Coal Mine Experience
Saturdays & Sundays
10:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm and 2:00pm (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 (49627)

Bilingual Mine Tours - En Español e Inglés
Se ofrecen visitas a la mina en cada una de estas fechas. Para más información busque los códigos listados:
16 de Septiembre de 2023 (49637, 49789, 49659, 49786)
23 de Septiembre de 2023 (49660, 49661, 49790, 49791)
7 de Octubre de 2023 (49662, 49663, 49794, 49795)
14 de Octubre de 2023 (49664, 49665, 49798, 49799)
Para más información busque:
• Experiencia en las minas de carbón
Es necesario registrarse.

Labor Day Mine Tours
Monday, September 4, 2023
10:30am, 11:30am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm
Join staff for an exploration of the underground here at Black Diamond Mines. 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.

Tours can be booked in person in the Greathouse Visitor Center, starting at 10am when it opens. Tours will be booked on a first come, first served basis. No waitlists. Age 7+. $3 each per tour.
NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Mine Open House
Saturday, September 30, 2023
Sunday, October 1, 2023
10:30am – 3:30pm
Join staff for an exploration of the underground here at Black Diamond Mines. 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.

Must be age 7+ for mine tours. Mine tours are free and will be offered on a regular basis. Tours will be booked on a first come, first served basis. No waitlists.
Activities will continue outside for those unable to join us underground.
NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Fall Nature Craft
Saturday, September 2, 2023
Sunday, September 3, 2023
Sunday, September 17, 2023
Sunday, October 8, 2023
Sunday October 15, 2023
2:00pm – 3:00pm
Fall is here! Gather inspiration from the fall season in this drop-in craft activity. What can you discover when you use your artistic side to explore the surrounding landscape? NO Registration - Drop-In Only
How To Bird
Saturday, September 9, 2023
9:30am – 11:30am
Black Diamond Mines is home to many different species of birds! Stop by our table at the upper parking lot before your hike to learn simple birding techniques to help you spot them.
NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Meet A Snake!
Sunday, September 10, 2023
2:30pm – 3:30pm
Come meet one of our slithery animal ambassadors and learn about what makes snakes so special. Drop in anytime during this hour to get close to our snakey friend. Age 3+. NO Registration - Drop-In Only

Mini Miners
Tuesday, September 12, 2023
Tuesday, October 10, 2023
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.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!
Saturday, September 16, 2023
9:30am - 11:30am
Stop by the upper parking lot at Black Diamond Mines to join us in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month! We will be hosting a drop-in table highlighting some amazing Hispanic environmentalists and facilitating a craft.
NO Registration – Drop-In Only.

History Hike ABOVE the Mines
Sunday, September 17, 2023
9:30am - 11:30am
Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve was once teeming with thriving communities. Join a Naturalist on a 2-3 mile hike to learn about the richness of the coal and sand mining history on a hike above the mines. No underground mine tour included. Age 7+.
NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Tarantula Table Talk
Saturday, September 23, 2023
9:30am - 11:30am
Sunday, October 29, 2023
2:00pm - 3:00pm
Let’s talk tarantulas! These misunderstood gentle giants get a bad rap because of the way they look. Drop by our table at the upper parking lot to better understand them and ultimately appreciate them!
NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Somersville Townsite Walk
Sunday, September 24, 2023
Saturday, October 7, 2023
Sunday, October 22, 2023
9:30am - 11:00am
Once a vibrant town, this area now holds reminders of its past. Join us on a 1 mile walk as we use historic photos, maps, and clues on the landscape to piece together the past.
NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Signs of Fall Scavenger Hunt
Sunday, September 24, 2023
Sunday October 22, 2023
2:00pm – 3:00pm
The weather is starting to cool. Do you feel that autumn breeze? Explore the fall beauty at Black Diamond Mines by searching for signs of the 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!
Age 4+
NO Registration - Drop-In Only
Sunday Stroll: Round Valley
Meet at the Round Valley Staging Area
Sunday, September 10, 2023
9:00am – 11:00am
Join us for a peaceful 3-mile-long Sunday morning stroll through riparian, oak woodland and grassland ecosystems, looking for signs of wildlife. Age 7+.
NO Registration - Drop-In Only

Fossil Day Craft
Sunday, October 8, 2023
10:00am - 11:00am
Celebrate National Fossil Day (October 11) and learn about what remains from when an ancient sea covered the area that is now Black Diamond Mines. Then make your own "fossils" during this drop-in craft activity. Age 3+.
NO Registration - Drop-In Only

Cemetery Stroll
Saturday, October 14, 2023
Saturday, October 28, 2023
2:00pm – 3:30pm
Come join this guided stroll to the Rose Hill Cemetery with costumed staff. We'll regale you with stories of many a miner, their mate, and tales of tragic fate. We'll start at the upper parking lot and end at the Cemetery.
NO Registration - Drop-In Only

Tarantula Hike
Saturday, October 21, 2023
9:30am - 12:00pm
October is a great month to come to Black Diamond Mines to try and get a glimpse of our eight-legged friends! Join a Naturalist on a 2-mile, uneven terrain hike to learn about tarantula mating season. Age 7+. NO Registration - Drop-In Only

Go Batty!
Sunday, October 29, 2023
10:00am - 11:00am
Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's super bat! Learn about our nocturnal neighbors in this batty craft activity. NO Registration - Drop-In Only

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