

Rich Guadagno Memorial National Recreation Trail

This, the 1000th National Recreational Trail is named in honor of Rich Guadagno -- A dedicated Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge Manager and an American hero who perished on Flight 93, September 11, 2001.

Rich had been manager at Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge and helped preserve this habitat and the species dependent on it. His life's passion, protecting the natural environment for all American's and future generations, lives on in the nature you see around you. Creatures you may catch a glimpse of, or the vistas of habitat you encounter on this trail are, in part, due to Rich Guadagno's efforts.

The Fender's Blue Butterfly fluttering by on its way to another patch of Kincaid's Lupine, both endangered species, have a chance to survive because of Rich's and others dedication to conservation.

This National Recreation Trail, meandering through the Valley Oak savannah of the refuge, connects us to nature, to each other, and to our shared cultures. It provides us the opportunity to enjoy our natural surroundings by listening to the wind in the trees and hearing the songs of birds echoing through woodlands.
Thank you Rich!

