



BLACK DIAMOND

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2021

NATURALIST PROGRAMS

To Register for programs call
(888) 327-2757 opt. 2 or visit
our website at
www.ebparcs/registration.org

NOTE: All programs meet at Black Diamond Mines upper parking lot unless otherwise noted

calendar of events

Hazel Atlas Mine Tours

Interpretive Staff

Every Saturday & Sunday

NOVEMBER ONLY

10:30am, 1:30pm, 3:00pm (1-hour tour)

Join us at Black Diamond Mines as we dive deep into the earth, walking underground and going back in time through the 1930s-era silica sand mine to discover the history carved from these stones. Age 7+. \$5 each per tour and \$5 parking fee.

Registration Required

Coal Mine Exhibit

Interpretive Staff

Every Saturday & Sunday

NOVEMBER ONLY

10:30am, 11:30am, 12:30pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm (30-min. tour)

Pinging pickaxes, clattering coal carts, and dialogue in the dark. Experience the sights and sounds that were once common here in the Mt. Diablo Coal Field. This guided experience brings you into a re-created coal mine, to experience miners working as they did during the 19th century. Age 7+. \$3 each per tour and \$5 parking fee. **Registration Required**

Meet a Snake

Kevin Dixon

Sunday, November 7, 2021

11:00am – 12:00pm

Come join us to meet a tame local snake and to learn about all the snakes that share the East Bay Parks with us. \$5 parking fee. **Drop-In, No Registration Required**

Somersville History Stroll

Ashley Adams

Saturday, November 13, 2021

9:00am – 10:30am

A bustling town once filled this valley. Today, it's hard to imagine this quiet park was a part of California Coal Mining past. Join us as we use historic photos and maps to piece the past together. \$5 parking fee. **Registration Required #42568**

Zoom in on Black Diamond

Kevin Dixon

Sunday, November 14, 2021

9:30am – 11:30am

Use hand magnifiers, binoculars, and microscopes to delve deeper into our natural world. Equipment and training provided. \$5 parking fee.

Registration Required #42569

Black Diamond Black Oaks

Kevin Dixon

Sunday, November 21, 2021

12:30pm – 4:30pm

Black Oaks, White Oaks, Blue Oaks and even Oracle Oaks. Learn about their origin, lifestyles, and uses as we hike to the Oracle. 5.5 miles, sometimes with steep terrain. Age 10+. \$5 parking fee.

Registration Required #42570

Feast Your Eyes on Nature

Ashley Adams

Friday, November 26, 2021

9:00am – 11:30am

Feeling stuffed after your holiday meal? Trot on over to Black Diamond for a fabulous fall hike! Gobble up the season as we feast our eyes on signs of autumn. 2 mile moderate hike. **Registration Required #42572**

Raindrops

Kevin Dixon

Sunday, December 5, 2021

9:00am – 11:00am

Each raindrop is precious at Black Diamond Mines. We will search for early signs of nature's rejuvenation along the steep and rocky trails. 1.5-2 miles rain or shine. Steep hills can be a little slippery whether wet or dry, so wear good footwear and walking clothes. Binoculars and magnifying lenses can make it more fun, so bring them if you have them. Age 7+. \$5 parking fee.

Registration Required #42573



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Winter Solstice Walk

Aki McKinzie

Saturday, December 18, 2021: 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Come take in the season at Black Diamond! Let's walk the trails and look for signs of winter! Age 6+.
\$5 parking fee. **Registration Required #42602**

The Sandstone Alternative

Kevin Dixon

Sunday, December 19, 2021: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Thick, sticky mud weighing you down? Step out of those valleys of shale and clay to cruise the sandstone ridges among pines and blooming manzanita. Wear good hiking/walking shoes. Bring water and a snack for our vista point. Age 8+. \$5 parking fee. **Registration Required #42576**

Morningtide Walks

Radke Martinez Regional Shoreline

(Parking lot at end of N.Court)

Virginia Delgado-Martinez

Saturday, November 13, 2021: 10:00am – 11:00am

Discover the history and wetland wonders that exists along the shoreline. Watch for the signs of the season, while we explore how the shoreline has changed over time. Age 5+. **Registration Required #42601**

Duck!

Contra Loma Regional Park

(Boat Launch)

Kevin Dixon

Sunday, December 12, 2021: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Take a walk around Contra Loma Reservoir. Stop by the boat launch to meet a naturalist and talk about ducks, or any other birds, for that matter! **Drop-In, No Registration Required**

Winter Bird Count

Contra Loma Regional Park

(Main Parking Lot)

Ashley Adams

Saturday, December 18, 2021: 10:00am – 11:00am

Winter is for the birds! Join the longest running community science effort and look for feathered friends. Learn local species, record data, and we'll send our findings to National Audubon Society. **Registration Required #42575**

Last Hike of the Year

Castle Rock/Diablo Foothills

(Orchard Staging Area)

Virginia Delgado-Martinez

Friday, December 31, 2021: 10:30am – 12:00pm

Join us for the last hike of the year! Enjoy a peaceful 2 mile out and back trail along Pine Creek as we look for mushrooms, winter birds and signs of creek activity! Bring sturdy shoes, plenty of water and snacks.

Registration Required #42577



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VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Celebrate Dia de Los Muertos at Black Diamond

Aki McKinzie

Monday, November 1, 2021

6:00pm – 6:15pm

Learn about the holiday, Dia de Los Muertos and find out how we keep history alive at Black Diamond Regional Preserve. Create a handmade craft and listen to Dia de Los Muertos stories from near and afar. Enjoy this vibrant and colorful fall celebration.

Pre-Recorded program on Facebook.

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

Earthquake Country

Ashley Adams

Saturday, November 6, 2021

10:00am – 10:30am

Join us on a discovery of faults in the area and what to do when an earthquake strikes.

Pre-Recorded program on Facebook.

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The Miner's Menu

Virginia Delgado-Martinez

Thursday, November 25, 2021

12:00pm – 12:30pm

California miners had a hefty job and even heftier appetite! Learn what could have been on the menu for some of the miners during the mining booms of California in the 1800's.

Pre-Recorded program on Facebook.

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