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Preserve at Alder Creek

to benefit Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle

The Alder Creek Preserve is the first link on the north end of the planned 10,000-acre corridor that connects the American River Parkway with the Deer Creek Hills Preserve. The first part of the Alder Creek Parkway and Preserve will be protected by a conservation easement to be held by SVC.

An additional component of the project is a preserve for the benefit of the listed Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle (VELB). All as part of Easton Development Company's Glenborough at Easton project, future phases of the Alder Creek Preserve will connect to the American River Parkway and provide the first part of the link on the north end of SVC's planned 13-mile and 10,000-acre ranching and wildlife corridor. This corridor will ultimately connect with the American River and Cosumnes River watersheds and will connect the American River Parkway to SVC's Deer Creek Hills Preserve. As the project progresses, over 200 acres will be preserved within Alder Creek between the exits of Folsom Blvd. and Prairie City Road south of Highway 50. A trail that will be an extension of the American River Parkway will be built, along with an interpretive center. The Alder Creek Parkway is adjacent to Folsom development land to the east that will provide more open space (over 300 acres) and a trail linkage from Prairie City Road to White Rock Road. Teichert and Granite Construction have agreed to donate land south of White Rock Road for the trail and ranching and habitat corridor. SVC is working to protect the last links between these properties and the Deer Creek Hills Preserve. We've come a long way in 25 years – your support will help us get the rest of the way and complete the corridor and trail extension in the next 25!



Equestrian riders at ACTHA event

Alexis Braly Photography

Great Giving!

Local Groups Step Up!

BIG Day of Giving raised over \$13,000 for SVC! On May 5th, more than 100 communities gather for one BIG Day of Giving. In Sacramento, you rallied to support our local nonprofits with 36,531 gifts, totaling \$5,613,799.02 for 529 local nonprofits! During this time SVC received an 121 gifts, totaling \$13,065. Thank you for your continued support of the Sacramento Valley Conservancy. We hope you will join us for next year's Big Day of Giving, set for Tuesday, May 3rd 2016.

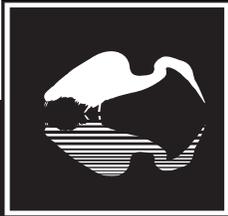


SVC Equestrian Docents and ACTHA (American Competitive Trail Horse Association) came together for a day of fun and safe equestrian obstacle competition, benefiting 3 local groups; the SVC, Horses Healing Heroes of Herald and Wild Burro & Horse Sanctuary in Shingletown. Thanks to the SVC Equestrian Volunteers: Cherri Heinze, Pam Murphy and David Jones. Many other volunteers who helped make the ride a success included, Denise Schell, Linda

Standish, Mary K Kravitz, Pam Rader, Monica Gomez and family, Tracee Eaton, Sheena Moreno, Tristan Heinze and Marc McMurray. The riders collected more than \$1,000! Huge thanks to all of SVC's equestrian supporters.

REI (Recreational Equipment Incorporated) gives \$10,000 grant to SVC for Camp Pollock and Deer Creek Hills projects. These funds will help SVC improve our native plant garden and river walk by expanding interpretive signage, upgrading restrooms at Camp Pollock, as well as removing invasive plants at Deer Creek Hills with our "Weed the People" volunteer corps and completion of the North Pond Trail Loop.





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Summer 2015

FATRAC Partners with SVC

to make Sacramento County's largest mountain biking area more accessible!

FATRAC, or Folsom Auburn Trail Riders Action Coalition, has partnered with SVC to promote and help run mountain biking events at Deer Creek Hills Preserve. At over 4000 acres, Deer Creek Hills Preserve is Sacramento's largest open space open for mountain biking. FATRAC currently does much of the trail stewardship on many of the Sacramento area's most popular trails including; Hidden Falls, Forest Hill Divide Loop, Darrington/Salmon Falls Trail, South Fork American River Trail, Cronan Ranch, South Lake Natoma, and Granite Bay. Explore these trails by bike, horse, or on foot any day of the week or volunteer and receive trail stewardship training during one of FATRAC's many volunteer days.



Join Us! Mountain Biking at Deer Creek Hills

It's that time of year again. The sun is out for 15 hours a day, its illuminating rays imbuing the natural terrain with deep hues. And most importantly, the rain is gone. It's time for mountain bikers to get out and enjoy Deer Creek Hills.

