

# *Fall 2015 events at Horsetown-Clear Creek preserve*

September 19, 2015 (Sat.) 8:00 a.m. - **“TRAIL RECLAMATION PROJECT”**

We've made a lot of progress reclaiming our trails in the southwest portion of the Preserve that were affected by the Clover Fire. Finish work with hand tools is still needed on approximately a mile of trail. Please come out and join us for the morning to get this ready for fall hikers. Bring water and a snack, gloves, and any of the following tools if you have them -- McLeods, shovels, rakes and loppers. We have some extra tools for those without and will have extra water also. We'll be there until we're done and welcome any time you have to share. If you arrive after 8:00 a.m., walk down the trail from the orange gate to the metal bridge (straight past the picnic area).

**Directions: Meet at the HCCP parking area on Clear Creek Road, about 7 miles west of highway 273, just west of the Clear Creek Bridge.**

September 26, (Sat.) 9:00 a.m. - **“NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY CLEAN UP”**

The [Bureau of Land Management](#), Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve, [Western Shasta Resource Conservation District](#) along with numerous volunteer groups will be sponsoring a [National Public Lands Day](#) along the Clear Creek Greenway. Volunteers are asked to help clean up and repair damaged areas along the Greenway. Some of the work will include picking up trash, removing graffiti from rocks and concrete, repairing hiking trails and broken signs, and invasive weed removal. After the work day, volunteers will be treated to a BBQ and Clear Creek Volunteer souvenirs. Be prepared to work, gloves and eye protection will be provided. Volunteers should meet at the Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve Trailhead/Amphitheater by 9:00 a.m., the workday should conclude by about 2:00 p.m. with the BBQ to follow. For more information and to sign up, call BLM at 530 224-2100.

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October 4 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - **“PLANT AND COMMUNITY ECOLOGY WALK”**

Ever wonder what the name of a plant is you were looking at along the trail? Or, maybe you have wondered *why* that plant was growing where it is? Or, maybe you are interested in knowing what functions the plant performs in the ecosystem? We will explore all of these questions on this walk! We will learn to identify some key plants (both native and invasive) in the landscape and how they relate to the community and ecosystem. We will walk along the trail short distances and take time to explore the plant community around us. All ages are encouraged to come explore the ecology of Clear Creek with BLM's Laura Brodhead. Wear walking shoes.

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October 17 (Sat.) 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **“RETURN OF THE SALMON FESTIVAL”**  
Join us at the Coleman National Fish Hatchery for a fun filled educational day. For more information and directions visit <http://www.fws.gov/coleman/>.

October 24 (Sat.) 9:00 a.m. - **“SEARCH FOR THE SPAWNING SALMON”**  
Join Department of Fish & Wildlife biologist Matt Johnson for a walk along Clear Creek to observe spawning salmon – up close! Get up-to-date information about restoration projects on Clear Creek designed to help the salmon and the status of salmon runs in Clear Creek. Don't miss this chance for a personal guided tour. This moderate walk should have it all – exercise, natural beauty, salmon, and intriguing information. Bring *polarized sun glasses* for better visibility into the water and wear walking shoes. FREE.

**Directions:** Meet at the Gold Dredge Trailhead, on the south side of Clear Creek Road about 2 miles west of highway 273, just west of [Sunrise Excavating](#).

October 31 (Sat.) 2:00 p.m. - **“WILD TROUT & FLY FISHING IN CLEAR CREEK”**  
Take a short walk to a gravel bar on a beautiful stretch of stream to see master fly fisherman and amateur entomologist Mike Mercer demonstrate the techniques of “casting a fly”. Mike, manager of The Fly Shop for over 20 years, fishes locally and around the world. He gives an exciting explanation of the facts and secrets of Clear Creek trout and the fly fishing equipment used in the sport. NOT limited to fishermen and NO CHARGE

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November 8 (Sun.) 1:00 p.m. - **“ACORNS: A NATIVE AMERICAN STAPLE”**  
Native Wintu herbalist Ted Dawson will discuss the acorn, from harvest to food items. You'll be invited to join in grinding acorns with mortar and pestle and be rewarded with the best acorn dishes in Shasta County. You're probably aware that acorns were a staple food of the Native Americans of California, but did you know the acorn oil is a remedy for poison oak? Bring the family. NO COST.

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**Children are welcome at all of our events which are all free of charge.**



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