

## HOOT, HOWL & PROWL

**Saturday, October 21**

The fun begins every 15 minutes as docents lead guests on an after-dark adventure through the Reserve. The first group heads out at 5:30 p.m., and the last group leaves at 7:15 p.m.

Docents, dressed as native "critters," will bring Blue Sky alive. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate at the end of your visit. Children are encouraged to dress in costumes, and everyone should dress warmly. **Space is limited, register at**

**[www.poway.org/classes](http://www.poway.org/classes)**  
**\$5 per person**



## TWIN LAKES HIKING SERIES

**BEGINNERS** Wednesday, January 10 at 9:00 a.m.  
**NON-BEGINNERS** Monday, January 8 at 9:00 a.m.

What better way to meet new friends, de-stress, connect with nature, boost your energy, and get into shape? Meet at the south end of the Blue Sky parking lot. Distance will gradually increase each week. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water.

**Beginners:** 8 Wednesday morning hikes culminating in hike around Lake Poway.

**Non-beginners:** 6 Monday morning hikes culminating in hike to Lake Ramona.

save the date

## SOLAR WALK/STARGAZING

**Saturday, March 10 - \$5 per person**

Join us on a journey into outer space and view of our nighttime skies! We will travel through the solar system as we hike 1.5 miles into the Reserve to meet up with Curiosity Peak Observatory Astronomers. Their powerful telescopes will be focused on a distant constellation or planet so that you can experience it up-close.

This program is suitable for all ages, and everyone should dress warmly. Space is limited. Staggered start times between 4:30 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Registration opens November 14 online at:

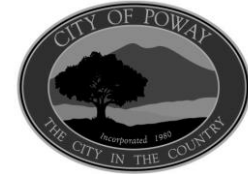
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**DIRECTIONS:**  
**FROM I-15 TAKE RANCHO BERNARDO ROAD EXIT, HEAD EAST ON RANCHO BERNARDO ROAD/ESPOLA ROAD FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE MILES. BLUE SKY RESERVE IS ON ESPOLA ROAD, APPROXIMATELY ¼ MILE SOUTH OF THE OLD COACH ROAD/BRIDLEWOOD ROAD TRAFFIC LIGHT INTERSECTION.**

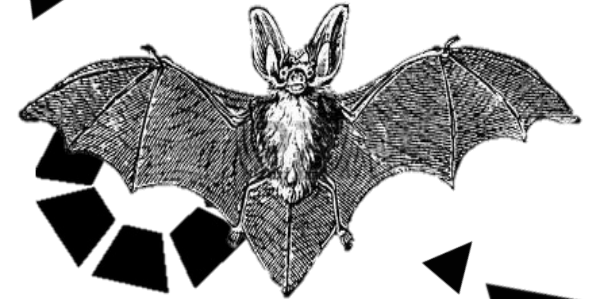
*Blue Sky Ecological Reserve is a 700-acre, oak-lined canyon flanked by coastal sage scrub and chaparral-covered hills. The Reserve is home to a wide variety of flora and fauna. Brilliant colors of wildflowers on the hillsides in Spring, a gentle breeze, and the songs of birds provide an inviting escape for a nature walk. The trails are open to the public, free of charge, during daylight hours. The Reserve is managed by the City of Poway, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation with support from the non-profit Friends of Blue Sky Canyon.*

## Blue Sky Ecological Reserve

## October - December 2017 Activities



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**FOR ALL GUIDED HIKES, MEET AT THE  
BUS SHELTER IN THE PARKING LOT.  
WALKS ARE FREE AND RESERVATIONS  
ARE NOT REQUIRED.**

# OCTOBER

# NOVEMBER

# DECEMBER

Meet at the bus shelter in the Blue Sky parking lot for all hikes. Bring your own water, as there is no drinking water in Blue Sky.

## **Dogs Unite at Blue Sky**

*Sunday, October 1 – 8:00 a.m.*

Attention all dogs! Bring your human and join docent Anna Gateley-Stanton for a walk in Blue Sky. Don't forget your leash, treats, and plenty of water!

## **Moonrise/Sunset Hike to Ramona Dam**

*Sunday, October 1 – 4:30 p.m.*

Catch the almost-full moon rising on the way up to Ramona Dam and the sun setting on the way back down to the Blue Sky trailhead. Join docent Celeste Larson for this 4.3 mile round trip, elev. gain 800 ft.

## **Kumeyaay of Pauwai**

*Saturday, October 14 – 9:00 a.m.*

Learn all about the Native Americans of Poway on an educational hike through Blue Sky with docent Greg Miller.

## **Blue Sky's Flora and Fauna**

*Saturday, October 28 – 9:00 a.m.*

Explore the animals and plants of Blue Sky's habitats on a fun hike with docent Ale Franklin.

## **Canines in Blue Sky**

*Sunday, November 5 – 8:00 a.m.*

Bring your furry friend and join docents Anna Gateley-Stanton and Ann Martin for a morning dog walk in Blue Sky. Don't forget the leash, treats, and plenty of water for you and your furry friend.

## **Leftover Workout**

*Friday, November 24 – 8:00 a.m.*

Hit the trails early the morning after that Thanksgiving dinner. Join docent Celeste Larson for an energizing hike through Blue Sky up to Ramona Dam. 4.3 miles round trip, elev. gain 800 ft.

## **Plants of Blue Sky**

*Saturday, November 25 – 9:00 a.m.*

Have you been intrigued by the nature of wild plants? Explore Blue Sky's flora on a fun hike with docent Ale Franklin.

## **Dogs Unite at Blue Sky**

*Sunday, December 3 – 8:00 a.m.*

Attention all dogs! Bring your human and join docents Anna Gateley-Stanton and Ann Martin for a walk in Blue Sky. Don't forget your leash, treats, and plenty of water!

## **Kumeyaay of Pauwai**

*Saturday, December 9 – 9:00 a.m.*

Learn all about the Native Americans of Poway on an educational hike through Blue Sky with docent Greg Miller.

## **Blue Sky's Flora and Fauna**

*Saturday, December 16 – 9:00 a.m.*

Explore the animals and plants of Blue Sky's habitats on a fun hike with docent Ale Franklin.

## **Last Hike Around Blue Sky/Poway Lake Loop**

*Sunday, December 31 – 8:00 a.m.*

Make a memory of the last morning of 2017. Join docent Celeste Larson on an even-paced, interpretive hike through Blue Sky around Poway Lake and back for a 5.5-mile round trip.



**Sunday, October 14, from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**  
**'Nocturnal Animals' Discovery Table**

School, scout, and group tours are available. Please call (858) 668-4781 for more information or check out [www.poway.org/bluesky](http://www.poway.org/bluesky)