Monday Nite Rides are a different route every Monday, June through October, from 4:20pm-dusk. Every fourth Saturday, from 8:00am-11:00am, join us for a docent-led ride to learn more about Deer Creek Hills and the trails it offers. Approximately 8 - 11 miles are covered in 1 - 2 hours of riding.

AmeriCorps Team

makes big impact during 7 week tour

For the second year SVC solicited and was approved to host an AmeriCorps Team at Camp Pollock. This year's team stayed at Camp Pollock and worked with SVC and The Sacramento Tree Foundation (STF) during April and May, serving Mondays and Wednesdays with STF, Tuesdays and Fridays with SVC at Camp Pollock and Thursdays with SVC at Deer Creek Hills.

Camp Pollock Improvements: The Team made several improvements and supported a variety of activities. Improvements included: building a bike rack, fence building, making foundation repairs, doing weed abatement, tree trimming and non-native plant removal, improvements to the native plant garden and trail building. Support included training and overseeing other volunteers and work groups, and aiding at events. AmeriCorps also made a significant donation of tools at the end of their assignment.

Trail Markers at Deer Creek Hills: The Team installed 41 permanent trail markers at SVC's Deer Creek Hills Oak Woodland Preserve. These markers completed the signage on the North Pond Self-guided Loop trail (±3.25 miles), and replaced and/or updated the existing signage on the Equestrian Trail (± 8.75 miles). Each marker is a 3' high, 6X6 treated post with an indent for an information plac-



ard. These new markers will be cattle and weather resistant, and facilitate the use of the trail system by our many equestrian, hiking and mountain biking visitors. Kudos to the team for a job well done!

REI Trail Run at Deer Creek Hills!

Lace up your trail runners and wear your lucky socks for REI's Deer Creek Hills Dash - Sunday, October 18th! This run has an option to play Poker as participants run through oak woodland and rolling grasslands. Best hand for each distance wins a prize from REI! Only \$15 and a portion of our proceeds go to Sacramento Valley Conservancy. Deer Creek Hills Dash is the final run of the 2015 REI Run Series. More info available at REI.com/Sacramento

Meet A Docent! Featuring SVC Lead Docent Lisa Couper

As a SVC Lead Docent at Deer Creek Hills, Lisa leads birding hikes, assists with wildflower, history, geology and mountain biking outings, and does an EQ first aid clinic annually. Lisa is also on the boards of two non-profit animal welfare organizations, participates in CNPS events, hikes the sierras, and does long distance road biking and pseudo-professional photography. Lisa is a proud 4th generation Northern Californian who was born in San Jose. Her schooling at UC Davis brought her further north to complete both a BS in biochemistry and a DVM at the school of veterinary medicine. A desire to live in a rural setting brought her to live in Latrobe (at the eastern end of Solomon Miser's toll road) in 1986 along with her husband Chris, her dog and her horse. She began her veterinary career in small animal practice in Placerville but switched to a solo mixed animal mobile practice one year later. Lisa remembers her elation when



SVC announced it would purchase and create the Deer Creek Hill Preserve. Since becoming a docent in 2011, some of Lisa's favorite DCH memories include finding a Rock Wren nest in the uplands and sighting a coyote sitting 30 feet from a cow.

SVC thanks Lisa for all that she does as a docent and all she has contributed to Deer Creek and Deer Creek Hills over the last 30 years.

Weeds and Weed the People

You know these nasty weeds all too well: yellow starthistle, Italian thistle and milk thistle. SVC has started a new program, "Weed the People" to help reduce and hopefully eliminate these and other invasive weeds that try to invade our open spaces. Invasive weeds are a problem because they threaten the diversity and abundance of our native species. Invasive weeds once established spread quickly outcompeting our native flora for resources of water and space. When nonnative weeds overcome our native flora we lose the animals, such as our butterflies and birds that depend on the native plants for food and cover. An infestation of milk thistle that overruns areas of native milkweed will not support monarch butterflies so we lose the butterflies.

How did the weeds get here? Most nonnative plants initially arrived with the European settlement of California in grain, livestock or ship ballast. Lately invasive weeds are introduced purposely to California without understanding the consequences.

