

February 2019 Naturalist Programs

Black Diamond & Briones

Ground Squirrel Day

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve

Virginia Delgado

Sat, February 2, 11am - 12:30pm. Dig deep into the underground world of our local ground squirrels! Ground squirrels can do more than predict winter - they provide homes and habitat for many creatures. 5+ years. Meet at end of Somersville Road.

Superb Owl Sunday

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve

Kevin Dixon

Sun, February 3, 4:45 - 6:45pm. Owls are all-around MVPs (Most Valuable Predators) of the animal world. Piercing eyes, terrible talons, and death-dealing beak, with stats to back it up. Walk up to the high ridge, watching and listening for owls as we go. Bring tough shoes, warm clothes and a flashlight. 8+ years. Meet at end of Somersville Road.

Winter Blooms

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve

Eddie Willis

Sun, February 10, 10am - Noon. Look for some of the season's first wildflowers as we venture into the heart of chaparral habitat. Trails are steep and rocky. Views are fantastic! 8+ years. Meet at end of Somersville Road.

Amazing Amphibians

Briones Regional Park

Virginia Delgado

Sat, February 23, 10:30am - 11:30am. Witness California newts making their treacherous migration in search of love. Explore what newts, salamanders, and frogs can teach us about our environment. 5+yrs. Meet at Briones Road Staging Area.

Vasco Caves Regional Preserve Tours

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Feb 3, 9, 10, 17 and 24, 9am-2pm. Hike 2-3 miles through this windswept landscape which is accessible only through guided tours. \$35-\$40/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 29.

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.