

Donate to the Nature Reserve

1 point per dollar

How much money did you donate? _____

What do you hope we do with this money (community events, school field trips, land stewardship)? _____

Volunteer with The Nature Reserve

2 point per hour

How many hours did you volunteer? _____

What was your favorite event to volunteer at? _____

Attend Nature Reserve Events

1 point per event

How many Nature Reserve Events did you attend? _____

What was something new you saw or did? _____



20th

ANNIVERSARY

THE NATURE RESERVE
at Rancho Mission Viejo

20 CONNECTIONS

CHALLENGE

Thanks for joining our 20 Connections Challenge to help us celebrate 20 years of local habitat conservation and connecting people with The Nature Reserve.

To complete the challenge, use this notebook to add up your points. Choose your own way(s) to Connect with and Explore the Nature Reserve. Each connection has a point value and the goal is to reach 20 points by combining connections.

When you are finished, take a photo or scan your completed notebook and email it to us at staff@rmvreserve.org. You can also show your completed notebook to any staff member at any Nature Reserve event. The deadline is October 17, 2026.

Everyone who finishes their notebook may choose between our 20th year Anniversary bandanna or carabiner as a prize. You'll also be invited to our 20th Year Celebration Party on October 24! We'll be celebrating in true Nature Reserve style with food, music, crafts, nature walks, opportunity drawings, and live animal presentations.



Complete Kids Scavenger Hunt (Under 16 yrs.)

20 points

(download the Kids Scavenger Hunt here or on the 20th Anniversary page on our website.)

What was your favorite item you found (plant, animal, rock, stick)?

Engage with us on social media

1 point per engagement

How many posts did you Like, Share or Comment on? _____

What topic(s) did you engage with? _____

What did you learn? _____

Watch videos on our YouTube channel

2 points per video

What was your favorite video? _____

What was the most meaningful thing you learned? _____



Hike on The Nature Reserve

1 point per mile

- GUIDED ACCESS TRAILS**

Sycamore Loop (.75 miles)

Shady Canyon (1 mile)

North Ridge (.75 miles)

Middle Ridge (1.6 miles)

Ridge to Ridge Loop (3.5 miles)

Cristianitos Road (3.5 miles)

Chiquita Ridge (2.2 miles)

Chiquita Canyon (4 or 6 miles)

Verdugo Canyon (1.25 miles)
- OPEN TRAILS**

Ladera Open Space East (2 miles)

Ladera Open Space West (3.6 miles)

Esencia Loop (3.92 miles)

Oak Canyon Trail (.75 miles)

The Backyard Loop (3.32 miles)

Ranch Camp Loop (1.2 miles)

Orchard Loop (.9 miles)

Sendero Loop (2.5 miles)

GUIDED ACCESS TRAILS:
Guided Access Trails are trails that are accessible through Nature Reserve events and programs, which can be found on our website.

OPEN TRAILS:
Open Access Trails are trails that go through The Nature Reserve but are managed by the communities of Ladera Ranch and Rancho Mission Viejo. Visit the 20th Anniversary page on our website for open trail maps or click here.

How many miles did you hike? _____

What was the most memorable thing you experienced? _____

