



# BLACK DIAMOND

## JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2022

### NATURALIST PROGRAMS

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## calendar of events

### Winter Scavenger Hunt

Virginia Delgado-Martinez  
Saturday, January 1, 2022  
11:00am – 2:00pm

With your family and friends, explore winter time in the green hills of Black Diamond Mines. Meet a Naturalist for a self-guided scavenger hunt. 4+ years old.

**Drop in program – No registration required #42874**

### Mini Miners

Ashley Adams  
Tuesday, January 11, 2022  
Tuesday, February 8, 2022  
10:00am – 10:45am

Bring your little gems out to Black Diamond Mines for a morning of learning, playing, and enjoying the great outdoors. All children below 6 years of age welcome. Pre-school.

**Registration Required #42880, #42881**

### Rain, Rain – Come Again Another Day

Aki McKinzie  
Saturday, January 15, 2022  
2:00pm – 3:00pm

Come discover and discuss the impacts of rain at Black Diamond Mines! We will talk about the changes that the park goes through in the wet season! **Registration Required #42882**

### Somersville History Stroll

Ashley Adams  
Saturday, January 22, 2022  
9:00am – 10:30am

A bustling town once filled this valley. Today, it's hard to imagine this quiet park was part of California's coal mining past. Join us as we use historic photos and maps to piece the past together. **Registration Required #42884**

### Black Diamond ROCKS!

Ashley Adams  
Saturday, January 29, 2022  
2:00pm – 4:00pm

Discover California's geologic history through the sandstone layers of Black Diamond. Find fossils, mining history, and more on this fun excursion for all ages.

**Registration Required #42886**

### Nature Journaling – Getting Started

Virginia Delgado-Martinez  
Saturday, January 29, 2022  
11:00am – 12:00pm

Join us as we connect with nature and celebrate the arts! Sketching and journaling are tools that have helped Naturalists get in tune with plants, animals, and seasonal patterns. 7+ years old. **Registration Required #42887**

### Love Is In The Air Hike

Ashley Adams  
Saturday, February 5, 2022  
10:00am – 12:00pm

February is a time for humans to celebrate love, but we're not the only ones! Find out who's cuddling up in the hills of Black Diamond as we discover the secrets of animal courtship. 3-mile moderate hike.

**Registration Required #42889**

### Black Diamond Love Stories

Ashley Adams  
Saturday, February 12, 2022  
10:00am – 11:30am

Discover the wild west romances of coal country as we hike to the historic Rose Hill Cemetery. Stories of wild weddings, love lost, and falling for the girl next door are hidden in the hills of Black Diamond.

**Registration Required #42891**

### Birding for Beginners

Ashley Adams  
Saturday, February 19, 2022  
8:30am – 10:00am

Discover the beautiful world of birds on this great program for beginning bird watchers. Binoculars will be provided. **Registration Required #42893**

### Post-Gold Rush History Hike

Kevin Dixon  
Sunday, February 20, 2022  
10:00am – 1:00pm

Trace the miners' route from Pittsburg Mine in Somersville to Central Mine in Stewartville to find traces of lives lived and work done 150 years ago. 8+ years old.

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#### **New Year with a Splash!**

**Radke Martinez Regional Shoreline**  
**(Parking lot at end of N.Court)**

Kevin Dixon

Sunday, January 2, 2022: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Experience the shoreline as never before when you enter the intertidal zone. Bring high boots and/or prepare to get wet in the high tides. Great for photos! **Registration Required #42876**

#### **Morningtide Walks**

Virginia Delgado-Martinez

Saturday, January 8, 2022: 10:00am – 11:00am

**Bay Point Regional Shoreline**  
**(Main parking lot)**

Saturday, February 12, 2022: 10:00am – 11:00am

**Radke Martinez Regional Shoreline**  
**(Parking lot at end of N.Court)**

On the second Saturday of each month, take a walk with a naturalist along a tidal marsh. Each month will bring new topics and stories to discuss and explore. 5+ years old. **Registration Required #42877, #42878**

#### **Carquinez Strait and the Bay**

**Carquinez Shoreline**  
**(Port Costa Staging Area)**

Kevin Dixon

Sunday, January 9, 2022: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Get together for one of the most scenic walks of the Bay on easy paved trails while learning natural and cultural history of the area. Enter from the Crockett/Port Costa Side. We will be on the George Miller Trail.  
**Registration Required #42879**

#### **The Mountain**

**Diablo Foothills**  
**(Orchard Staging Area)**

Kevin Dixon

Sunday, January 16, 2022: 10:00am – 1:30pm

Mount Diablo/Tuyshtak/Ooyumbelle means many things to many people. Come explore the green season's offerings and the dramatic rock outcrops of this park. 7+ years old. **Registration Required #42883**

#### **Appreciating the Ordinary**

**Contra Loma Regional Park**  
**(Main Parking Lot)**

Kevin Dixon

Sunday, January 23, 2022: 10:00am – 12:00pm

We will prepare for the modest upcoming holiday, Groundhog Day, by appreciating the ordinary: leisurely strolls with friends, wintering birds, and for us, ground squirrels. \$5 parking fee may apply. **Registration Required #42885**



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## Sea Level and the Parks

### Bay Point Shoreline (Trojan Road Staging Area)

Kevin Dixon

Sunday, January 30, 2022: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Walk level trails with a naturalist to find out what wild plants and animals are enjoying these restored wetlands at high time. **Registration Required #42888**

## Shrubapalooza at Morgan Territory

### Morgan Territory Preserve (Morgan Territory Staging Area)

Kevin Dixon

Sunday, February 6, 2022: 9:00am – 11:00am

On a late winter morning, windswept cliffs are the perfect place to park our behinds among multitudinous green shoots, watching winged wonders cruise by with Mount Diablo as our backdrop. 7+ years old.

**Registration Required #42890**

## Super Bowl? Ice Cream for Breakfast

### Round Valley Regional Preserve (Round Valley Staging Area)

Kevin Dixon

Sunday, February 13, 2022: 10:00am – 2:30pm

If you missed last week's Ice Cream for Breakfast Day, there is still time on the clock. Eat up and hit the trail as we pursue Valentine's Day themes of pairing up in nature. Stretch your legs on a 7-mile hike around the bowl of Round Valley. 9+ years old. **Registration Required #42892**

## VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

<https://www.facebook.com/BlackDiamondMines>

## Hike Black Diamond

Ashley Adams

Saturday, January 8, 2022: 10:00am – 10:30am

Looking to get out on the trail this year? Join Black Diamond staff as they show you some of their favorite hikes in the park! **Pre-Recorded program on Facebook.**

## Honoring Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Holiday

Aki McKinzie

Monday, January 17, 2022: 6:00pm – 6:30pm

Learn about the creation of the MLK holiday and the legacy that Dr. King left behind. We will take a look at his beginnings and all the way through to the final chapters of his life. We will discuss elements of his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. **Pre-Recorded program on Facebook.**

## Black History in the Outdoors & Nature – Trivia Kahoot

Virginia Delgado-Martinez

Saturday, February 26, 2022: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

In celebration of Black History Month, learn about black explorers, scientists, rangers, cowboys and more and their significant contributions to parks, recreation, conservation and natural sciences. **Virtual Live Program on Facebook.**

### Contact Us

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