



# BLACK DIAMOND

## January and February, 2024

### NATURALIST PROGRAMS

To Register for programs call  
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**NOTE: All programs meet at Black Diamond Mines upper parking lot unless otherwise noted**

## 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.

**Registration Required (#50621)**

### 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.

**Registration Required (#50638)**

### Coal Mine Experience

Every Saturday & Sunday

3:00pm – 3:30pm

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.

**Registration Required (#50788)**

### Games in the Mine!

Sunday, January 7, 2024

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Join us underground to play some games! We will learn about and try some games that would have been popular among kids of the nearby mining communities in the late 1800s. All ages welcome. Meet inside the Greathouse Visitor Center, a short ¼ mile walk from the upper parking lot.

**NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

### Mini Miners

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

10:00am – 11:00am

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

10:00am – 11:00am

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.**

### Looking Under the Lens

Sunday, January 14, 2024

10:30am – 12:00pm

Join us to discover the wonders of our natural world through observation of specimens under microscopes and magnifying lenses. All ages welcome. Meet inside the Greathouse Visitor Center, a short ¼ mile walk from the upper parking lot.

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#### Winter Nature Craft

January 20, 2024

February 17, 2024

9:30am – 11:00am

Gather inspiration from nature for this craft activity. What can you discover when you use your artistic side to explore the surrounding landscape? Rain may cancel.

**NO Registration – Drop-In Only.**

#### Winter Cemetery Stroll

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Saturday, February 24, 2024

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Start at the upper parking lot and follow the guiding info panels to the Rose Hill Cemetery. At 1pm 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, and bring a water bottle. Rain may cancel. Age 5+.

**NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

#### Will you be “Mine”?

Saturday, February 3, 2024

9:30am – 11:00am

Be prepared for Valentine’s Day this month by stopping by the upper parking lot to create a card for someone special. We’ll get inspiration from our love of nature and the mines! Rain will cancel.

**NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

#### Chinese Miners Table

Saturday, February 10, 2024

9:30am – 11:00am

When coal was discovered here in the mid-1800s, people from around the world moved to Antioch to work in the mines. Many of these miners were from China and helped build the infrastructure that allowed for development of California. Come learn about these many contributions while we uncover stories of great resilience. Rain may cancel.

**NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

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#### New Year Reflections

*Contra Loma*

*Fredrickson Staging Area*

Monday, January 1, 2024

10:30am – 12:30pm

We'll reflect on the many changes the surrounding landscape has undergone over time while getting an active start to the new year. Ages 5+. **NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

#### Bird Scavenger Hunt

*Contra Loma*

*Boat Launch Area*

Saturday, January 6, 2024

10:00am – 12:00pm

Let's take a leisurely stroll around beautiful Contra Loma looking for some birds. We'll provide a sheet of common birds found in the area and hopefully add some that are not so common!

Ages 7+. **NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

#### What are King Tides?

*Radke Martinez Shoreline*

*Parking Lot off N. Court St.*

Sunday, January 7, 2024

9:00am – 11:00am

Sunday, January 14, 2024

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Come experience one of the highest tides of the year and a glimpse into the future. Discover what causes king tides and explore the tidal zone on this walk and talk. The terrain is flat, but not all paved. Please dress for the weather, wear boots or other shoes that can get wet, and expect to get a little wet. Ages 5+. **NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

#### Here for the Winter: Birds of the Season

*Radke Martinez Shoreline*

*Parking Lot off N. Court St.*

Saturday, January 13, 2024

9:30am – 11:00am

During the winter, the shoreline hosts many birds that we don't see during the summer. Join us on this gentle stroll along the water to learn about migration and bird life during the cold season. Rain may cancel. Ages 7+. **NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

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#### **Winter Waterbirds** **Radke Martinez Shoreline** **Parking Lot off N. Court St.**

Sunday, January 28, 2024  
10:00am – 11:30am

Winter has arrived! Come learn about our flying, feathered friends as they stop to overwinter on the shorelines of the East Bay. On this leisurely 1-1.5 mile stroll on flat, partially paved path we will observe bird behavior and adaptations. Great for beginners! Ages 7+. Bring binoculars if you have them; we will have a few extras available for use.  
**NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

#### **Celebrating Black History Walk** **Thurgood Marshall Regional Park** **South of Bailey Road**

Sunday, February 4, 2024  
Sunday, February 11, 2024  
Sunday, February 18, 2024  
Sunday, February 25, 2024  
10:00am – 1:00pm

In honor of Black History Month, join us for a public tour to explore the southern end of the new Thurgood Marshall Regional Park: Home of the Port Chicago 50. As we walk, learn about the history of this land, stories of resistance and bravery, and the events occurred here that played a vital role in the desegregation of the armed forces. Come ready for a mostly paved 1-1.5-mile walk. Ages 10+.  
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