



BLACK DIAMOND

January & February 2025

Naturalist Programs

Nature Nearby

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*****ALL MINE TOURS MEET AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE GREATHOUSE VISITOR CENTER*****

Black Diamond Mining History Tour

Every Saturday & Sunday

10:00am – 11:30am

Beneath these hills is a history of industry, innovation, and perseverance. Join us as we explore both eras of mining that occurred here in the 19th and 20th centuries. Participants will tour both the Coal Mine and the Hazel-Atlas Mine. Age 7+. \$8 each per tour.

Registration Required

Hazel-Atlas Sand Mine Tour

Every Saturday & Sunday

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Hard as rock, fragile as glass. In the early 20th century, the Hazel-Atlas Mine was a critical link in the process to create glass. Discover the stories of the miners who removed the rock that once was an ancient seabed and is now part of your everyday life. Age 7+. \$5 each per tour.

Registration Required

Coal Mine Experience

Every Saturday & Sunday

3:00pm – 3:30pm

In the late 19th century, people from around the world arrived here in search of a new life and new opportunities. Deep beneath the surface was a rock that would power the young state of California. Discover the toils, triumphs, and tragedies embedded in these hills as we explore a replica coal mine. Age 7+. \$3 each per tour.

Registration Required

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Crafting Mines with Minecraft

Saturday, January 4, 2025

10:30am - 12:00pm

Let's play and explore: we will build mine worlds while we learn how the miners at Black Diamond created the underground park we see today. Meet us in the Greathouse

Visitor Center for some creative fun! Best for ages 3+

NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Mini Miners

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

10:00am – 11:00am

Bring your little gems out to Black Diamond Mines for a morning of learning, playing, and enjoying the great outdoors. Each month will be a different theme where children ages 2-5 will discover the joys of nature.

Siblings welcome! Meet in the upper parking lot.

Dress with weather in mind.

The program will occur outdoors rain or shine.

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Hiking Poles:

Skills & Techniques + Optional Practice Hike

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Saturday, February 22, 2025

9:15am - 3:00pm

Hikers learn lifelong strategies for enhancing performance on varied terrain. Uphill: Improve power, endurance, posture, upper body strength, spine function.

Downhill: Develop skills for feeling safer and preserving your joints – Save your knees!

Expert Training. Optional, beautiful, empowering, confidence-building practice hike for all level hikers.

Registration Required (#54439, #54448)

Winter Nature Craft

Sunday, January 26, 2025

10:00am – 11:30am

Winter is here! Gather inspiration from the winter season in this drop-in craft activity. What can you discover when you use your artistic side to explore the surrounding landscape?

Rain may cancel.

Meet in the upper parking lot, which is 1 mile past the kiosk.

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What are King Tides?

Radke Martinez Shoreline

Parking lot at end of N. Court St. near Marine

Sunday, January 12, 2025

10:00am – 12:00pm

Come experience one of the highest tides of the year and a glimpse into the future. Discover what causes king tides and explore the tidal zone on this walk and talk. The terrain is flat, but not all paved. Please dress for the weather and expect to get a little wet. Wear boots or other shoes that can get wet. Best for ages 5+.

NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Bird Spotting

Contra Loma Regional Park

Fredrickson Staging Area

Saturday, January 18, 2025

9:30am – 11:00am

Follow the East Shore Trail to the right of the boat ramp, where we will be stationed with a spotting scope on the path zooming in on the many different types of birds that call this lake home!

NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Owl Pellet Party!

Round Valley

Staging Area

Saturday, February 22, 2025

10:00am – 11:30am

Owls are great pest control: they eat small animals like rats which helps keep these rodents out of our homes.

Let's learn about these helpful neighbors: we will dissect their regurgitated leftovers and piece together their lunch. Don't worry, the pellets have been sanitized. Best for ages 4+. Rain may cancel.

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New Year Reflections Hike

Black Diamond Mines

Upper Parking Lot

Wednesday, January 01, 2025

10:00am-12:00pm

Let's begin 2025 with a hike through the beautiful and diverse chaparral ecosystem. We'll reflect on the many changes the surrounding landscape has undergone over time while getting an active start to the new year. The route has moderate inclines. Meet at upper parking lot. Wear layers.

Heavy rain may cancel.

NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Celebrating Black History Month

Thurgood Marshall Regional Park

South of Bailey Road

Saturday, February 1, 2025

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Saturday, February 15, 2025

Sunday, February 16, 2025

10:00am -1:00pm

In honor of Black History month, join us for a public tour to explore the southern end of the new Thurgood Marshall Regional Park: Home of the Port Chicago 50. As we walk, learn about the history of this land, stories of resistance and bravery, and the events occurred here

that played a vital role in the desegregation of the armed forces.
Come ready for a mostly paved 1-1.5 mile walk. Best for ages 10+

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Presidents' Day Mine Tours

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Greathouse Visitor Center

Monday, February 17, 2025

10:30am-11:00am

11:30am-12:00pm

1:30pm-2:00pm

2:30pm-3:00pm

Celebrate President's Day by exploring your regional parks. Black Diamond's Greathouse Visitor Center is open and offering four Coal Mine Experience tours throughout the day. No advanced registration. Join staff for an exploration of the underground here at Black Diamond Mines. In the late 19th century, people from around the world arrived here in search of a new life and new opportunities. Deep beneath the surface was a rock that would power the young state of California. Discover the toils, triumphs, and tragedies embedded in these hills as we explore a replica coal mine.

Must be 7+ years old to attend the mine tour. Hard hats will be provided.

Please be prepared for and cool temperatures underground.

Tours can ONLY be booked in person in the Greathouse Visitor Center on the day of the event.

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