

NEWS AT HORSETOWN-CLEAR CREEK PRESERVE

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Spring hikes and events were great and we're starting Fall activities soon. Our fall calendar is included. These hikes provide a great opportunity to come out with a group and get acquainted with trails at the Preserve. Bring family and friends to enjoy the outdoors and learn about different topics of interest.

We're excited to let you know that Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve was recently approved for a grant from the State Wildlife Conservation Board. It will fund the Western Shasta Resource Conservation District (WSRCD) to undertake habitat restoration projects for pollinators and wildlife on the Preserve. Bird and bat boxes will be installed and native seeding and planting will occur. The WSRCD will investigate further to determine the feasibility of a couple of hopeful projects.

There is a lot of excitement right now at Horsetown! If you've been getting our newsletters, you know we've been seeking a gold rush era photograph of Horsetown, for more than 30 years. Joe Molter, retired Geologist with BLM, discovered a photo while doing a research project. Watch for more on this wonderful development!

If you enjoy the Preserve and our events and/or appreciate the work we do, please consider volunteering with us, visiting a board meeting or making a tax-deductible donation to Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve. You can donate from our website via PayPal and Thrivent Choice, mail a check to our P.O. Box above or make an online donation on Giving Tuesday. Your generous donations of time and money are the strength behind our advocacy. Our primary support is from individual contributions.

HCCP Board of Directors
Cathy Scott, President

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Fall 2023 Events at Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve

Unless noted with the description, all events start at the HCCP parking area on Clear Creek Road, just west of the Clear Creek Korean Veteran's Bridge.

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

September 16 (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. We meet at the HCCP parking area on Clear Creek Road with lunch/snacks on us afterwards at Carl's Jr in Westwood Village.

September 23 (Sat.) 9 a.m. - “NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY CLEAN UP”

The Bureau of Land Management, Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve, and Western Shasta Resource Conservation District are sponsoring National Public Lands Day along the Lower Clear Creek Greenway. Volunteers are asked to help clean up and repair damaged areas along the Greenway - including picking up trash, removing graffiti, repairing hiking trails, and removing invasive weeds. Please wear closed toe shoes, long pants, and long-sleeve shirts. Gloves and eye protection will be provided. Volunteers should meet at the HCCP trailhead/amphitheater by 9 a.m. A BBQ will follow the workday at 1 p.m. For more information and to sign up, call BLM at 530 224-2100.

October 1, 2023 (Sun.) 10 a.m. -- “GEOLOGY”

Kody Shellhouse, a geologist with the Bureau of Land Management, will take us on a hike around Clear Creek on trails near the Gorge Overlook. Enjoy the fresh air and exercise while you learn about the rocky history of the local area. This is a new location and new topic expanding on what we learned from Kody's walk last spring at a different location.

This hike meets at the BLM Clear Creek Gorge Overlook and Trailhead, on the south side of Clear Creek Road where the Salmon Viewing platform is about 5 miles west of highway 273 between HCCP parking area and the Honeybee Trailhead.

October 14, 2023 (Sat.) 10 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 fall walk with a view of that site with Cathy Scott, Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve Board member. Learn about our local gold rush history and Horsetown. Bring some friends and walking shoes.

October 21 (Sat.) 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. “RETURN OF THE SALMON FESTIVAL”

Join us at the Coleman National Fish Hatchery for a fun filled and educational day. For more information and directions visit www.fws.gov/fish-hatchery/coleman or their Facebook page <https://fb.me/e/2LxQyx1Bh> This is a family friendly event where you can view the fall run Chinook salmon and visit many vendors such as Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve.

This is at the Coleman Fish Hatchery, 24411 Coleman Fish Hatchery Rd., Anderson

October 28 (Sat.) 10 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.

Meet at Gold Dredge Trailhead on Clear Creek Road about 2 miles west of highway 273, just west of Sunrise Excavating.

November 4, (Sat.) 9am – **“INSIDE” THE ROTARY SCREW TRAP & NATURE WALK**

Join us at Horsetown Clear Creek Preserve alongside Fish Biologists from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to learn more about their juvenile salmon conservation and monitoring projects in our area. This is a family friendly event where you can view USFWS rotary screw trap operations on Clear Creek, a project that tracks populations of our local Chinook Salmon. Walk with us as we learn more about conservation and monitoring of Chinook Salmon and steelhead trout, as well as restoration and management efforts happening within the watershed.

November 5 (Sun.) 1 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 there's more -- Bring the family. Today's presentation includes making a natural poison oak remedy. *Bring a jar - take some home.*

November 11 (Sat.) 10 a.m. – **“GEOGRAPHY AND MORE”**

Join Dan Scollon, Shasta College instructor of Geography, GIS and Mapping for a walk and talk that puts Horsetown in the wider context of space and time. He will discuss physical geography, including geology, hydrology and vegetation, in the terms of how HCCP fits into the larger Klamath Mountains region. The human geography of the area will touch on significant periods, from the pre-European history to the present.



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