



BELOVED OAK TREE IS PROTECTED THANKS TO YOU

Thanks to your support, this year has been one of remarkable achievement on the Ranch. Some of the actions were pretty obvious: the removal of 600 cubic yards of South African ice plant from the bluffs, for one. Others, like protecting a favorite heritage oak, may have been harder to spot.

In fact, I would be surprised if you had noticed the dead pine tree that threatened

to fall on top of the magnificent coast live oak on the Forest Loop Trail. You would have had to look hard among the treetops to see it. Fortunately for all of us, the crew at Cambria Community Services District, vigilant Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve volunteers, and loyal visitors keep a daily watch on the Ranch and are at the ready when something needs attention. A sharp-eyed Ranch walker brought this danger to our attention.

Like you, I am so grateful for the Cambrians and others who 22 years ago reached into their own pockets and found a way to save our Ranch forever. I am equally grateful to the workers, volunteers, members, and donors to the Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve who continue to maintain and improve the Ranch for the benefit of all of us.



The Ranch can be so serene that it is easy to believe that not much really goes on there. Nothing could be further from the truth. Every week for years now, a community of people – Ranch people – get together to remove invasive species, restore our Monterey pine forest with seedlings, and reseed native plants. Volunteers repair trails damaged by runoff from heavy rains and work to prevent erosion. Dedicated workers, volunteers, and visitors keep an eye out for things like the decaying Monterey pine that could have seriously damaged that beloved coast live oak.



Volunteers from the Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve lead outdoor educational experiences for local schools and home-schooled students. For some, it is a life changer. Docents also offer guided walks on the Ranch – always free of charge.

The Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve works to support the preserve not only with labor but also with private donations in support of the maintenance and improvement of the Ranch. When the threat to the lovely coast live oak from the dead Monterey pine was discovered, the prompt and professional removal of the tree was aided by funds donated to the Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve. Your support saved that oak: Thank you.

It would be wonderful if we all came simply to the Ranch – to go for a short walk, go farther along a path, or sit quietly on one of the extraordinary memorial benches. Everyone is welcome and there is never a charge. But to keep this beautiful place healthy and accessible, it needs your help. Please join our board members in **supporting the Ranch today with your donation, membership, or estate planning.**

With appreciation,

Kitty Connolly
Executive Director

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE RANCH



Donate Online

You can donate online today, or make a dedication in memory of or to honor someone – a favorite relative, beloved friend, or valued neighbor. We will publish the names of those so honored and send a notice of dedication as directed by you. Your support helps to protect and restore the Ranch.

- You can support restoration of the Monterey pine forest on the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve by **dedicating a pair of seedlings for a \$50 donation**.
- You can support public access by **dedicating a plaque for a \$500 donation** on the new linking boardwalk (to be constructed in 2023).

IRA Roll Over

If you are at least 70½ (pre-2020) or 72 (2020 and later), you can direct your IRA administrator to distribute a gift from your IRA to Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve. Any amount you transfer may count against your required minimum distribution (RMD). You can direct up to \$100,000 to your favorite causes this year.

Appreciated Assets

Appreciated non-cash assets — such as publicly traded securities, real estate, or private business interests — held more than one year and donated directly to a charity can eliminate your capital gains tax and you can still claim a fair market value charitable deduction in the year you donate.

Right now, **DonateStock** is matching dollar for dollar up to \$1,000 in stock

donated to Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve.

Sustaining Donations

Consider making a longer-term commitment to Fiscalini Ranch Preserve with a monthly or annual **gift** or **membership**. Auto renewal gives you one less thing to remember and helps FFRP plan for the future.

Estate Planning

Stipulate Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve as a beneficiary in your will. Ask your estate planner for advice and please do let us know so we can thank you.

Volunteer

Volunteer to help care for the Ranch. From monthly work days to weekly weeding, from trails to events, Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve relies on volunteers.

Non-Profit Status

Friends of the Fiscalini Ranch Preserve is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization: EIN 91-2161009. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Address: P.O. Box 1664 Cambria, CA 93428

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Wishing you a Happy and Healthy 2023!



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