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Swainson's Hawk Area Protected along Cosumnes River and Deer Creek Adds 129 protected acres near Sloughouse

SVC recently worked with Jeffrey Sherbakoff and Sacramento County to protect Swainson's hawk foraging area next to the Cosumnes River and Deer Creek near Sloughouse. The project put 129 acres under the protection of a permanent conservation easement held by SVC and adds to hundreds of protected acres for hawks to forage along the Cosumnes River near Rancho Murieta and Sloughouse.

"We've worked to preserve this special place for a long time," said Jeffrey Sherbakoff. "We are proud to protect resources for wildlife between the Cosumnes River and Deer Creek."

"Sacramento County's contribution of Swainson's hawk mitigation fees represents our on-going commitment to cooperate with willing sellers and established conservation partners in securing permanently protected foraging habitat for the hawk", said John Lundgren, Senior Planner for Sacramento County.

SVC partners with The Nature Conservancy, the American River Conservancy, the Cosumnes Coalition, The Conservation Fund and the Resources Legacy Fund to help provide homes for the

many critters that live along the Cosumnes River and Deer Creek and for benefit of future generations.

The Cosumnes remains the last, main undamed river on the western slope of the Sierra (except for some smaller diversions). Rare riparian Valley Oak woodlands and active

farmland still surround the Cosumnes thanks to the work of many conservation partners. The River still spreads out over its floodplain in wet times of year. The River provides spawning and rearing habitat for endangered chinook salmon. SVC and our partners work to make sure there will be enough water in the River and Creek for salmon and in the ground for local farmers.



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Treasures of the Valley Save the Date 2018

Last call for sponsors and auction donations

Please join SVC board, staff, docents, local partners and the many supporters who have helped permanently protect more than 18,000 acres of open space in the Sacramento Valley region since 1990. This annual farm to fork event is a social evening of live music, wine, craft beer, a silent auction, and finely prepared foods from local farms and ranches protected by SVC.

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When: Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018 5:30 - 8pm

Where: Camp Pollock, 1501 Northgate Blvd., Sac., CA 95815

Cost: \$50 advance, \$60 at the door

Info: www.SacValleyConservancy.org or 916/731-8798



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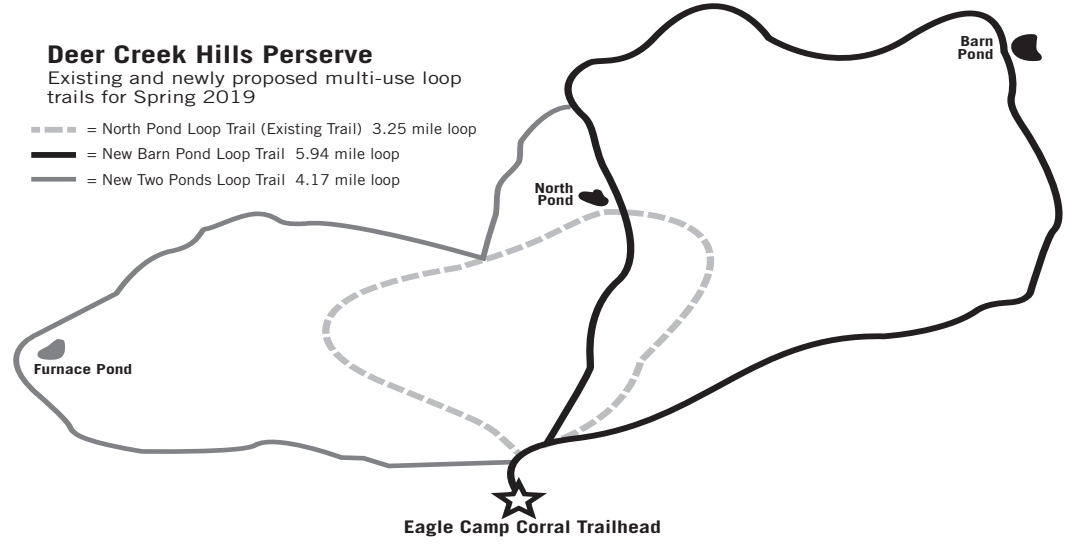
Fall 2018

