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ACCESS THE PISMO PRESERVE ON UPCOMING “DISCOVERY DAYS”

The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County is excited to announce upcoming "Discovery Days"; access dates for the public to explore and experience the Pismo Preserve trail system without a guide. Discovery Days are intended to provide controlled public access to the property while the Land Conservancy continues to work through building the official trailhead and parking lot.

The Land Conservancy will be offering two Discovery Days per month through fall 2017 with the first two taking place on Saturday June 10, and Sunday June 25.

The specifics of how visitors can access the Pismo Preserve for scheduled Discovery Days are as follows:

Visitors will be able to access the Preserve via a free shuttle service that will stop at four locations between Pismo Beach and Oceano, including the Pismo Beach City Hall parking lot. Cyclists are welcome to ride their bikes to the Preserve. Pedestrian access will not be permitted due to a lack of appropriate infrastructure at the entrance off Mattie road. A full schedule of upcoming Discovery Days, as well as a shuttle schedule, is available online at lcslo.org. Access on the Preserve during Discovery Days will be between 8 am and 6 pm. The first shuttle pick up will be at 8 am at the Pismo Beach City Hall parking lot. The last shuttle pick up at City Hall will be at 3:30pm. Visitors will not be able to drop off companions at the entrance to the Preserve.

This shuttle service has been made possible by an Explore the Coast grant provided by the State Coastal Conservancy, and through the support of the City of Pismo Beach, Dolphin Bay Resort, the Boys and Girls Club of Oceano, Grover Beach Elementary, and Ride-On Transportation.

“The Pismo Preserve is a spectacular place and we are excited to welcome everyone to visit the property via our guided activities and upcoming Discovery Days. The new trails are ready and waiting thanks to our amazing volunteers, and I can’t wait for people to experience the Preserve on their own time and in their own way. The Preserve truly has something special for everyone.”- Kaila Dettman, Executive Director

The Land Conservancy will continue to have docent-led hikes and rides on the calendar throughout the summer on days that the Preserve is closed to the general public. The

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Land Conservancy still estimates a late 2018 completion date for the opening of the official trailhead and parking lot. To make a tax deductible charitable donation to support the Pismo Preserve individuals and businesses can make an online donation on The Conservancy's website at www.LCSLO.org or call Kaila Dettman, Executive Director, at 805-544-9096.

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The Pismo Preserve was purchased by The Land Conservancy in 2014 with outstanding support from the community. It promises to be phenomenal public park for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians with high quality single track trails, beautiful panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean, and stunning oak-studded canyons. The organization is hoping to open the Pismo Preserve for daily use in late 2018.

The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County is a community-supported local nonprofit land trust working to protect and restore local landscapes for the benefit of people and wildlife. The land trust helps to protect drinking water sources, prevent poorly planned development, restore wildlife habitat and promote family farmlands and ranches in our region. The Land Conservancy leads collaborative efforts which have resulted in the permanent protection over 18,500 acres of land in San Luis Obispo County.