



# BLACK DIAMOND

March & April 2025  
Naturalist Programs

## Nature Nearby

To Register for programs call (888) 327-2757 option 2 or visit our website at [www.ebparks.org/registration](http://www.ebparks.org/registration)

**\*\*\*WALKS MEET AT THE UPPER PARKING LOT AT THE END OF SOMERSVILLE ROAD\*\*\***

### History Above the Mines

Every Saturday & Sunday (except Saturday, March 22)  
10:00am – 11:30am

Learn how an ancient world shaped the local landscape and attracted both coal and sand miners to this area.

Discover what life was like for immigrant miners and their thriving communities while exploring what pieces of evidence remain. This program will be 1 mile and take place entirely above ground.

**NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

### Somersville Stroll

Every Saturday & Sunday  
1:00pm – 2:00pm

Once a vibrant town, this area now holds reminders of its past.

Join us on a 1 mile walk as we use historic photos, maps, and clues on the landscape to piece together the past.

**NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

### The Greathouse Visitor Center and mines are temporarily closed.

Please check back for updates on reopening dates.

Mine tours are unavailable until further notice.

Weather permitting, staff is available by the upper parking lot with park information and educational activities

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 10am-2pm.

**Check out some of our other program opportunities!**

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### Mini Miners

#### Five Fabulous Senses

Featuring story time with the Contra Costa County Library!

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

10:00am - 11:30am

#### Who Lives Here?

(Animal Habitats)

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

10:00am - 11:00am

Bring your little gems out to Black Diamond Mines for a morning of learning, playing, and enjoying in the great outdoors. Each month will be a different theme. 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, March 8, 2025

9:15am - 3:00pm

Hikers learn lifelong strategies for enhancing performance on varied terrain. Uphill: Improve power, endurance, posture, upper body strength, and 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 (#54596)**

#### Wildflower Hike

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Saturday, March 22, 2025

10:00am – 12:00pm

Discover the wonderful world of wildflowers at Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve. We will traverse the chaparral ecosystem in search of these colorful signs of spring. Be prepared to hike 2-3 miles on hilly, uneven terrain. Best for ages 7+. Program starts at upper parking lot at the end of Somersville Rd. and ends at the Greathouse Visitor Center. Heavy rain cancels.

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East Bay   
Regional Park District



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### Welcome Spring Craft

Sunday, March 16, 2025

1:30pm - 3:00pm

Meet at the upper parking lot.

Come celebrate the beginning of spring! Gather inspiration from the spring season and learn more about spring at Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in this drop-in craft activity. What can you discover when you use your artistic side to explore the surrounding landscape? We will have all necessary art supplies available. Great for all ages!

**NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

### Cemetery Stroll

Saturday, April 19, 2025

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Start at the upper parking lot and follow the guiding info panels up to the Rose Hill Cemetery.

At 2pm you will meet costumed staff at the entrance to the Cemetery to regale you with stories of many a miner, their mate, and tales of tragic fate. Wear sturdy shoes, sun protection, and bring a water bottle.

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### **Here For The Winter: Birds of the Season**

**Radke Martinez Shoreline**

**Parking lot at end of N. Court St. near Marina**

Sunday, March 2, 2025

9:30am-11:00am

The shoreline hosts many birds we don't see in summer. But why? And which birds? Join us as we learn about migration and bird life, while walking along the water at the end of winter.

Best for adults, but open to all ages.

**NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

### **Vasco Caves Tours**

**Round Valley**

**Staging Area**

Saturday, April 12, 2025

9:00am – 1:00pm

Join us in hiking 2-3 miles through this windswept landscape to learn about the area's sacredness to local California Indian communities and importance to golden eagles, fairy shrimp, and tiger salamanders. The preserve is accessible only through guided tours.

Due to the sensitivity of natural and cultural resources within Vasco Caves Regional Preserve, all tours meet at Round Valley and participants are shuttled by bus into the park.

**Photos are prohibited. Registration Required.**

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### **ASL Somersville Strolls**

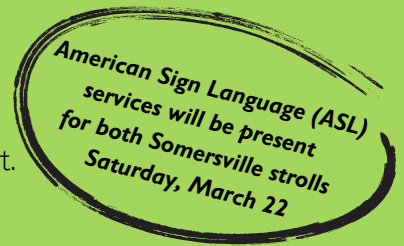
Saturday, March 22

10:00am – 11:00am and 1:00pm – 2:00pm

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Join us on a 1 mile walk as we use historic photos, maps, and clues on the landscape to piece together the past.

**NO Registration – Drop-In Only**



### **Cesar Chavez Day Walks**

Celebrate Cesar Chavez Day by exploring your regional parks and joining one (or both!) of the below walks!

Black Diamond Mines

Monday, March 31, 2025

### **History Above the Mines**

10:00am – 11:30am

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