

# August 2019 Naturalist Programs

## Black Diamond, Contra Loma, Briones, Castle Rock

Due to construction, **Greathouse Visitor Center will be closed through the fall.**  
During this time, Sidney Flat Visitor Center will be open on weekends from 10am to 4:30pm.

Information: (510) 544-2750 or [bdvisit@ebparks.org](mailto:bdvisit@ebparks.org). Programs meet near upper parking lot at south end of Somersville Road unless otherwise noted. Weekend parking fee: \$5.

### BAT MONITORING

*Black Diamond Regional Preserve*

*Kevin Dixon*

**Saturday, August 3**, 7pm-9:45pm. Stay after hours to help monitor our bat colonies as they emerge from the hills and into the night sky. This program requires walking uphill on terrain transitioning from asphalt to steep, uneven sandstone. (7+ years) **Reg. Required: 888-EBPARKS, course # 25787**

### NATURE'S CORNER

*Contra Loma Regional Park*

*Interpretive Staff*

**Sunday, August 4; Saturday, August 10 & 17**, 10am-12 noon. Come and visit with Park District Naturalists and staff at our table, where we'll help reveal some of the hidden secrets of local nature, show cool places to visit in the parks, and get you started on nature crafts. Meet at Concession courtyard. Parking Fee: \$5.

### A TASTE OF BRIONES

*Briones Regional Park*

*Jake Wright*

**Sunday, August 11**, 9am-11:30am. Hike down to an old pear orchard, once owned by John Muir's friend, and literally taste a piece of the park. 3.5 miles round-trip, steep. Meet at Briones Road staging area. (8+ years)

### TWILIGHT ON THE TRAIL

*Black Diamond Regional Preserve*

*Kevin Dixon*

**Saturday, August 17**, 7:15pm-10:15pm. We'll join the late-soaring hawks and then the early owls as we walk through sunset into twilight and out under a fullish rising moon. 4 1/2 steep trail miles. (9+years). **Reg. Required: 888-EBPARKS, course # 25820**

### EVENING CEMETERY HIKE

*Black Diamond Regional Preserve*

*Jake Wright*

**Sunday, August 18**, 6pm-8pm.

Long ago, miners left their mark on these hills. Take a hike to historic Rose Hill Cemetery to learn their tales of spirit, heroism, tragedy, and endurance. (5+years).



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### NATURE'S CORNER

Castle Rock Regional Recreation Area

Interpretive Staff

**Saturday, August 24**, 10am-12 noon. Come and visit with Park District Naturalists and staff at our table, where we'll help reveal some of the hidden secrets of local nature, show cool places to visit in the parks, and get you started on nature crafts. Meet at Castle Tree picnic area.

### BAT MONITORING

Black Diamond Regional Preserve

Virginia Delgado-Martinez

**Saturday, August 24**, 7pm-9:45pm. Stay after hours to help monitor our bat colonies as they emerge from the hills and into the night sky. This program requires walking uphill on terrain transitioning from asphalt to steep, uneven sandstone. (7+ years) **Reg. Required: 888-EBPARKS, course # 25793**

### HOMESTEAD HIKE

Black Diamond Regional Preserve

Jake Wright

**Sunday, August 25**, 8:30am-10am. Head out early to explore the remains of an early coal mining family's homestead while taking in sweeping views of the Delta. (8+years)

### BAT MONITORING

Black Diamond Regional Preserve

Kevin Dixon

**Saturday, August 31**, 7pm-9:45pm. Stay after hours to help monitor our bat colonies as they emerge from the hills and into the night sky. This program requires walking uphill on terrain transitioning from asphalt to steep, uneven sandstone. (7+ years) **Reg. Required: 888-EBPARKS, course # 25795**