Black Diamond Mining History Tour
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 (#52469)

Hazel-Atlas Mine Tour
Saturday & Sunday
1:00pm – 2:00pm
From the mid-1920’s to the mid-1940’s, the Hazel-Atlas Mine produced silica sand to make jars, bottles, and other glass items. Today, tour participants can take a 1309-foot walk into the mine to see mine workings, ore chutes, the shifter’s office, and ancient geological features.
Age 7+. $5 each per tour.
Registration Required (#52486)

Coal Mine Experience
Saturday & Sunday
3:00pm – 3:30pm
Tour the new Coal Mine Experience exhibit to immerse yourself in the history of the Mount Diablo Coal Field. Discover the story of miners who toiled underground as you experience a replica coal mine. We'll discuss the dangers of working deep in the layers of the earth and explore the area’s fascinating geology.
Age 7+. $3 each per tour.
Registration Required (#52503)
Adaptations For All
Saturday, July 6, 2024
9:30am – 11:00am
Adaptations are qualities that help wildlife survive in their habitat. Stop by our table to learn about amazing adaptations here at Black Diamond and how they may relate to our own human adaptations!
NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Beat the Heat Hike!
Sunday, July 7, 2024
8:00am – 10:00am
Let’s go for a stroll up the shaded Chaparral Loop before it gets too HOT! We’ll enjoy the early morning and learn about how the chaparral gets through these warm summers each year. Wear sturdy shoes and bring plenty of water. Best for ages 8+.
NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Mini Miners
Tuesday, July 9, 2024: Stories in the Mine
Tuesday, August 13, 2024: Where’s the water?
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! Meet in the upper parking lot. Dress with weather in mind. The program will occur outdoors rain or shine.
NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Zoom in on Black Diamond
Sunday, July 28, 2024
10:30am – 11:30am
Join a Naturalist to discover Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve on a micro scale and spend time exploring all the little wonders that are often overlooked. Use hand magnifiers, binoculars, and microscopes to take a closer look at the natural world. Equipment provided. Find the Naturalist around the upper parking lot and join in anytime during the program.
NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Watercolors of Wildlife
Sunday, August 4, 2024
9:30am – 11:00am
Engage your artistic side while learning more about the wildlife of Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve: watercolor supplies will be available for you to create wonderful pieces of art inspired by our local wildlife. Great for all ages!
NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Summer Scavenger Hunt
Sunday, August 11, 2024
10:00am – 11:00am
The spring flowers have faded, but there is still so much natural beauty to explore at Black Diamond Mines! Search for signs of the summer season in this fun self-guided scavenger hunt! Drop in to chat with a Naturalist and grab an activity sheet by the upper parking lot at any time during the program. Then come back to share what you found! Best for ages 5+.
NO Registration – Drop-In Only

How to Read a Topo Map
Sunday, August 18, 2024
9:30am – 11:00am
Drop in to learn how to navigate through the maze of lines on our Black Diamond map. We will learn about contour lines, scales, and legends and how to identify important topographic landforms such as ridgelines, valleys, peaks, and cliffs. Create your own 3D topographical map with our crafting supplies! Best for ages 5+.
NO Registration – Drop-In Only
Games in the Mine!
*Greathouse Visitor Center*
Sunday, August 18, 2024
2:00pm – 3:30pm
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 1800’s. All ages welcome.
**NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

Morning Story Time and Nature Craft
*Upper Parking Lot*
Sunday, August 25, 2024
9:30am – 10:15am
Get into the park early and enjoy story time before it gets hot! Naturalists will read you some park-themed stories and help you make fun nature crafts. Best for kids under age 7, but all welcome.
**NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

Looking Under the Lens
*Greathouse Visitor Center*
Sunday, August 25, 2024
2:00pm – 3:30pm
Discover the wonders of our natural world using various tools that scientists use, like microscopes and magnifying lenses. All ages welcome.
**NO Registration – Drop-In Only**

Bird Spotting
*Contra Loma*
*Fredrickson Lane Staging Area*
Saturday, August 31, 2024
9:30am – 11:00am
Follow the E. Shore Trail to the right of the boat ramp, we’ll be stationed with a spotting scope on the path zooming in on the many different types of birds that call this lake home! Park at the Fredrickson Lane Staging Area for free parking.
**NO Registration – Drop-In Only.**