

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2013

Please join Sacramento Valley Conservancy for the 2013 Season at Deer Creek Hills
Special events listed below. The Preserve is always open February-October for hiking Every Saturday morning and Sunday Sunset and starting in June Monday Nite Mountain Bike Rides. Check our website for open hours.
Birding and History outings every month - birding starts at 7am on docent led hike days.

Sat.	Mar. 30, 7pm – 11pm	Full Moon Equestrian Ride
Sat.	Apr. 20, 8:30am – 1pm	Spring Service Project
Sat.	Apr. 27, 7am – 11am	Riparian Birding at Cummings-Stathos
Sat.	Apr. 27, 9am – 1pm	Wildflowers of DCH
Sat.	Apr. 27, 9am – 1pm	Early Settlers at DCH History Hike
Sun.	Apr. 28, 10am – 2pm	Equestrian Ride
Sat.	May 4, 9am – 1pm	Cowboy Breakfast
Thur.	May 16, 5:30pm – 7:30pm	Twilight Wine and Cheese Celebration
Sat.	May 25, 7am – 11am	Oak Woodland and Pond Birding
Sat.	May 25, 9am – 1pm	Grinding Holes to Cattle Brands History Hike
Thur.	June 6, 5:30pm	Summer Sunset *Glamp-Out at Camp Pollock
Sat.	June 22, 7:30am – 10am	Mountain Biking
Sat.	July 27, 7:30am – 10am	Mountain Biking
Sat.	Aug. 10, 7pm – 11pm	Sunset Hike-Bat Night-Astronomy Night
Sat.	Aug. 24, 7:30am – 10am	Mountain Biking
Sat.	Sep. 28, 7:30am – 10am	Mountain Biking
Thur.	Oct. 24, 5:30pm – 8pm	Treasures of the Valley Silent Auction
Sat.	Oct. 19, 8:30am – 1pm	Autumn Service Project
Sat.	Oct. 26, 7:30am – 10am	Mountain Biking
Thurs.	Nov. 28, Time TBA	FREE Thanksgiving Esquestrian Ride

Hikers/Riders/Bikers should meet at Latrobe and Stone House Rds (north of Hiway 16 or Jackson Rd. and west of Rancho Murietta). Both roads can be accessed off of Jackson Rd.

Weather is unpredictable, so please bring layers of clothing for all weather types. Water, light snacks and a hat for warmth and shade are also suggested. Heavy rain and/or wind will cancel hike and equestrian outings. There is active cattle grazing at Deer Creek Hills, and the conditions of hiking routes vary and may include stream or fence crossings and uneven terrain.

Three ways to Register

- 1) www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp
 - 2) Contact Gina Silvernale, Outreach Coordinator at 916/612-3719
 - 3) outreach@sacramentovalleyconservancy.org
- Tour size is limited for your enjoyment.

Season Passes

Deer Creek Hills Season Passes and SVC Gift Memberships are available at www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org or call 916/731-8798.

June 6, 2013 at 5:30pm

1st Annual **Summer Sunset Glamp*-Out** Event at Camp Pollock

(*glamping: shorthand for glamorous/luxury camping - from the Urban Dictionary)

Join us on the bank of the American River for a fun evening of starry skies, tasty glamping fare and great company.

Sponsorships \$1,000 (Paddler); \$2,500 (Glamper); \$5,000 (Birder) or \$10,000 (Bonfire) - tickets are \$50.

Donate online at www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org by clicking "Donate Now" button and indicate "Glamp-Out" in the Tribute line. Your donation will support the Conservancy's effort to provide youth camping and outdoor classrooms, preserve beautiful oak woodlands, rare wetlands, local working farms and ranches, homes for wildlife, trails for hiking, and native plant restoration.

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Deer Creek Hills Expansion Done Over a Mile of Deer Creek Added

Sacramento Valley Conservancy in March 2013 completed the addition of 375 acres to the Deer Creek Hills Preserve, including over a mile of Deer Creek to provide wildlife with water and you and future generations with incredibly scenic recreation opportunities. You made this possible, with the partnership of the Mother Lode Land Trust, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife-Wildlife Conservation Board, the County of Sacramento and the US Army Corps of Engineers-National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Deer herds, including bucks, prance regularly across the blue oak-studded hills. Golden eagles soar over Deer Creek canyon. Bobcats, bats, bugs, birds and many other critters drink at Deer Creek and call this home. Join us on May 16 at 5:30 for wine and cheese and a sunset stroll next to the creek. See inside and sign up at www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org/calendar.asp.

Mother Lode Land Trust is now an ownership partner at Deer Creek Hills and Sacramento Valley Conservancy remains the manager of the entire Preserve (both as an owner and through management leases). Deer Creek Hills does not receive any public funds for management – we rely on the grazing revenue and support from the community (You!) to make our youth, hiking, equestrian and mountain biking programs possible.

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Camp Pollock Open to the Public Former Boy Scout Camp Added to Parkway

Sacramento Valley Conservancy, in partnership with the State Lands Commission, acquired Camp Pollock from the Golden Empire Council of the Boy Scouts of America in January 2013. This new 11-acre acquisition is on the bank of the American River, just 5 minutes north of downtown Sacramento, west of Hwy 160. It is open dawn to dusk for day access, and for lodge use and youth group camping (including Scouts) every day – see www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org and click on "Camp Pollock" for more information and to make reservations for lodge and camping use.



