

Why are California Oaks Important?

Homes for Plants and Animals

Up to 4000 species of plants and animals can be supported by an oak forest.

Oaks provide food, shelter, & nesting opportunities for wildlife.

The acorn provides a food source for many species.

Healthy Environment and Healthy People

Oaks help maintain air quality by using CO² & giving off oxygen.

Oaks help preserve water quality by filtering storm water runoff.

Healthy oak grasslands help stop erosion and reduce fire risk.

Blue oaks create islands of better soil quality under their canopies.

ABOUT THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY CONSERVANCY

The Sacramento Valley Conservancy is a private, non-profit land trust founded in 1990 on two basic principles – that open lands are necessary for quality of life and that we must save land today so future generations may enjoy its benefits tomorrow. SVC buys land only from willing sellers, and works cooperatively with private land-owners and public and private funding sources to create win-win solutions. More information about SVC, including the East Sacramento Blue Oak Hills Area project, our Sacramento Prairie Vernal Pool Area, the Dry Creek Parkway, and other projects can be found on the organization's website: www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org. Donations can be made to SVC at P.O. Box 163351; Sacramento, CA 95816 or call 916/492-0908.

Thanks to the following agencies and organizations for their support:

- Wildlife Conservation Board
- California Department of Fish & Game
- California Department of Parks & Recreation
- American River Conservancy
- Amador Land Trust
- The County of Sacramento
- California Department of Fire & Forestry
- Central California Regional Water Control Board
- California Releaf Grant Program
- Great Valley Center
- A. Teichert & Son Inc.
- Sacramento Tree Foundation
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How Can You Help Take Care of Our Oak Woodlands?

The Sacramento Valley Conservancy is conducting an outreach process to identify opportunities to save oak woodlands on both public and private lands. **We need your input to help save our oak woodlands and rangelands.** Our challenge is to find ways to balance the needs of oaks and traditional cattle ranches with the rapid incursion of development. The Conservancy works with ranchers, other land owners, developers, public agencies and YOU! Below are public and private programs/funding sources that can help you care for, and save our oaks and rangeland. Come to our workshops and join our tours to find out more!

Sacramento Valley Conservancy (916) 492-0908
www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org

Amador Land Trust (209) 223-1846, (209) 304-3412
www.carcd.org/wisp/amador/index.htm

American River Conservancy (530) 621-1224
www.arconservancy.org/contactus.htm

The land trusts in Sacramento, Amador & El Dorado Counties work with land owners and willing sellers to protect natural resources, working farms and ranches, and help get access to grant programs

California Rangeland Trust (916) 444-2096
www.rangelandtrust.org/contactus.html

California Oak Foundation (510) 763-0282
www.californiaoaks.org

Strategies for oak and rangeland protection that can also help you with your taxes, plus great links to other organizations

Wildlife Conservation Board (916) 445-8448
www.wcb.ca.gov

Oak Woodland Conservation and Rangeland Protection Programs includes funding to save land and conduct public outreach encouraging stewardship

US Bureau of Reclamation (916) 978-5052

www.usbr.gov/mp/mp150/cvpep/

Central Valley Project Improvement Act Habitat Restoration Program information & funding

US Fish & Wildlife Service (916) 414-6600
www.Sacramento.fws.gov

Central Valley Project Conservation Program (916) 414-6457

Funding to save oaks and rangeland (works jointly with USBR program)

Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program (916) 414-6446

Funding for farm & ranch improvements such as stock ponds, fencing, trails & vegetation

California Department of Conservation (916) 324-0850

www.consrv.ca.gov/DLRP/index.htm

Williamson Act & CA Farmland Conservancy Program (916) 324-0850

Tax support & funding for agricultural land planning

www.consrv.ca.gov/DLRP/cfp/

California Department of Fire and Forestry (916) 653-8286

www.fire.ca.gov/ResourceManagement/ForestryAssistance.asp

Forest Legacy and other Forest Stewardship Programs-provide funding to save oaks and assist with oak woodlands management, planning and forest improvements, especially in fire hazard areas

