

HORSETOWN-CLEAR CREEK PRESERVE SPRING 2017 EVENTS

March 25, 2017 (Sat.) 9 a.m. -- "TRAIL RECLAMATION PROJECT" (Rain date Tuesday March 28 9 a.m.)

We need help to keep our trail loops in the Preserve affected by the Clover Fire available for use. Please come out and join us for a morning to get this ready for spring hikers. We will bring extra tools and water but ask you to bring gloves, snacks, and any of the following tools if you have them -- McLeods, shovels, rakes and loppers.

April 2 (Sun.) 1 p.m. – "CLEAR CREEK WILDFLOWERS AND WILD PLANTS"

Come walk with David Ledger from the Native Plant Society. Enjoy the beauty of blooming wildflowers, the stimulation of a walk in the country, and learn about plants and nature. Sunday afternoons don't get any better than this. David is very knowledgeable about plants in our area.

April 8 (Sat.) 10 a.m. - "CLOVERDALE WATERFALLS"

Enjoy a pleasant spring morning walking on the Cloverdale property with Don Neptune, HCCP Board member. Come explore the waterfalls and enjoy wonderful views of the Clear Creek canyon. Bring some friends, walking shoes, and water– a moderate walk of 2 to 3 hours!

April 22 (Sat.) 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. – "2017 WHOLE EARTH & WATERSHED FESTIVAL"

Join us at Redding City Hall & Sculpture Park for this annual event organized in part by our friends at the Western Shasta Resource Conservation District. See www.wholeearthhandwatershedfestival.org for more information. This is a great family event with hands-on-learning, music and food.

April 23 (Sun.) 8:30 a.m. - "EARLY BIRD WATCHERS"

Enjoy early morning bird watching with local expert Barbara Peck. Barbara has a Masters in Wildlife Biology and Ecology. She will point out birds and tell us more about them as we stroll over portions of the Preserve. **Bring binoculars if you have them.**

April 30 (Sun.) 9:00 a.m. - "PLANT AND COMMUNITY ECOLOGY WALK"

Explore the plant community around us: why plants grow where they do, what functions they perform and how they relate to the community and ecosystem. Learn to identify some key plants (both native and invasive). All ages are encouraged to explore the ecology of Clear Creek with BLM's Laura Brodhead. Wear walking shoes.

May 7 (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 in.**

May 21 (Sun.) 10 a.m. -- "BUTTERFLIES"

Join butterfly expert Chris Gray on a walk to view local butterflies and the plants that sustain them. A great combination – a springtime stroll spiced up with intriguing facts about a beautiful creature. **Bring close focusing binoculars if available.**

June 11 (Sun.) 1 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).

June 17 (Sat.) 9 a.m. – "ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEANUP"

Volunteers will clean up a stretch of Clear Creek Road around the Preserve for 2 – 3 hours. We provide vests for visibility, tools to pick up small items and garbage bags. Please bring gloves. Lunch/snacks on us afterwards at Carl's Jr in Westwood Village. We do this quarterly.

**ALL events will meet at the HCCP parking area on Clear Creek Road, just west of the Clear Creek Bridge.
*Children are welcome at all of our events and all events are free of charge.***

See our website at HorsetownClearCreekPreserve.org for a trail map and coming events. Contact Horsetownhccp@gmail.com for more information and Like us on Facebook