

March Naturalist Programs

Black Diamond, Contra Loma, Vasco Caves

Weekend Mine Tours

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve

Weekends, **March-November**. \$5/person. Tickets may be reserved, before day of tour, online or by phone. Drop-in tours are also available. Tickets for drop-in tours are sold on a first-come, first-served basis at Greathouse Visitor Center on day of tour. Must be 7+ years old to tour mine. More info at ebparks.org or 510-544-2750.

Wildflower Hikes

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve

Mar 18, Apr 21, 22, and 29, 10am-noon. Get to know the preserve's wildflowers on one or more hikes in this series. Each hike explores a unique plant community and covers steep and rugged terrain. **Mar 18 - chaparral, Apr 21 - woodlands, Apr 22 - grasslands, Apr 29 - disturbed areas.** Meet at end of Somersville Rd.

Secrets of Spring Birds

Contra Loma Regional Park

Saturday, **Mar 24**, 8am-10am. Busy birds are finding food, singing, and looking for mates. The lucky ones will soon be raising chicks underground, in trees, and on the water. Meet in main parking lot.

Vasco Caves Tours

Vasco Caves Regional Preserve

Mar 17, 24, 25, 31, and Apr 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 9am-2pm.

Hike 2-3 miles through this windswept landscape which is accessible only through guided tours. Tours stage at Round Valley or Brushy Peak. \$30-\$34/person.

Registration Required. Learn more and register at ebparks.org or 888-EBPARKS. Tours typically fill. March and April tours open for enrollment on January 30.