US Department of Agriculture/Farm Service Agency

Sac/Amador Office (916) 714-1104, Ext. 2

www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation

Conservation Reserve Program- (Call general USDA number above)

Funding for planting of vegetation to prevent erosion and wildlife enhancement

Federal Rangeland Protection Program- (Call general USDA number above)

Funding to save oak woodlands and rangelands

Natural Resources Conservation Service (916) 714-1104 or (530) 792-5653

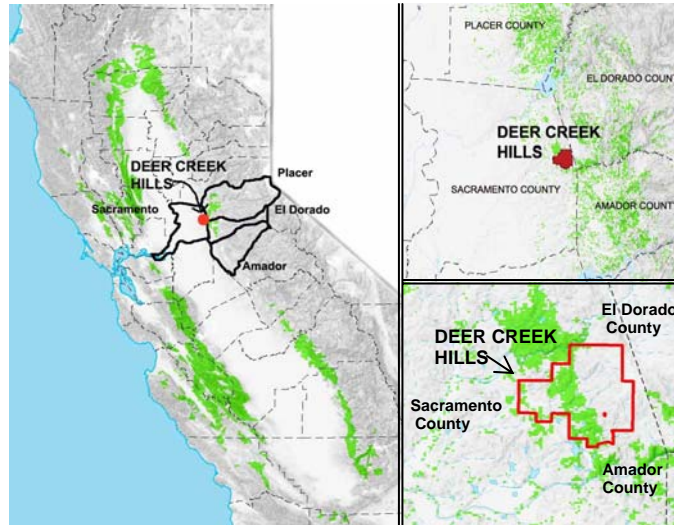
www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/programs

Wetlands Reserve Program (916) 322-2493

Focused funding for various preservation & protection projects on farm and ranch lands with wetland areas

www.dfg.ca.gov/whdab/html/cnddb.html

California Blue Oaks Range & Deer Creek Hills Preserve Area



Deer Creek Hills Master Plan

The Sacramento Valley Conservancy needs your input to help protect our oak woodlands and determine future uses at the Deer Creek Hills Preserve. The Conservancy owns the Blue Oak Woodland Preserve, in partnership with the County of Sacramento, the California Department of Fish and Game, and the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The Conservancy manages the site with input from the local ranchers, adjacent land owners and the general public. Uses at the Preserve will include habitat preservation, cattle grazing and public use.

The maps to the left show the extent of the Blue Oak habitat range with a detail of the Sacramento, El Dorado and Amador County area. This habitat range is currently under substantial development pressure. The Deer Creek Hills Master Plan can serve as a model for how to save and care for our oak woodlands and can help forge the long term needed relationships with ranchers, other land owners, nonprofits, educational and research institutions, and public agencies.

You are invited to see and experience blue oaks woodlands by coming on the Conservancy's docent-led hikes!

See: www.sacramentovalleyconservancy.org for our tour schedule. Call (916) 731-8798 to schedule special or school tours, or to volunteer as a docent.

How to Hike Carefully With Oaks & Cattle

Remember for now, you must attend a docent-led hike to access Deer Creek Hills. When on our hikes, by following a few simple rules, you will help keep our tours pleasant for all to experience.

Please:

- Remember to stay on existing trails.
- Respect private property. If property is marked or obviously private, do not trespass.
- Leave no trace and keep trail clean - carry out your own trash. Feel free to pickup after others who are less considerate.
- Do not pick any plants
- Respect wildlife in general but be aware of potential encounters with rattlesnakes, ticks or large mammals including mountain lions, bobcats and deer
- Keep dogs on a leash and clean up after them.
- No motorized vehicles.
- Share the trails - be courteous
- Learn to identify and avoid poison oak — potentially present in all wooded areas!!
- Do not disturb cattle. Move slowly and away from them to avoid direct encounters if possible.
- Avoid very wet and muddy conditions.
- Obey gate closures and signs.
- Pass others with care. Let others know you are about to pass.
- Respect the rights of others, regardless of their mode, speed or skill level.
- Do not block the trail.

