

December 2018 Naturalist Programs

Antioch Community Center, Black Diamond, Contra Loma, Vasco Caves

Miners Old-Time Holiday Celebrations



Antioch Community Center, 4703 Lone Tree Way

Virginia Delgado

Saturday, December 8, 2 - 3:30pm. Get to know holiday traditions from the homelands of coal miners who migrated to this area in the mid-1800s. Celebrate and make holiday crafts with family and friends. Ages 3 and up, with adult supervision.

Contra Loma, Bird Magnet

Contra Loma Regional Park

Kevin Dixon

Sunday, December 9, 9 - 11am. Tall trees, clear water, and lots of fish, bugs, and plants to eat make this a destination for birds. Meet in the main lot for a beautiful stroll.

Christmas Berry

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve

Eddie Willis

Sunday, December 16, 10:30am - Noon. Meet this bright plant, and other wintry joys, on a short and steep hike. Ages 5 and up. Meet at end of Somersville Road.

The Sandstone Alternative

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve

Kevin Dixon

Sunday, December 23, 10am - Noon. Mud weighing you down? Hike the sandstone ridges, with pines and blooming manzanita. Meet at end of Somersville Road.

Meet a Snake



Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve

Virginia Delgado

Saturday, December 29, 12:30 - 1:30pm. Come meet friendly local snakes! Learn how snakes live and how they keep the world in balance. Meet at Sidney Flat Visitor Center.

Coal Town Boom and Bust

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve

Eddie Willis

Sunday, December 30, 10am - Noon. Reflect on the long-ago lives of local miners and the remains of Somersville townsite, once one of the largest coal mining communities in the state, on this end-of-year walk. Meet at end of Somersville Road.

Vasco Caves Tours

Vasco Caves Regional Preserve

Registration Required. Learn more at ebparks.org or 888-EBPARKS. December tours are full. Registration: February tours open 1/27/18, March and April tours open 1/29/19.

NEW!

Weekly Winter Programs

Weekends, December through February, at Black Diamond

Nature Discoveries

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve

Saturdays, December through February, 10-11am.

Learn what's flying, crawling, or blooming in the park this season as we examine a different nature subject each weekend.

At end of Somersville Road.

Snake Friends

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve

Saturdays, December through February, 1:30-2pm.

Meet Tyler, Sidney, and/or Norton, the snakes of Sidney Flat Visitor Center. Learn about their daily lives - and about how snakes and other ectotherms support our natural communities. At Sidney Flat Visitor Center.

Historic Somersville

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve

Sundays, December through February, 1-2pm. Find local history in these hills, get to know miners' tools, or go on a short walk to learn about life in a 19th-century mining town. Topics change weekly.

Meet at end of Somersville Road.