



BLACK DIAMOND

May and June, 2024 NATURALIST PROGRAMS

To Register for programs call
(888) 327-2757 opt. 2 or visit
our website at
www.ebparks.org/registration

NOTE: All programs meet at Black Diamond Mines upper parking lot unless otherwise noted.

calendar of events

AAPI Heritage Month Table

Saturday, May 4, 2024

9:30am – 11:30am

Come celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month at Black Diamond! We will be hosting a drop-in table near the upper parking lot where we will learn about many of the important contributions by local Chinese communities despite their unfair treatment in the 1800's coal mining country that is now Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve.

NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Mother's Day Craft & Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, May, 12, 2024

10:00am – 12:00pm

Drop by our table to pose for a photo and decorate a frame for your fridge! Afterwards, feel free to take a self-guided scavenger hunt to explore the park. Photo, props and frame materials provided! All ages welcome. Heavy rain will cancel.

NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Mini Miners

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

10:00am – 11:00am

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! Meet in the upper parking lot. Dress with weather in mind. The program will occur outdoors rain or shine.

NO Registration – Drop-In Only

May Mindfulness Walk

Sunday, May 19, 2024

10:00am – 11:30am

Join us for an approx. 1-mile contemplative walk, with moderate incline. You will be guided through different mindfulness prompts to help you become more connected to nature and yourself. Bring water, sturdy shoes, and sun protection. Best for ages 12+.

NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Springtime Snakes

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Sunday, June 2, 2024

2:00pm – 2:45pm

The weather is warming up and the snakes are beginning to venture out again! Meet one of our slithery animal ambassadors, discover what snakes do in the springtime, and prepare for what to do if you see them on the trail. Live snake will be present, weather permitting.

NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Bees, Bats, and Butterflies, Oh My!

Sunday, June 9, 2024

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Come explore the busy world of pollinators! Learn about the different ways these mini, mighty creatures are important to the ecosystem, benefit humans, and how we can help them! Join a short family-friendly walk to search for some pollinators and use what you learn to create your own pollinator craft.

NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Rattlesnake Appreciation Hike

Saturday, June 15, 2024

9:00am – 11:00

Rattlesnakes help keep our parks healthy! Join a Naturalist on a two-hour hike to explore rattlesnake habitat and learn about how these resilient reptiles are vital to the ecosystem. A rattlesnake sighting is not guaranteed. Bring water, snacks, sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.

NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Black Diamond visitors: Please note that there is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee when the kiosk is attended.



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PROGRAMS AT OTHER LOCAL PARKS

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Round Valley Amphibian Table

Round Valley Regional Preserve

Castle Tree Picnic Area

Saturday, May 18, 2024

10:00am – 11:30am

Odds are if you've been to Round Valley you've seen frogs and toads around the creek! Stop by our education table to learn about these awesome amphibians, their important role in this habitat, and why we can look, but should not touch! We will be stationed at the entrance to the Round Valley trails by the parking lot.

NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Peregrine Falcon Spotting

Diablo Foothills/Castle Rock

Peregrine Falcon Panel

Saturday, June 8, 2024

10:00am – 12:00pm

The Diablo Foothills serve as an important habitat for peregrine falcons. At Castle Rock, certain areas are even closed to the public during nesting season. We can't get close, but we can still admire these incredible birds from afar: head up 1 mile up the Stage Road Trail where staff will be stationed with a spotting scope to talk about peregrines and (hopefully) view them in action!

NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Juneteenth Celebration Walk

Thurgood Marshall Regional Park: Home of the Port Chicago 50

South of Bailey Road

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

10:00am – 1:00pm

This Juneteenth, as part of the "Explore Your Parks" series, join us on a guided walk in the future Thurgood Marshall Regional Park: Home of the Port Chicago 50. Celebrate stories of Black history, civil rights, and the fight for freedom on this land. Come ready for a mostly paved 1.5-mile hike with views of Mount Diablo. Please be careful pulling into the park from Bailey Road. No water will be available. Bring plenty of water and dress for full sun and warm weather. Restroom available. Ages 10+.

Registration Required

Meet a Snake!

Round Valley Regional Preserve

Round Valley Parking Lot

Saturday, June 29, 2024

10:00am – 11:00am

Come get up close and personal with a live snake! Learn about behavior, fun facts and how snakes are vital in keeping a healthy habitat for all.

NO Registration – Drop-In Only.

Contact Us

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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Black Birders Week

Various Parks

Sunday, May 26, 2024 – Saturday June 1, 2024

MLK Jr. Shoreline – Arrowhead Marsh Parking

Sunday, May 26, 2024: 9:00am – 11:00am

MLK Jr. Shoreline – Shoreline Center (Conference)

Sunday, May 26, 2024: 11:30am – 2:00pm

Big Break Regional Shoreline – Visitor Center

Monday, May 27, 2024: 9:00am – 11:00am

Hayward Regional Shoreline – W. Winton Ave. Staging Area

Tuesday, May 28, 2024: 9:00am – 11:00am

Pt. Pinol Regional Shoreline – Dotson Family Marsh

Wednesday, May 29, 2024: 9:00am – 11:00am

Temescal Regional Recreation – North End

Thursday, May 30, 2024: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Del Valle Regional Park – Dog Run Trail

Friday, May 31, 2024: 9:00am – 11:00am

Thurgood Marshal Regional Park – South of Bailey Road

Saturday, June 1, 2024: 9:00am – 11:00am

Join us in celebrating Black Birders Week 2024 by getting outside, spending time with your community, and learning about the birds of the East Bay. This week-long program series is a collaboration between Park District Naturalist staff and Park District Black Employee Collective members to create safe spaces for guided discussions about Black Experiences and the outdoors, while exploring and enjoying the parks of the East Bay.

NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Celebrating Pride Month (June)

Various Parks

Sunday, June 2, 2024 – Sunday, June 30, 2024

10:00am – 12:00pm

Black Diamond Mines – Upper Parking Lot

Sunday, June 2, 2024

Diablo Foothills/Castle Rock – Castle Tree Picnic Area

Sunday, June 9, 2024

Radke Martinez Shoreline – end N. Court Street near Marina

Sunday, June 16, 2024

Contra Loma Regional Park – Boat Launch

Sunday, June 23, 2024

Bay Point Regional Shoreline – Trojan Road Staging Area

Sunday, June 30, 2024

Join us this LGBTQ+ Pride Month to celebrate the diversity of our human communities and the diversity of our plant and animal communities. Drop by our table to learn more.

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