

HORSETOWN-CLEAR CREEK PRESERVE SPRING 2022 EVENTS

Children are welcome at all of our events and all events are free of charge.

All events (unless otherwise noted) will meet at the HCCP parking area on Clear Creek Road, just west of the Clear Creek Bridge.

April 16 (Sat.) 9:30 a.m. – “CLEAR CREEK WILDFLOWERS AND PLANTS”

Come walk with David Ledger from the Native Plant Society and SEA. Enjoy blooming wildflowers and learn about plants and nature. This will be a great Saturday morning hike. David is very knowledgeable about native plants in our area.

April 23 (Sat.) 10 a.m. -- “BUTTERFLIES AND OTHER POLLINATORS”

Join butterfly expert Chris Gray on a walk to view local butterflies and other insects that pollinate plants on the Preserve. This will be a nice spring stroll spiced up with intriguing facts about a variety of creatures. It should be a nice day to bring a lunch for after the hike. ***Bring close focusing binoculars if available. We have two pair for sharing the experience.***

April 30 (Sat.) 10:00 a.m. - “NATURAL HISTORY WALK”

Today's walk with Barbara Peck will encompass wildlife on the Preserve: including plants, animals, birds and butterflies. Barbara has a Masters in Wildlife Biology and Ecology and she's very familiar with Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve. ***Bring binoculars if you have them. We have some binoculars to share.***

May 1 (Sun.) 10 a.m. – “GEOLOGY”

Kody Shellhouse, a geologist with the Bureau of Land Management, will take us on an easy two-mile stroll along old roads and trails near Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve. Enjoy the fresh air and exercise while you learn about the rocky history of the local area.

***** This hike meets at the yellow steel gate, on the south side of Clear Creek Road, about 6 miles west of highway 273. (1 mile east of HCCP parking area.)**

May 15 (Sun.) 1 p.m. -- “NATIVE PLANT IDENTIFICATION AND USES”

Join native Wintu Ted Dawson on a spring walk while he locates, identifies, and explains medicinal and general uses of native plants. Ted consulted and provided technical support at Turtle Bay for Native American exhibits. Today's presentation will include making a natural poison oak remedy. ***Bring a jar to take some home.***

May 21 (Sat.) 11 a.m. - “GOLD RUSH HISTORY WALK”

The community of Horsetown was established near the second major gold discovery in California at Reading's Bar on Clear Creek during the gold rush of 1849. Enjoy a pleasant spring walk with a view of that site with Preserve Board Member Cathy Scott. Learn about our local gold rush history and Horsetown. Bring some friends and walking shoes.

June 4 (Sat.) 2 p.m. – “BUGS ON THE BOTTOM – STREAM BOTTOM ECOLOGY”

Wade the stream with Shasta College instructor Morgan Hannaford, PhD – or watch from shore – as he gathers strange and fascinating insects from their underwater homes. Dr. Hannaford has a passion for teaching all ages, from kindergartners to retirees, and the topic is intriguing. Don't miss this family event. (Wading optional). We will bring extra nets to allow guests, big and small, the opportunity to gather insects.

See our website at HorsetownClearCreekPreserve.org for a trail map and coming events.
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