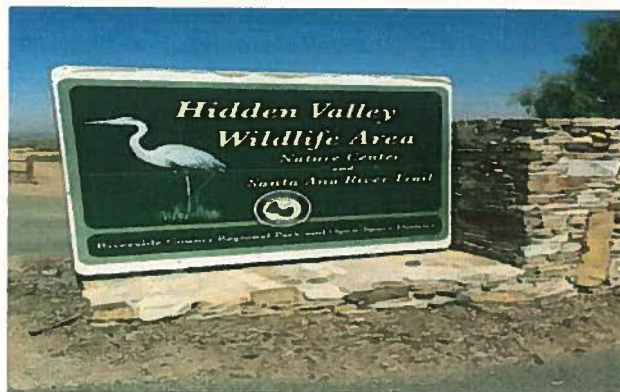




Hidden Valley Wildlife Area Riverside's "Hidden" Gem



NEIGHBORHOOD SUCCESS STORY



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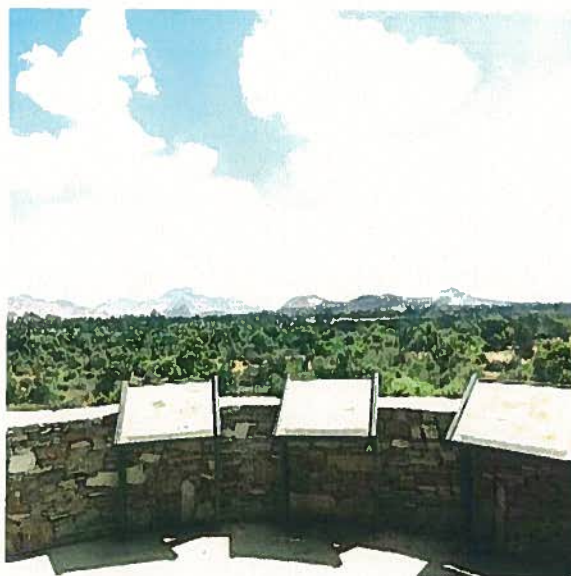
This area began as a cattle ranch shortly after World War II

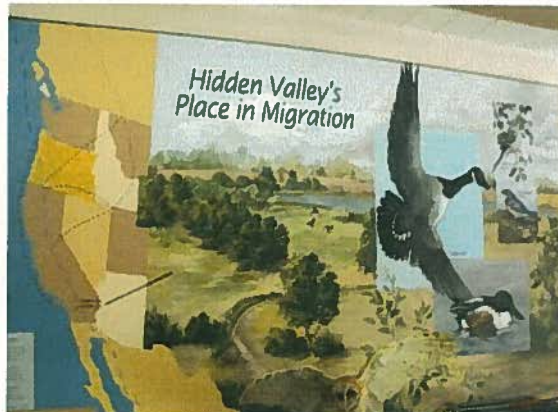
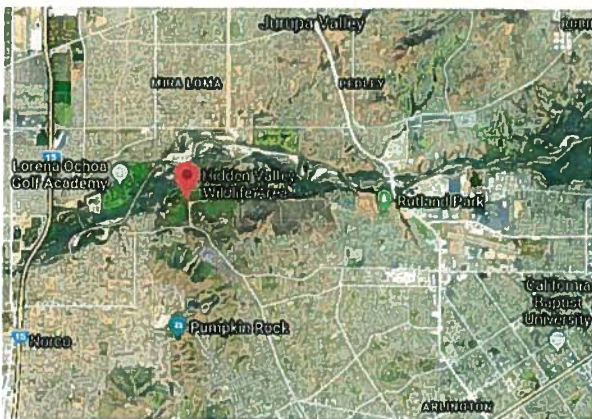
A popular upscale gun club opened in 1957 and operated for 15 years
(Roy Rogers, Clark Gable, and Lawrence Welk were regular guests)

Between 1969-1970 the CA Wildlife Conservation Board began looking at the Santa Ana River as a potential location for a wildlife area

Hidden Valley Wildlife Area was born !

The Nature Center opened its doors in October of 1975





Located North of the **La Sierra Acres Neighborhood** in Riverside along the most scenic and undisturbed reaches of the Santa Ana River.

