fund of the Ernest Lieblich Foundation (California Community Foundation). **Tree planting dedications** will continue to provide support for the restoration program.

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Dedicate a Tree



Gathering in the Garden Aug 27 2022

A benefit for Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve

Join Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve at a Gathering in the Garden on Saturday, August 27, at Cambria Nursery and Florist. This special event begins at 6:00 pm and will run until about 8:00 pm.

Hear live music from Ron Perry, Mary Schwalbe, and Carolyn Kelley while enjoying delicious appetizers.

Enjoy wine tastings from these local producers: Cutruzzola Vineyards, Cayucos Cellars, Moonstone Cellars, Hearst Winery, Harmony Cellars, and Rocky Creek Cellars.

Bid on auction items, win raffle prizes, or pick up a new FFRP baseball cap!

Best of all, hang out with new and old friends while supporting a place you love at this benefit for Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve.

Advance tickets are \$35. Day-of tickets are \$40.

We are so grateful to be able to celebrate in person again! For the safety of all, we require that all attendees be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Please bring proof of vaccination with you to check in.

Buy Tickets



INDEPENDENCE WEEKEND POP-UP SALE

Saturday, July 2, 9am – 1pm at the south Bluff Trail entrance at Windsor Blvd.

Our pop-up sales are a great chance to meet Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve volunteers and become a member yourself. Pick up an FFRP tee shirt, a new cap, or just a treat for your dog. We will be happy to see you either way!

Shop Online



TWO WAYS YOUR DONATION CAN HAVE A BIGGER IMPACT

Don't need your IRA retirement savings as much as you once thought you might?

If you are over 70½, consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution to Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve directly from your IRA.

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Benefits of an IRA Charitable Rollover

Do you have a Donor Advised Fund?

[#HalfMyDAF](#)

If you make a grant to Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve from your Donor Advised Fund (DAF) and commit to spending down half the money in your DAF by September 30, FFRP will be eligible to receive up to \$50K in matching funds through the #HalfMyDAF challenge.

There are over \$160 billion in Donor Advised Funds across the country. The

- Qualified Charitable Distribution gifts count toward satisfying the amount of money you must withdraw each year according to the IRS' required minimum distribution rules.
- The amounts distributed as a Qualified Charitable Distribution each year can be excluded from your taxable income, thereby reducing the amount of tax you must pay.

How an IRA Charitable Rollover Gift Works

- Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to us: Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve, P.O. Box 1664, Cambria, CA 93428, EIN# 91-2161009
- Your IRA funds will be directly transferred to Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve to help continue our important work preserving and protecting the Ranch.

#HalfMyDAF challenge aims to move that money to nonprofits by offering matching grants. If you are a DAF holder and make the commitment to spending down half of the money in your DAF by September 30, 2022, the grants you make are eligible for matches from #HalfMyDAF.

Details at

www.halfmydaf.com.

Learn More About IRA Charitable Rollovers

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VOLUNTEER TO HELP SOME THIRSTY TREES

Saturday, July 9, 10am – Noon meeting at the Dolphin Bench

FFRP volunteers will meet July 9 to give some young Monterey pines a much-needed drink. In addition to delivering 1 to 2 gallons of water per tree, volunteers will spread wood chips to help the soil hold moisture.

Volunteers planted these saplings in the fall of 2020 and have watered them several times since then. With minimal rain in late 2021, we skipped planting last winter. While it is possible to provide supplemental water for the trees, we cannot provide them with all the water they need to get established. Next fall we will have a healthy crop of two-year-old seedlings to plant.

FFRP Volunteers are busy nearly every day. So far this year, volunteers have devoted more than 1,875 hours to the Ranch. This week a group of volunteers cleaned up Main Street from Cambria Drive all the way south to Highway 1. After July 4th, we will be helping to clean up the fireworks in Shamel Park. Sign up to volunteer: once a year or once a week, all are welcome!