One such plant is onion grass that SVC is currently battling at the Corral area at Deer Creek Hills. This small bright flowered plant from South Africa was initially brought to California as a drought resistant ground cover. It spreads by both seed and bulbettes and easily outcompetes native bulbs. SVC has been working to understand and reduce the infestation of onion grass since 2013.

Weed the People has been working diligently during 2015 to remove onion grass, milk thistle, Italian thistle, yellow star thistle and Klamathweed at Deer Creek Hills. SVC is making progress on getting these weeds out of our properties thanks to the hard work of Bill Claypool, Sarah O'Gara, Greg Tenario, Thomas Bauman, Lisa Couper and Tal Blackburn.

What can you do? Join us at Camp Pollock or Deer Creek Hills for Weed the People, everyone is welcome. If you want to put together a group of your garden buddies and "weed for a purpose" SVC is happy to sponsor a weeding party in the shady courtyard at Camp Pollock.

Donation 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.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events - 2015

June 2015

Mon, Jun 15, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Thur, Jun 18, 6 - 8pm	Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock
Sat, Jun 20, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock
Mon, Jun 22, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Sat, Jun 27, All Day	Great American Backyard Campout Free camping for families
Sat, Jun 27, 8 - 11am	Mountain Biking
Sat, Jun 27, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock
Mon, Jun 29, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking

July 2015

Thur, Jul 2, 6 - 8pm	Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock
Sat, Jul 4, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock
Mon, Jul 6, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Thur, Jul 2, 6 - 8pm	Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock
Sat, Jul 11, 5:30 - 11pm	GlampOut & Overnight Campout
Sat, Jul 11, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock
Mon, Jul 13, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Sat, Jul 18, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock
Mon, Jul 20, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Sat, Jul 25, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock
Sat, Jul 25, 8 - 11am	Mountain Biking
Mon, Jul 27, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking

August 2015

Sat, Aug 1, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock
Mon, Aug 3, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Thur, Aug 6, 6 - 8pm	Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock
Sat, Aug 8, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock

Mon, Aug 10, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Sat, Aug 15, 7:30pm - 1am	Summer Trifecta of Fun (Twilight Hike-Story Telling Meteor Shower)
Sat, Aug 15, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock
Mon, Aug 17, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Sat, Aug 22, 8 - 11am	Mountain Biking
Sat, Aug 22, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock
Mon, Aug 24, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Sat, Aug 29, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock

September 2015

Thur, Sep 3, 6 - 8pm	Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock
Sat, Sep 5, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock
Mon, Sep 7, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Sat, Sep 12, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock
Fri, Sep 11, 9am - 4pm	United Way Day of Caring at Camp Pollock
Mon, Sep 14, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Sat, Sep 19, 8am - 12pm	Great American River Clean-Up at Camp Pollock
Sat, Sep 19, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock
Mon, Sep 21, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Sat, Sep 26, 8 - 11am	Mountain Biking
Sat, Sep 26, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock
Mon, Sep 28, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking

October 2015

Thur, Oct 1, 6 - 8pm	Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock
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Sat, Oct 3, 9am - 12pm	IMBA's Take a kid Mountain Biking Day
Sat, Oct 3, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock
Mon, Oct 5, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Tue, Oct 6, 10am - 12pm	Birding for Youth - Migrating Birds
Tue, Oct 6, 4 - 6pm	Birding for Youth - Migrating Birds
Sat, Oct 10, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock
Sat, Oct 10, 8:30am - 1pm	Caminata Interpretativa
Mon, Oct 12, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Sat, Oct 17, 8:30am - 1pm	Autumn Service Project
Sat, Oct 17, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock
Mon, Oct 19, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Thur, Oct 22, 5:30 - 8pm	Treasures of the Valley Silent Auction
Sat, Oct 24, 8 - 11am	Mountain Biking
Sat, Oct 24, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock
Mon, Oct 26, 4:30pm - Dark	Mountain Biking
Sat, Oct 31, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock

November 2015

Sat, Nov 7, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock
Sat, Nov 14, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock
Sat, Nov 21, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock
Sat, Nov 28, 10am - 2pm	Thanksgiving Weekend Equestrian Ride
Sat, Nov 28, 9am - 1pm	Volunteer Day at Camp Pollock

SAVE THE DATE!
Treasures of the Valley 2015
 October 22, 2015, 5:30 - 8:00pm
 Camp Pollock

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