WASHINGTON, D.C. - On September 27 and 28, areas of the Los Padres National Forest that normally require an Adventure Pass for access will host free days. The free days are commemorating National Public Lands Day on September 27 and a new national initiative, "This Land is Your Land," on September 28.

"Getting out into our forests and wild areas is the best way to connect with nature," said Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel). "We need to instill in our children an appreciation for unspoiled, open land at a young age. I hope as many people as possible take advantage of this great opportunity."

National Public Lands Day is the largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve public lands, and "This Land is Your Land" is a new initiative to promote volunteerism on public lands. For more information, contact the Monterey Ranger District at 831-385-5434.

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