

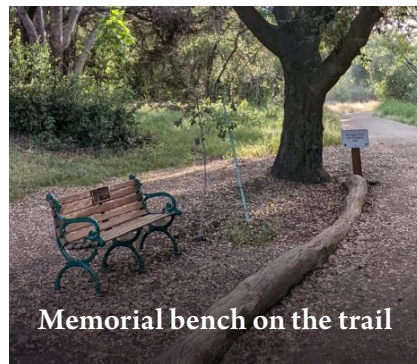
# The new **George Carter, Will Rogers Trail** at Los Penasquitos Canyon County Preserve

Officially named and celebrated with guided tour by park rangers

**O**n Wednesday, April 27, 2022, the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation held a special ribbon-cutting event, complete with discovery table and guided tour of the newly named George Carter Will Rogers Trail in Los Penasquitos Canyon County Preserve, located at 12020 Black Mountain Road, San Diego, CA 92129. Park rangers discussed the history and unique ecosystem of the area, which is one of the largest and richest urban parks in the United States, stretching 12 miles and 3,700 acres.

The George Carter Will Rogers Trail represents a half-mile stretch of the park, starting approximately half a mile from the park's staging area. The trail is named after George H. Carter IV and his Saddlebred horse, Will Rogers. Carter, who passed away from stage IV cancer on April 18, 2021, earned a well-known reputation in the horse community for his unique marathon trail rides and adventures riding his horse. Carter was the first and only person to travel entirely by horseback from the beach in Del Mar to Cuyamaca State Park Group Horse Camp. The feat, which he achieved five times in his lifetime, took him through Los Penasquitos Canyon County Preserve, where he also volunteered as a mounted equestrian patrol.

*"When George braved this journey by horseback, there was no formal trail system, and so he had to cut through brush, leverage riverbeds, follow truck trails, and more – through some really desolate and challenging terrain – to reach his designation, which would take four to six days, depending on the route," said Timothy Leon, Site Supervisor for Los Penasquitos Canyon County Preserve Rancho Penasquitos Adobe. "As a volunteer, he was an advocate for connecting all the beauty of San Diego, from the beaches to the mountains. His dying wish was to support our conservation efforts here at the park and contribute to the ongoing development of the trail systems in San Diego."*



Memorial bench on the trail



George Carter and Will Rogers

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