



# Buck Gully Open Space Programs



Buck Gully is a natural, coastal canyon that occurs within the City of Newport Beach. The canyon is bounded by urbanized areas, including single-family residences, roadways, and the Pelican Hills Golf Course. The watershed draining into Buck Gully encompasses approximately 1,200 acres and includes portions of the San Joaquin foothills. Ownership of the canyon has changed over the years from The Irvine Company, to the County, and finally the City. The City has a history of protecting, conserving and maintaining valuable open space areas that define the City's urban form, serve as habitat for many species, and provide recreational opportunities to the public. In 2005, the City authorized the acceptance of certain scenic easements, a resource preservation easement, and fee ownership of reserve lands in Upper Buck Gully and the Newport Coast.

## Buck Gully Exploration Hike

Come with us as we explore and enjoy Buck Gully on this moderate, 5.5 mile afternoon hike. This preserve in the heart of Newport Beach is teeming with plants and wildlife native to our area and is a critical movement corridor between the South Coast wilderness and Upper Newport Bay. Designed for beginners.

**Saturday, September 11**

**3:00-6:00pm**

**Age: 12+**

## Urban Ecology and Wildlife Tracking Interpretive Hike

Buck Gully is wilderness surrounded by urban edges. Come and see how we can coexist with the wild nature around us and learn what we can do to help in the conservation effort. We'll also discover the animals that call the Gully home by examining the evidence along the trail. Designed for beginners.

**Sunday, October 17, 2010**

**9:00am-Noon**

**Age: 10+**

## Winter Birds of Buck Gully

Experience the vibrant colors and interesting behaviors of year-round and winter migrating birds and learn a bit about bird identification. Bring your binoculars, if you have them, and enjoy this leisurely trek though Buck Gully. Designed for beginners.

**Friday, December 3, 2010**

**8:00-11:00am**

**Age: 16+**

**Classes are free and meet at the parking lot located at the corner of 5th & Marguerite Avenue in Corona del Mar**  
**\* Buck Gully is approximately a 10 minute walk from the parking lot**

For more information, contact Irvine Ranch Conservancy  
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Register at <http://www.irlandmarks.org/Activities>