An estimated **182 different types of birds species frequent this area**, which is a **95% riparian** (*the areas bordering rivers*) corridor along the river's watershed.



Award winning - California Trails and Greenways Merit Award 2009
California Watchable Wildlife Site #323



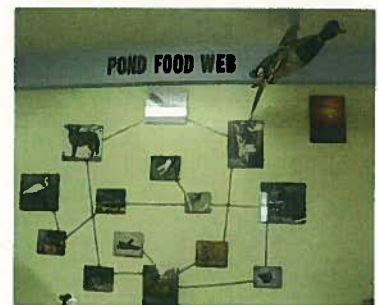
1,500 acres, with access to 25 miles of interconnecting trails. This open space is a valuable and unique resource to the community.

Recreational destination used extensively for hiking, cross country running, horseback riding, and biking along the Santa Ana River bike trail.

A place to get away from the noise and lights of the city and enjoy **breathtaking views of the river and surrounding mountains.**



Hidden Valley Wildlife Area is used to interpret our **natural environment** to school children, residents, and visitors.





Programs and Events

International Archaeology Day Expo

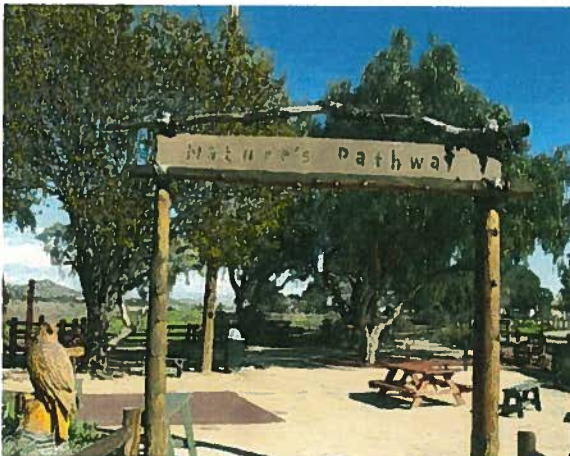
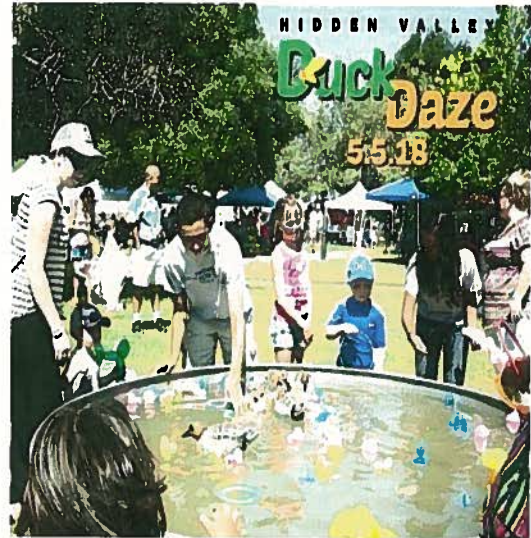
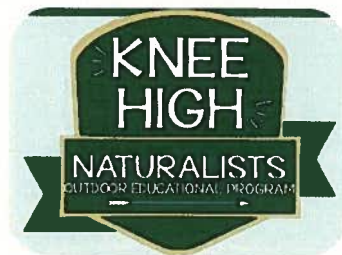
Knee High Naturalists: "Parent-n-Me" Program

Wonders of the Watershed

Summer Camp and Girl-derness (Girl Scout)

Secrets at the Nature Center

Duck Daze!



Nature's Pathway An Outdoor Classroom



This newest addition was a labor of love for staff and volunteers alike: the creation of a **Certified Outdoor Classroom** with a variety of learning stations.

Making the natural world more accessible for today's youth is alive and well at the **Hidden Valley Nature Area Park**.



A vast sanctuary in the middle of the City, **Hidden Valley Wildlife Area** is a **true neighborhood asset** where we are cultivating our next generation of environmental stewards, protecting our open space, and our quality of life in Riverside.



"The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased and not impaired in value."

Theodore Roosevelt



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