



# BLACK DIAMOND JULY AND AUGUST 2022 NATURALIST PROGRAMS

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our website at  
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**NOTE: All programs meet at Black Diamond Mines upper parking lot unless otherwise noted  
Mine Tours Meet at the Greathouse Visitor Center**

## calendar of events

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Participants will tour both the Coal Mine Experience and the Hazel Atlas Mine. Age 7+. \$8 each per tour and \$5 parking fee.

**Registration Required #45066**

### Hazel Atlas Mine Tour

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

Hard as rock, fragile as glass. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> 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 sea bed and is now part of your everyday life. Age 7+. \$5 each per tour and \$5 parking fee.

**Registration Required #45084**

### Coal Mine Experience

Every Saturday & Sunday  
12:00pm and 3:00pm (30-min. tour)

In the late 19<sup>th</sup> 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 and \$5 parking fee.

**Registration Required #45102**

### Mine Open House

Saturday, July 2, 2022  
10:30am – 3:30pm

Join staff for an exploration underground here at Black Diamond Mines. Discover the history of those who toiled inside these hills, as we investigate the workings they left behind. Activities will continue outside for those unable to join us underground. Must be 7+ years old for mine tours. Hard hats will be provided. Please be prepared for hot temperatures outside, and cool temperatures underground.

**NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

### The Reptile Way

Sunday, July 3, 2022  
9:00am – 10:30am

Patient and persevering – the reptiles of Black Diamond, both the 4-legged and the entirely legless, live a life perfectly suited to this place. Visit and learn together.

**NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

### Bat Watch Wednesdays

Wednesday, July 6, 2022, July 20, 2022, August 3, 2022  
7:30pm – 9:30pm

Wednesday, August 17, 2022 and August 31, 2022  
7:00pm – 9:00pm

Join us every other Wednesday in July and August for bat monitoring at Black Diamond. Enjoy the wonder of watching these aerial acroBATS and be a scientist as we record data on our bat populations here in the park.

**Registration Required #45164**

### Mini Miners

Tuesday, July 12, 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. Each month will be a different theme where children ages 2-5 will discover the joys of nature.

Siblings welcome! **NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

### Terrestrial Arthropods for Fun!

Sunday, July 24, 2022  
9:00am – 10:30am

They are all around us. Some we love, some we despise, some we fear. Insects, spiders, centipedes - how do they live? We'll explore together as we search for them.

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## Somersville Townsite Walk

Saturday, August 6, 2022  
10:00am – 11:00am

Discover the geologic and cultural history of California's largest coal mining community! On this short stroll you'll see mining ruins, building sites, and hidden history of Coal Country. **NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

## No Swimming Pool: The Chaparral

Sunday, August 7, 2022  
8:30am – 10:30am

Survival Mode – Summer on the Rocks. Take a short, steep trek and learn about what it takes to get by between a rock and a hot place. The Chaparral Loop is very steep and uneven terrain. **NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

## Black Diamond Night, West Side

Sunday, August 21, 2022  
6:00pm – 10:00pm

This 6-mile hike out through Nortonville and back along the ridges, in the dark, is steep, rugged, and a little scary. With friends, it can be a magical experience. Age 10+. Please bring appropriate clothing, flashlight, water, and snacks.

**Registration Required #45152**

## Black Diamond Nature Hike

Saturday, August 27, 2022  
10:00am – 12:00pm

Take in the beauty of Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve on this 2-mile walk through the hills. Discover what wonderful plants and wildlife call this place home.

**NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

## Black Diamond Night, East Side

Sunday, August 28, 2022  
6:00pm – 10:00pm

An East Bay Parks Naturalist will lead on this rare chance to explore Sand Creek's headwaters and the Star Mine area under a moonless sky for 6.5-miles. Age 10+. Please bring appropriate clothing, flashlight, water, and snacks.

**Registration Required #45159**

## National Eat Outside Day Hike

Wednesday, August 31, 2022  
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Bring the family and a picnic dinner to enjoy National Eat Outside Day. After enjoying our meal, we will enjoy an evening in the park with a light hike around historic Somersville. Bring water, binoculars, and flashlight.

**NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

## Beat the Heat Shoreline Stroll

### Martinez Shoreline Parking Area

Saturday, July 16, 2022  
8:00am – 9:30am

Walk the cool morning trails at Martinez Shoreline and discover the many mysteries of the marsh, from a sunken ship to animals that drink salt water.

**NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

## Evening Lake Stroll

### Contra Loma – Boat Launch

Friday, July 29, 2022  
Friday, August 12, 2022

7:00pm – 8:15pm

Enjoy a 3-mile stroll on even terrain around Contra Loma reservoir and learn about the local wildlife that call this summer oasis home. Age 7+. Bring flashlights, water, snack, and sturdy shoes.

**Registration Required #45161 and #45163**

## Beat the Heat, Early Morning

### Contra Loma – End of Fredrickson Lane

Sunday, August 14, 2022  
8:00am – 10:30am

Walk now. Swim later. Join neighbors and a friendly East Bay Parks Naturalist on an early 3-mile stroll to get to know your local park better. Age 6+.

**NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

## Beat the Heat Shoreline Stroll

### Bay Point Staging Area

Saturday, August 20, 2022  
8:00am – 9:30am

Walk the cool morning trails at Bay Point Regional Shoreline and discover the many mysteries of the marsh, from nearby military history to animals that drink salt water. **NO Registration – Drop-In Only**



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## VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

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

### **The Reptile Way Kahoot**

Sunday, July 10, 2022

4:30pm – 5:15pm

So, they have scales instead of fur. Want to find out more? Play a Kahoot together. Entertaining and educational.

How to play:

1. Visit Black Diamond Mines Facebook page on Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 4:30pm to meet the “game host”.
2. Grab an additional tech device (cell phone, tablet, laptop) to go to <https://kahoot.it.com>.
3. Wait for host to give instructions and PIN#.

***Virtual Live Program on Facebook.***

### **Celebrate World Snake Day!**

Saturday, July 16, 2022

6:00pm – 6:30pm

In this virtual presentation, we will talk about the wonderful world of snakes. Learn about the local snakes that live at Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve. Celebrate World Snake Day 2022 with us!

***Pre-Recorded program on Facebook.***

### **Terrestrial Arthropod Kahoot!**

Sunday, July 31, 2022

4:30pm – 5:15pm

How is your knowledge of the joint-legged ones? Let’s play around and take a fun quiz with questions ranging from easy to head-scratching.

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***Virtual Live Program on Facebook.***

#### **Contact Us**

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