Volunteer



DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH ON FISCALINI RANCH PRESERVE

by John Nixon, FFRP Board Chairperson

Dateline: Any day, any trail on the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve – Dogs off leash

Walking on the Bluff Trail with his dog off leash, the man and the dog see a fawn scampering up ahead. The dog takes off after the fawn, and both dog and fawn disappear into the thick growth of bush lupine. The man calls the dog, but it takes more than a few pleas before the dog returns. At the very least, the fawn suffered a traumatic experience.

With her dog off leash, the visitor walking the Forest Loop Trail sees another visitor heading toward her with a small dog on leash. The off-leash dog sees the small dog and races toward it, barking fiercely. The owner of the small dog quickly picks up her dog and stands her ground, as the charging, barking dog approaches. The owner of the charging dog races to stop the encounter, grabbing the dog by its collar just before it reaches the other woman who is quite frightened, holding her trembling dog.

The off-leash dog runs along the Marine Terrace Trail, chasing a ball thrown by its owner,

who trails well behind. The ball lands in front of a lone woman walking the trail. The happy dog stops in front of the woman, possibly wanting her to pick up the ball and throw it. The scene, however, is not happy for the woman, who is very much afraid of dogs. The dog's owner approaches and assures her that his dog is friendly. That declaration does not soothe the woman, whose fright turns to anger. She makes known her displeasure and walks away.

These incidences are real, occur regularly, and will continue to occur until and unless visitors who bring their dogs to the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve recognize and obey the law. County Code (9.08.020) clearly states that dogs on any unincorporated public spaces must be on leash. All trails of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve are to be shared and enjoyed by all—community members and Cambria visitors alike. Many who visit include people with seeing eye/service dogs, young children, people using canes or carrying oxygen, and people who are frightened of dogs.

For all who visit the Ranch to enjoy its beauty and bounty, dog owners must respect the rights and safety of others by having their dogs on leash. The only public space in Cambria where dogs can be off leash is at the Cambria Dog Park on Rodeo Grounds Road and adjacent to the CCSD Facilities and Resources Department. Protect your dog, yourself, other visitors, other dogs, and Ranch wildlife – Obey the Law.



UPCOMING DOCENT WALKS

Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve sponsors twice-monthly free guided walks focusing on the beauty and natural diversity of the Ranch. Most walks last 2-2.5 hours and are on compacted soil with little elevation change. Learn more and register on our website.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, walk attendance is limited and advance registration is required. Upcoming topics include:

The Wonderfully Amazing Life on the Ranch Shore

Saturday, July 9, 10-12pm

Learn about the residents who populate our beautiful shoreline, from the largest marine mammals to microscopic plankton.

The Hidden Secrets of the Fiscalini Ranch Forest

Saturday, July 23, 10-12pm

Join a knowledgeable docent guide as you wander the forest trails searching for hidden secrets...under logs, behind Monterey Pines, under our feet, and flitting above our heads.

Sea and Land...a Partnership on the Ranch Preserve

Saturday, August 13, 10-12pm

Enjoy learning about the marine mammals, kelp forest and its many uses, tide pool inhabitants, animals and birds that call the bluffs their home, and our abundant native plant life and the non-native weeds that threaten them.

Mental, Spiritual, and Physical Benefits of our Ranch Forest

Saturday, August 20, 10-12 pm

How is the abundance of plant life in the forest influencing our senses - both mental and physical? Is the ocean and forest air we inhale beneficial to our spirit and body?

Seek the Secrets of the Bluff Trail (with the Seek app by iNaturalist)

Saturday, September 17, 10-12

Enjoy the Ranch and gorgeous ocean views as we learn about early human inhabitants of the area, our ocean environment, and enjoy the plants and animals that we find along the Bluff Trail.

Yep, Our Pinus Radiata Are Important, But ...

Saturday, September 24, 10-12:30

Cambria has one of the last remaining natural Monterey Pine forests in the world. Yes, the trees release oxygen, help clean the air, sequester carbon, provide health benefits, reduce stress, lower blood pressure, and can boost our mood. But the trees are only part of the forest.

Upcoming Walks

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