New Trails at Deer Creek Hills! - Thanks to REI

SVC has been generously awarded a \$7,500 grant from local REI stores to help support outdoor recreation at Deer Creek Hills! Thanks to this funding, SVC will be adding two new self-guided loops to the 4,600-acre Deer Creek Hills Preserve. The new trails will include a 4-mile and 6-mile option, which will not only be great for long-distance hikers, but will complement our new trail running program, Run the Trails! In establishing these

new trails, we will need the help of volunteers with trail maintenance experience. If you or anyone you know have experience and would like to help with this project, please contact us at: outreach@sacramentovalleyconservancy.org

We are excited to get to work and establish two more ways in which visitors can experience all the beauty that Deer Creek Hills has to offer!



Reserve Camp Pollock for Your Next Event

2018 Holiday Parties and Spring 2019 Calendar – Now Booking

Camp Pollock is an 11-acre gem located just north of downtown Sacramento along the American River, off Highway 160. The beautifully remodeled Myrtle Johnston Lodge has a magnificent two-story stone fireplace,

Rates start at \$4 per person plus additional fees. Save \$1 per person on 2018 reservations! Visit the Camp Pollock section of our website for more information and complete pricing. Nonprofits are eligible for a special discounted rate. Email us for details: info@sacramentovalleyconservancy.org



New this year: California State Agencies, we have your insurance on file. No need to worry about obtaining coverage, and we'll give you \$25 off since it's less paperwork for SVC staff to review. Use code "CAGOV25" at checkout.

Camp Pollock is open to the public every day, sunrise to sunset: 1501 Northgate Boulevard in Sacramento.

wraparound porch, and rustic feel. The 1924 architecture has been updated with ADA-compliant restrooms, central heat and air conditioning, and new floors.

The covered river deck includes ceiling fans for warmer weather and optional space heaters for the cooler months. The courtyard is great for picnics, too!

Stop by and get a feel for the property. Parking is always free. If you'd like to tour the lodge, come by during our monthly open house on the first Thursday of the month from 5:30-6:30pm.

Get a beautiful, affordable venue for your next event while supporting your local land trust!

Docent Spotlight

David Rhodes and New Program Run the Trails!

Summer at Deer Creek Hills has seen another successful season of Monday Mountain Biking! Thanks to our passionate and dedicated biking docents (Jim Carr, Billy Claypool, Greg Tenorio, Chris Moffitt, David Rhodes, Bob Horowitz), we've had many fun and safe afternoons out on the trails. Visitors enjoyed the vast grasslands, colorful sunsets, and good company of fellow bikers and friends. During one of our Monday night rides, Docent David Rhodes expressed his other passion: Trail Running. With his help and the help of new docent, Phil Clevenger, we were able to launch our very first docent-led trail running program, Run the Trails!, on September 8th. The first run was a great success and we are excited to have more guided runs throughout the Fall and Spring seasons at Deer Creek Hills. A special thank you to David Rhodes, who not only helped launch Run the Trails! but has also been a committed docent with SVC for 10 years. David Rhodes loves spending as many Monday nights on the trails as possible, enjoying the beauty and peace of the 4,600

acre preserve. One of his favorite things about being a docent is his ability to share Deer Creek Hills history with visitors and hear them say, "Wow, I didn't even know this was here!" when giving them tours. We are grateful to have him and all the other docents as volunteers and are always welcoming new passionate, positive enthusiasts to join the docent team.



Make sure you keep an eye out on the calendar for more Run the Trails! outings and don't forget to stop by and hike the self-guided loop, now open every Saturday from 9am-1pm, October through November!

