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 Experience and the Hazel Atlas Mine. Age 7+. $8 each per tour.
Registration Required (#46414)

Hazel Atlas 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 sea bed and is now part of your everyday life. Age 7+. $5 each per tour.
Registration Required (#46470)

Coal Mine Experience
Every Saturday & Sunday
12:00pm and 3:00pm (30-min. tour)
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 (#46433)

Saturday Afternoon Stroll
Saturday, November 12, 2022
Saturday, November 26, 2022
Saturday, December 3, 2022
1:30pm - 3:30pm
Take in the beauty of Black Diamond Mines on a different 2-3 mile hike each week. Explore what different plants and wildlife call this park home. Bring sturdy shoes, water, and snack. Age 4+.
NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Nature Crafts
Saturday, November 12, 2022
Saturday, November 26, 2022
Saturday, December 3, 2022
Saturday, December 24, 2022
Saturday, December 31, 2022
9:30am – 11:30am
Gather inspiration from nature in a weekly craft activity. What can you discover when you use your artistic side to explore the surrounding landscape? Age 2+.
NO Registration – Drop-In Only

National Take a Hike Day
Thursday, November 17, 2022
2:00pm - 3:00pm
Come take a light hike in Black Diamond Mines! We will talk about the abundant signs of autumn and explore the trails.
NO Registration - Drop-In Only

Mini Miners
Tuesday, November 8, 2022
Tuesday, December 13, 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

Superpower Snakes
Sunday, November 20, 2022
Sunday, December 4, 2022
Sunday, December 18, 2022
2:00pm - 3:00pm
What makes snakes so neat? Come join us to meet one of our slithery animal ambassadors and explore how snakes contribute to the local ecosystem.
NO Registration – Drop-In Only
Winter Scavenger Hunt
Sunday, November 27, 2022
10:00am – 11:00am
The seasons are beginning to change! Come explore the natural winter beauty of Black Diamond and search for signs of the changing season in this fun guided scavenger hunt! Age 4+. NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Somersville Stroll
Sunday, December 11, 2022
10:00am - 11:00am
Once a vibrant town, this area now holds reminders of its past. Join us on a short hike as we use historic photos, maps, and clues on the landscape to piece together the past. NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Miraculous Manzanitas
Sunday, December 18, 2022
9:00am - 11:00am
Visit these tenacious masters of the chaparral on a winter walk through Black Diamond’s chaparral. What makes them tick? Age 8+. NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Winter Solstice Walk
Wednesday, December 21, 2022
2:00pm - 3:00pm
Come take in the season at Black Diamond Mines! Let’s walk the trails and look for signs of winter. NO Registration - Drop-In Only

Vasco Caves Regional Preserve Tours
Sunday, November 13, 2022 (#46291)
Hike 2-3 miles through this wild and windswept land which is sacred to local California Indian communities and a refuge for golden eagles, fairy shrimp, and tiger salamanders. The preserve is accessible only through guided tours staging at Round Valley Regional Preserve. Due to the sensitive and sacred nature of Vasco Caves Regional Preserve all tours will meet at Round Valley Regional Preserve and participants will take a bus into the park. Age 10+. Parent Participation Required.
$35 Adults/Children
$40 Non-Residents
Registration Required

Virtual Program
Celebrate Dia De Los Muertos!
Tuesday, November 1, 2022
6:00pm – 6:30pm
Learn about the holiday, and find out how we keep the history alive at Black Diamond Mines 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!
Virtual Live Program on Facebook.

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Connected to the Land
*Thurgood Marshall - South of Bailey Road*
Saturday, November 5, 2022
9:00am - 12:00pm
Since time immemorial, the land that is now the site of Thurgood Marshall Regional Park: Home of the Port Chicago 50, has been home to the Chupcan people. In honor of Indigenous Peoples Month, join us for a public tour exploring the southern end of this park, learning about connection to the land and enjoying views of Mount Diablo.
*Registration Required (#46328)*

Vanishing Habitats: Tidal Marsh
*Radke Martinez Shoreline - Parking Lot off N. Court St.*
Sunday, November 20, 2022
9:00am - 11:00am
What do the rising and falling tides mean for this estuary and how are plants and marsh creatures equipped to thrive with them? Walk about 3 flat miles and spend some time on a pocket beach as the tide rolls back through the Strait to the mighty Pacific.
*NO Registration – Drop-In Only*

Get Outside! Green Friday Hike
*Contra Loma - End of Fredrickson Lane*
Friday, November 25, 2022
10:00am - 11:30am
Instead of hitting the mall, come hit the trail! Enjoy the crisp fresh air, admire the fall colors, and search for birds on a guided hike around the water. Bring sturdy shoes, water, snacks. Age 6+.
*NO Registration – Drop-In Only*

Marsh Meander
*Bay Point - Trojan Road Staging*
Sunday, November 27, 2022
3:00pm - 4:30pm
Bay Point features nice level trails, meandering marsh creeks, and lots of birds. Enjoy a gentle afternoon walk together with friends, and learn about the role of your East Bay Parks in protecting and restoring previous wetlands.
*NO Registration – Drop-In Only*

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The Amphitheater
Morgan Territory - Finley Road Trailhead
Sunday, December 4, 2022
8:00am - 12:00pm
Travel paths incorporating both your State Parks and your East Bay Regional Parks as we investigate trails like the Sulphur Springs Trail and the Amphitheater Trail. The hike covers about 6 miles of trails, which can be steep and uneven. You will not be able to park at the end of Finley Road because it is a private neighborhood but will need to park 0.7 miles down the road and walk to the trailhead. Bring water, snacks, footwear and clothing to match the weather as well as binoculars if you have them. Age 10+.
*Registration Required (#46412)*

Round Valley Raptors
Round Valley - Round Valley Staging
Sunday, December 11, 2022
1:30pm - 5:00pm
Loop around Miwok and Hardy Canyon Trails to enjoy the natural beauty of Round Valley while we scan the sky for raptors. 5 moderate trail miles, but sometimes steep and uneven. Bring water, snacks, footwear and clothing to match the weather as well as binoculars if you have them. Age 9+
*NO Registration – Drop-In Only*

Christmas Bird Count
Thurgood Marshall - South of Bailey Road Entrance
Saturday, December 17, 2022
7:30am - 12:00pm
Christmas Bird Count at Thurgood Marshall Regional Park. This is a community-based science event. Staff will accompany 3 teams of people, with up to 15 people per team. Each team will walk 2 to 5 miles to document our local bird populations. Age 8+.
*Registration Required (#46413)*

Last Hike of the Year
Contra Loma - End of Fredrickson Lane
Saturday, December 31, 2022
1:30pm - 3:30pm
Join us for the last hike of the year! Enjoy a peaceful 3 mile hike as we look for signs of the winter season and reflect on the past year as we wander around the water. Bring sturdy shoes, water and snacks. Age 6+
*NO Registration – Drop-In Only*

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