

# December 2019 Naturalist Programs

## Black Diamond, Vasco Caves

Due to construction, **Greathouse Visitor Center will be closed until further notice.**  
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). Black Diamond programs meet near upper parking lot at southernmost end of Somersville Road unless otherwise noted. Weekend parking fee: \$5.

### NATURE DISCOVERIES

*Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve*

*Interpretive Staff*

**Every Saturday in December, 10am-11am.** Learn what's flying, crawling, or blooming in the park this season as we examine a different nature subject each week. This is a drop-in program; all ages plus parent participation required.

### MEET A SNAKE

*Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve*

*Interpretive Staff*

**Every Saturday in December, 1:30pm-2pm.** Sidney Flat Visitor Center - Gopher snake, kingsnake, rattlesnake, oh my! Let us introduce you to our not-so-furry friends and learn how snakes support our communities. This is a drop-in program; all ages plus parent participation required.

### HISTORIC SOMERSVILLE

*Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve*

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**Every Sunday in December, 1pm-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. This is a drop-in program; all ages plus parent participation required.

### VASCO CAVES REGIONAL PRESERVE TOUR

*Vasco Caves Regional Preserve*

*Interpretive Staff*

**Sundays: December 1 #27145; December 8 #27146**

9am-2pm. Hike 2-3 miles through this windswept land which is sacred to local California Indian communities and a refuge for golden eagles, fairy shrimp, and tiger salamanders. The Preserve is accessible only through guided tours staging at Round Valley (Dec 1) or Brushy Peak (Dec 8). 10+ years.

Registration is required. Fee: \$35 (non-resident \$40)

### SEASONAL SCAVENGER HUNT

*Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve*

*Virginia Delgado-Martinez*

**Saturday, December 28, 12noon-1:30pm.** School's out and the park is open! Bring the family, stretch your legs, and enjoy the outdoors—look for berries, fungi, wildlife, and other natural wonders that the season brings. (5+yrs). All ages plus parent participation required.



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