Hiking Heroes Newsletter

Ocean Air Recreation Center Trail

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Our most recent hike took place at the Ocean Air Recreation Center Trail on the Saturday of March 12th, 2022. Just like the trail name suggests, our fourth hike was on a strangely rusty-red trail in close proximity to the Ocean Air Recreation Center.

The Ocean Air Recreation Center Trail was one of the most peculiar hikes the Southern California chapter of Hiking Heroes had gone on. Thanks to its distinct color, this hike earned itself a Martian title, and was sometimes called the “Mars trail.” Another bizarre trait of the Mars trail was that it was arguably the cleanest hike we’d ever gone on. There was not a single piece of trash along the red, dusty roads. I suppose this is due to the heavy environmental protection the hike was undergoing at that time. There were entire areas fenced off that read the restricted places were sensitive environments.

Even though the lack of trash, our hikers still managed to collect a handful of litter by the time the hike was over. This wasn’t enough though, as the Southern California Hiking Heroes chapter takes their job in protecting the environment extremely seriously. We ended up heading over to the recreation center nearby to see if there were stray cardboard boxes or crushed soda cans.

Personal Reflection:

The Ocean Air Recreation Center Trail, or Mars trail, was a very exotic hike to say the least. It was one of the first times the Southern California Hiking Heroes chapter had not much trash to pick up, and one could say it was a test to our determination. I’m happy to report we passed the test though. Heading over to the Ocean Air Recreation Center was a great way to think outside of the box, essentially what this chapter specializes in. Like always, I await new adventures in the following hikes.