



PAW PRINTS

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PUBLIC CALENDAR

Park Hours: Due to fire, closed until further notice.

Postponed until further notice:

Docent-Led Family Nature Walk

Nature Tails Story Hour

Nature Center Discovery

Conservation Group Work Day

Audubon Bird Walks

CNPS Plant Walks at Eaton

Meetings:

Pasadena Audubon Society

For meeting information see their website:

<https://www.pasadenaaudubon.org>

California Native Plant Society

For meeting information see their website:

<https://www.cnps-sgm.org>

Pasadena Group Sierra Club

Meeting information:

<https://www.sierraclub.org/angeles/pasadena>



Photos courtesy of Richard Smart, LA County Parks & Recreation

A letter from the ECNCA President

Dear ECNCA members and friends,

January 7, 2025, changed so much for so many in our Eaton Canyon neighborhood. Not only did we lose our beloved Eaton Canyon Nature Center in the Eaton Fire but so many of our members, volunteers, and friends lost their homes as well.

After so many of us worked so hard to bring the nature center back to its full working operation after the COVID pandemic, we've now lost the building and are unable to continue the many programs that were being offered. The ECNCA Board, Program Chairs, and other wonderful volunteers, will be meeting about our "going forward" strategy and will be announcing our plans for recovery when able.

Thank you wholeheartedly to those that have always supported us throughout the years, whether through volunteering, memberships or donations. We've also received many donations in response to the devastating fire in the last couple of weeks! We're so grateful and will be putting those dollars toward programs when we're able to have visitors in the canyon again. We'll later support the County in its rebuilding of the nature center.



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Paw Prints is a monthly publication of the ECNCA. Articles and photographs are welcome on topics related to natural history and Nature Center activities. If you see something interesting in the canyon, please share it with us! The deadline for submissions to the March/April 2025 issue is February 15, 2025. Send submissions to Brenda Hurst eatonmember@gmail.com.

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DOCENT AND MEMBER CALENDAR

Bag Lunch Mini-Inservice:

Wed., February 5, 12 noon - 1 pm
Edgar McGregor will present, "**Climatology and the Future of Our Park.**" Hastings Ranch Library classroom, 3325 E Orange Grove Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91107. Due to limited space, please RSVP to Ramie Case, ramie.case@juno.com. A Zoom meeting connection may be available. Stay tuned.

**Postponed until further notice:
Eaton Canyon Gardening Group
Guided School Tours**

ECNCA Board Meetings

Due to the Eaton Fire, the ECNCA board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm via zoom. If you are interested in joining a meeting, please send an email to eatonmember@gmail.com, at least 2 days prior to the meeting.



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One of our existing programs, *Eaton Canyon Comes to You*, will be expanded soon. This mobile outreach program promotes ecological literacy by showcasing the critical ecological processes at work in the Eaton Canyon Natural Area, particularly in the aftermath of the Eaton Fire. By highlighting nature's remarkable ability to regenerate after fire, the program aims to inspire hope, healing, and resilience within the community as it navigates its own recovery. The goal is to engage a diverse range of community groups while also offering fellow docents and volunteers a meaningful opportunity to contribute to ECNCA's "going forward" strategy. Stay tuned for updates and announcements about upcoming opportunities to get involved!

Looking forward to seeing you in the Canyon soon, especially for some fabulous fire following flowers in the spring.

If you would like to donate to the ECNCA, you can do so on our website, www.ecnca.org. You can also mail in a donation to our new address:

ECNCA

1355 N. Mentor Avenue, Box 40167
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Brenda Hurst
ECNCA President





Regrowth in the Angeles National Forest after the Station Fire

ECNCA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

- President:** Brenda Hurst
- Vice-President:** Diane Marcussen
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- Corresponding Secretary:** Mary Veselich
- Treasurer:** Terry Ginsberg

ECNCA APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS:

- Ramie Case
- Rose Haig
- Susan Hopkins
- Judy Jenkins
- David Kristoff
- Diane Lang

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- Nature Center Director:** Richard Smart
 - NCA President:** Laura Nicholson

Eaton Canyon Nature Center Associates (ECNCA) is a chapter of the Nature Center Associates (NCA), a non-profit support group of the natural area park system of Los Angeles County. Founded for educational and scientific purposes, its primary mission is to develop in children and adults an appreciation of the natural world and to preserve Eaton Canyon as a natural area for future generations.

The Eaton Canyon Nature Center and Natural Area Park are located within the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County in the Supervisorial district of Kathryn Barger. The Natural Area and Nature Center are operated by the County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with the Eaton Canyon Nature Center Associates.

Become A Member of the ECNCA (Eaton Canyon Nature Center Associates)

Membership benefits include the ECNCA newsletter, program announcements and a 10% discount at the gift shop. To join the Eaton Canyon Nature Center Associates, fill out the form below and mail with your check, payable to the ECNCA, 1355 N. Mentor Avenue, Box 40167, Pasadena, CA 91104-9998.

Name: _____ Email: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Please check appropriate box and mark return envelope "Membership"

- Individual \$30 Family \$45 Senior \$15 Senior Family \$30 Student \$15
- Friend of the Canyon \$75 Sage Saver \$100 Chaparral Contributor \$250 Riparian Guardian \$500
- Oak Woodlands Protector \$750 Wildlands Angel \$1000 NEW RENEWAL

Enclosed is my MEMBERSHIP in the amount of \$_____ Enclosed is my additional DONATION of \$_____
 Please make checks payable to the ECNCA. All contributions are tax deductible.
 You may also join and/or donate online at www.ecnca.org.