

# January 2019 Naturalist Programs

Black Diamond, Briones, Carquinez, Contra Loma, Martinez, Morgan Territory

## Discover Morgan's Damp-dwellers

*Morgan Territory Regional Preserve*

*Kevin Dixon*

**Sun, January 6, 10am - 1pm.** Look for frogs and salamanders. Explore cliff-top chaparral. Steep trails may be muddy. 8+ years. Meet at Morgan Territory Staging Area.

## Early Birds

*Contra Loma Regional Park*

*Virginia Delgado*

**Sat, January 12, 9 - 10am.** Take an early morning stroll around the lake while watching to see who flew in for the winter. Beginners welcome. Meet at the Boat Launch.

## Fungus Among Us

*Briones Regional Park*

*Eddie Willis*

**Sun, January 13, 10am - Noon.** Join this fun-guy as we search the murky backwoods for mushrooms, slime molds, and other fungus on this exploratory nature hike. No collecting. Meet at Alhambra Creek Staging Area.

## Fungus Far and Wide

*Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve*

*Virginia Delgado*

**Sat, January 19, 10 - 11:30am.** Explore the vast and mysterious world of fungus and go on a wild mushroom search! No collecting. Meet at end of Somersville Road.

## Winter Shoreline Birds

*Martinez Regional Shoreline*

*Kevin Dixon*

**Sun, January 20, 9 - 11:30am.** From thousands of miles away, birds converge on these wetlands in winter. Watch them interact and forage. Meet at N. Court Street lot.

## Walk the George Miller Trail

*Carquinez Strait Regional Shoreline*

*Virginia Delgado*

**Sat, January 26, 10:30am - Noon.** Walk or roll on easy terrain, breathe in the crisp air, and listen to the sounds of nature on this scenic trail overlooking the strait. Paved trail designed for wheelchair accessibility. Meet at Port Costa Staging Area.

## Hazel-Atlas History Hike

*Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve*

*Eddie Willis*

**Sun, January 27, 10am - Noon.** Steer clear of winter mud and discover the ancient and modern history of these sandy hills along two steep miles of Chaparral Loop. Meet at end of Somersville Road.

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## *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.