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Save the Date for TOV 2018

Meet a like-minded supporter while a vineyard rep fills your keepsake wine glass with a sample of the latest blend, then place your bid for one of the many silent auction items displayed around the fireplace. Perhaps you'll go home with theater tickets, some native plants for your yard, a private guided hike through a nature preserve, or a basket of wine. Satisfy your sweet tooth with gelato from Conscious Creamery (yep, they're back by popular demand), or grab a chocolate chip walnut cookie courtesy of the Sacramento Natural Foods Co-op and wash it down with a cold glass of walnut milk from Mariani Family Orchards. Don't forget to enjoy the spread of heavy appetizers from Hannibal's Catering,

including locally sourced meats and vegetables. It's sure to be a fun night for everyone.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$50 each and sponsorship opportunities are still available if you would like to be recognized for supporting open space conservation. All donations support the Conservancy's efforts to preserve beautiful oak woodlands, rare wetlands, working farms and ranches, homes for wildlife, trails for hiking, areas for seasonal flooding, and outdoor classrooms for kids. Celebrate the success that YOU made possible, and help SVC protect even more open space, for all!

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Swainson's Hawk Area Protected

The Cosumnes and Deer Creek floodplain system allows Valley Oaks (who like "wet feet") to thrive, along with spawning salmon and many birds who rely on the forest and floodplain for nesting and resting sites and for food. Sandhill cranes use

the farmlands to rest and forage in the winter on their migration route. Swainson's hawks nest in the tall trees and forage in the surrounding farmland and grasslands.

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October 2018 - March 2019 Calendar

October 2018

Mon. Oct 1	4:30pm - 8pm	Monday MTB Rides
Thur. Oct 4	6pm - 8pm	Concerts in the Parkway: Garage Openers
Sat. Oct 6	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes
Sat. Oct 6	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Mon. Oct 6	4pm - 8pm	Monday MTB Rides
Sat. Oct 13	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. Oct 13	8:30am - 11am	Monthly MTB Tour
Sat. Oct 13	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes
Sat. Oct 13	8am - 5pm	Wilderness First Aid with NOLS and REI
Mon. Oct 15	4pm - 8pm	Monday MTB Rides
Sat. Oct 20	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. Oct 20	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes
Mon. Oct 22	4pm - 8pm	Monday MTB Rides
Sat. Oct 27	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes
Sat. Oct 27	8am - 11am	Run the Trails!
Sat. Oct 27	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Mon. Oct 29	4pm - 8pm	Monday MTB Rides

November 2018

Sat. Nov 3	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. Nov 3	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes
Thur. Nov 8	5:30pm - 8pm	Treasures of the Valley Celebration

Sat. Nov 10	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. Nov 10	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes
Sat. Nov 17	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. Nov 17	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes
Sat. Nov 24	10am - 2pm	Thanksgiving Equestrian Ride
Sat. Nov 24	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes

December 2018

Sat. Dec 1	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. Dec 8	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. Dec 15	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. Dec 22	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. Dec 29	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day

January 2019

Sat. Jan 5	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. Jan 12	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. Jan 19	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. Jan 26	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day

February 2019

Sat. Feb 2	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. Feb 2	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes
Sat. Feb 2	9am - 1pm	Equestrian Ride
Sat. Feb 9	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day

Sat. Feb 9	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes
Sat. Feb 16	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. Feb 16	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes
Sat. Feb 16	9am - 1pm	Equestrian Ride
Sat. Feb 23	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. Feb 23	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes
Sat. Feb 23	9am - 1pm	Birds in Nature Hike

March 2019

Sat. Mar 2	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. Mar 2	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes
Sat. Mar 2	3:30pm - 6pm	Equestrian Sunset Ride
Sat. Mar 9	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. Mar 9	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes
Sat. Mar 16	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. Mar 16	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes
Sat. Mar 16	9am - 1pm	Equestrian St. Patrick's Day Ride
Sat. Mar 16	9am - 1pm	Natural History Hike
Sat. Mar 23	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. Mar 23	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes
Sat. Mar 30	9am - 1pm	Camp Pollock Volunteer Day
Sat. Mar 30	9am - 1pm	Deer Creek Hills Open Hikes
Sat. Mar 30	9am - 1pm	Birds in Nature Hike

Check out all of SVC's events on our Online Calendar at
www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp