



## Rangers Patrol San Dieguito Lagoon



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Above: San Dieguito Wetlands

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A nature reserve in Del Mar has become so popular they've added park rangers.

The San Dieguito wetland restoration project has added two rangers to patrol the 500 acre lagoon.

Because more people are visiting the lagoon, the rangers are needed to make sure they stay on the trails and not wander on sensitive habitat areas.

The rangers are also handing out trail maps and information about the plants and wildlife.

Eventually more trails will be added so people can take longer hikes.

Future plans also include offering guided nature tours.

Biologists say since the lagoon was opened to ocean tides last year, about 12-million fish now call it home.

Scientists say the number of bird species has doubled in the last year.

This is the same area Southern California Edison was required to restore because of damage to the ocean from the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

The project is expected to be completed sometime next year.