The Camp Pollock Lodge, circa 1924 – now open for community events.
 Credit: Golden Empire Council, Boy Scouts of America

The site allows SVC to provide our YES (Youth, Education and Stewardship) groups direct access to the American River, 5 minutes from many of their

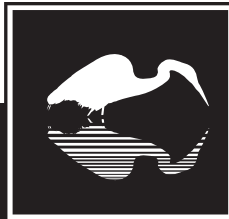
homes, and maybe for many the first time to dip their toe in the American River. The lodge was built in 1924 by the Lion's Club for the boy scouts, has a two-story stone fireplace and a wonderful deck overlooking the river. We need help to complete required lodge repairs and to install a native plant garden and courtyard – our total fundraising goal is \$500,000. See inside for how you can help match the \$150,000 we have received from the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency and the \$50,000 we have received from Wells Fargo in partnership with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Or, call Aimee Rutledge, Executive Director at 916-425-5879.

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Spring 2013

Come outside and join us this spring!

Deer Creek Hills is open every Saturday morning and every Sunday evening for hiking.

Starting in June – Deer Creek Hills is open every Monday Nite for Mountain Biking.

Camp Pollock Volunteer Days – Every Saturday from 9am-1pm. Come help out!

New Birding & History Outings, Moonlight Rides, Cowboy Breakfast and Sunset Wine & Cheese

April 27 – Join us at 7am for Riparian Birding on Deer Creek – See the newest part of the Deer Creek Hills Preserve, or at 9am for an Early Settlers Hike at Deer Creek Hills.

May 4 – Giddy-up to the popular Cowboy Breakfast – reserve early for this free event with an optional docent-led hike or equestrian ride after we serve you morning victuals at the corral!

May 16 – Sunset wine and cheese and hosted hike along Deer Creek at the newest part of the Deer Creek Hills Preserve.

May 25 – Join us at 7am for Oak Woodland and Pond Birding at Deer Creek Hills or at 9am for a Grinding Holes to Cattle Brands Hike at Deer Creek Hills.

SVC and Sac Regional Conservation Corps

Partners to Restore Deer Creek Hills

SVC and the Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps continue to work hard at restoring the Deer Creek Hills Preserve. Forty acres of yellow star thistle were removed and replaced with native Purple Needlegrass, our official California State grass! Trail markers

were installed on the North Pond Loop/Self-Guided Trail. Fencing is being installed on Latrobe Road, the dirt road which runs through the middle of Deer Creek Hills and is open to vehicle traffic, to prevent damage to the shoulders from vehicle activity.

Camp Pollock ... (continued from page 1)

Over 15 service days, over 300 volunteers putting in over 1,000 volunteer hours have already helped us, including special thanks to the Woodlake Neighborhood Association and Wells Fargo.

How You Can Help

Camp Pollock Service Days – Every Saturday from 9am to 1pm

Pitch in with a Service Day or two – at Camp Pollock!

Join other like-minded people to help upgrade camping areas, assemble a courtyard with an interpretive native plant garden, construct picnic tables, paint to help spruce up benches, parking area and entrance and much more! Saturday Service days will continue every week, until further notice.

Rainy conditions will cancel Service Project.

Wish list

SVC can use the following: Rakes, Shovels, Home Depot or, better yet!, Cook's ACE Hardware gift cards, Volunteers of all types, but especially with construction experience, including plumbing and electri-

cal, Decomposed Granite, Native Plants, Local Bands to Play at Upcoming Monthly Concerts

Upcoming Events – Sponsor Us!

June 6 from 5:30pm until long after the stars come out . . .

1st Annual Summer Sunset "Glamp* Out *Glamping-glamorous/luxury camping (Urban Dictionary)

Join us for a fun evening of star gazing, tasty glamping fare, and great company.

See Back Page and www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org for information, sponsorships and tickets.

Deer Creek ... (continued from page 1)

Over 1,000 people and youth (over 40 classrooms) visited in 2012, and with it now open every Saturday morning, for Sunday Sunsets and for MondayNite mountain biking starting in June, we hope to constantly increase access – spread the word and join us! See inside and our Facebook site (just Google "Sacramento Valley Conservancy, Facebook" – don't have to be a member!) for photos of the fun and beauty available at Deer Creek Hills.



Photograph by Gina Silvernale

What kind of skull is this? See Skull answer below



Come out and join us at the International Mountain Biking Association for trail building! Sign up at www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org

Skull answer: Turkey Vulture



Photograph by Cathy Dedrick

How fast can we run?

SVC YES (Youth, Education and Stewardship) kids from Sierra Enterprise Elementary hit their stride at Deer Creek Hills.



Photograph by Gina Silvernale

Cowboy Breakfast Ride 2012

Will you join us for our Cowboy Breakfast on May 4, 2013? See back page or sign up at www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org.

Donations Form

YES!

I want to make a difference and help create a legacy for the future and preserve Sacramento's beautiful open space, natural habitat and agriculture.

Gifts to the Sacramento Valley Conservancy are tax deductible. If you would like more information, please call (916) 492.0908 or email us at info@sacramentovalleyconservancy.org

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