

Celebrating Open Space: Trail Ambassadors Share Their Stories

THE MOUNTAINS ARE CALLING AND I MUST GO. With nearly 8,500 acres of open space and 84.5 miles of trails in Santa Clarita, there's no shortage of outdoors to explore in the City. The City of Santa Clarita's Trail Ambassadors advocate these open spaces by sharing experiences and tips with other hikers on social media (#HikeSantaClarita) and on **HikeSantaClarita.com**. Trail Ambassadors also help keep open spaces and trails accessible by reporting trail conditions to the City.



Trail Ambassador: Rianne Pringle

Our family goes on monthly hikes to reconnect; to not be on a schedule and go at our own pace. My older daughter has some physical delays so she often times falls behind and feels defeated. By giving her the chance to lead us, she sets our pace, she lets us know when to take a break and she feels great leading us on the adventure.

"I am not much of an outdoors person but I feel I have a responsibility to my kids to show them the great outdoors." - Rianne



Trail Ambassadors: Ryan Akana and Jennifer Landers

(Jennifer) Prior to becoming a Trail Ambassador, I was unaware of all of the Santa Clarita native plant, animal and insect species. (Ryan) My favorite open space in the Santa Clarita Valley is the Elsmere Open Space. This area offers some phenomenal views of both the Santa Clarita and San Fernando Valleys.

"I have lived here for 12 years and I never realized how much there was to explore until I became a Trail Ambassador." - Jennifer



Trail Ambassador: Heather Dingley

I truly love the mountains and trails and care about preservation. I take pride in the condition of trails as if the mountains were my responsibility. I want to return and find them as I left them so I can share them with others. I take great satisfaction in looking out for other hikers. I carry first-aid, rope and extra water in case I cross a hiker who needs it.

"I was diagnosed with breast cancer two years ago and while going through treatment life became precious to me - all life...I found my solace - my peace of mind and my promise in the mountains." - Heather



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