

January Naturalist Programs

Black Diamond & Contra Loma

All January programs at Black Diamond meet at end of Somersville Road.

Foray into Fungus

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve

Saturday, **Jan. 6**, 10am-Noon. Explore mushrooms and their kin in a wheelchair accessible talk followed by optional, less accessible, walk.

Remembering Rose Hill

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve

Sunday, **Jan. 7**, 10am-Noon. Hike to a 19th-century cemetery to reflect on early coal miners and read their life stories, carved in stone. May be muddy.

The Sandstone Alternative

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve

Saturday, **Jan. 13**, 10am-Noon. Thick, sticky mud weighing you down? Step out of the valleys and up to sandstone ridges, pines, and blooming manzanita.

Miner's Toolbox

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve

Sunday, **Jan. 14**, 1pm-4pm. Check out historic mining equipment, including some of the most important - and dangerous - tools. Wheelchair accessible.

Birds of Contra Loma

Contra Loma Regional Park

Saturday, **Jan. 20**, 9am-11am. Take a leisurely winter stroll around an oasis for birds from far and wide. Binoculars available. Meet in main parking lot.

Searchin' for Shrooms

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve

Sunday, **Jan. 21**, 10am-Noon. Search the murky backwoods for the fungus among us, and discover the hidden, rotten world beneath your feet.

Snakes in Winter

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve

Sunday, **Jan. 28**, 1pm-3pm. Meet our resident snakes and learn what they're up to at this time of year as they (hopefully) enjoy a little afternoon sun.