



BLACK DIAMOND

November and December, 2024

NATURALIST PROGRAMS

To Register for programs call
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our website at
www.ebparks.org/registration

NOTE: All mine tours meet at the entrance to the Greathouse Visitor Center

calendar of events

Black Diamond Mining History Tour

Saturday & Sunday 10:00am – 11:30am

Beneath these hills is a history of industry, innovation, and perseverance. Join us as we explore both eras of mining that occurred here in the 19th and 20th centuries. Participants will tour both the Coal Mine Experience and the Hazel-Atlas Mine. Age 7+. \$8 each per tour.

Registration Required (#53577)

Hazel-Atlas Sand Mine Tour

Saturday & Sunday 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Hard as rock, fragile as glass. In the early 20th century, the Hazel-Atlas Mine was a critical link in the process to create glass. Discover the stories of the miners who removed the rock that once was an ancient sea bed and is now part of your everyday life. Age 7+. \$5 each per tour.

Registration Required (#53576)

Coal Mine Experience

Saturday & Sunday 3:00pm – 3:30pm

In the late 19th century, people from around the world arrived here in search of a new life and new opportunities. Deep beneath the surface was a rock that would power the young state of California. Discover the toils, triumphs, and tragedies embedded in these hills as we explore a replica coal mine. Age 7+.

\$3 each per tour.

Registration Required (#53580)

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Veterans Day Mine Tours

Monday, November 11, 2024
10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, and 2:30pm

Green Friday Mine Tours

Friday, November 29, 2024
10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, and 2:30pm

Celebrate Veterans Day and Green Friday by visiting your regional parks. Black Diamond's Greathouse Visitor Center is open and offering Coal Mine Experience Tours throughout the day! Join staff for an exploration of the underground here at Black Diamond Mines. In the late 19th century, people from around the world arrived here in search of a new life and new opportunities. Deep beneath the surface was a rock that would power the young state of California. Discover the toils, triumphs, and tragedies embedded in these hills as we explore a replica coal mine. Must be 7+ years old to attend the mine tour. Hard hats will be provided. Please be prepared for hot temperatures outside, and cool temperatures underground. 4 mine tours will be offered throughout the day: 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, and 2:30pm. No advanced registration. Tours can be booked in person in the Greathouse Visitor Center, starting at 10:00am when it opens. Tours will be booked on a first come, first served basis. Tour maximum is 15 people. No waitlists. The fee for the tour is \$3.00 per person.

No-registration required. Drop-in program only.

Vasco Caves Regional Preserve Tours

Saturday, November 2, 2024
Sunday, November 3, 2024
Saturday, November 16, 2024
Sunday, November 17, 2024
9:00am – 1:00pm

Join us in celebrating National Native American Heritage Month by hiking 2-3 miles through this windswept land to learn about how this land is sacred to local California Indian communities and is a refuge for golden eagles, fairy shrimp, and tiger salamanders. The preserve is accessible only through guided tours. Due to the sensitivity of natural and cultural resources within Vasco Caves Regional Preserve, all tours will meet at Round Valley Regional Preserve and participants will take a bus into the park. Photos are prohibited. Age 10+.

\$35 Adults/Children

\$40 Non-Residents

Registration Required (#53763)

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Mini Miners

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Tuesday, December 10, 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! Dress with weather in mind. The program will occur outdoors rain or shine.

November: Signs of Fall

December: Animal Adaptations

NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Wonderful Winter Adaptions

Sunday, December 8, 2024

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Sunday, December 29, 2024

9:30am – 11:30am

The seasons are beginning to change! Through hands-on crafts and activities, come learn about the adaptations that the plants and animals of Black Diamond do to survive the winter season. Drop by any time during the program. If it is raining, find us underground in the Greathouse Visitor Center.

NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Pining for Pine Trees

Saturday, December 14, 2024

10:00am – 12:00pm

Longing to learn about pines? Join us on a 2-mile, moderate hike at beautiful Black Diamond Mines to learn about these special evergreens and how to tell them apart! Wear sturdy shoes, bring a water bottle and dress for the weather. Meet in the upper parking lot.

Rain may cancel.

NO Registration – Drop-In Only

Winter Birding

Thurgood Marshall

South of Bailey Road Entrance

Sunday, December 22, 2024

8:00am – 11:00am

Winter is for the birds! Join us to learn about and observe our flying feathered friends as they inhabit and visit the East Bay. Look for local and visiting species, observe bird behavior and adaptations, and learn how to record your observations and contribute to community science. We will walk 2 to 3 miles on paved, gravel and dirt trails. Great for beginning birders! Bring binoculars if you have them; we will have a few extras available for use. Ages 8+.

Registration Required (#53790)

Cemetery Stroll

Saturday, December 28, 2024

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Start at the upper parking lot and follow the guiding info panels up to the Rose Hill Cemetery. At 2:00pm you will meet costumed staff at the entrance to the Cemetery to regale you with stories of many a miner, their mate, and tales of tragic fate. Wear sturdy shoes, sun protection, and bring a water bottle. Rain may cancel.

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