

Treks Descriptions Spring/Summer 2008

Call Stephanie at Nevada County Land Trust 530-272-5994 to register

Fund Raiser for NCLT

Beginning Snowshoe Trek with Cathy Anderson-Meyers

Saturday March 15, 2008

10:00 am – 2:30 pm

“When was the last time you did something for the first time?” Follow along with the Land Trust on this wonderful opportunity to try snowshoeing with professional guide Cathy Anderson-Meyers of CathyWorks Snowshoe Tours and the REI Outdoor School. If you are fairly fit and a good hiker, you will enjoy this day of snowshoeing in the beautiful Castle Peak Recreation Area off 1-80 at Donner Summit. Cathy will provide the snowshoes and poles and you will provide the enthusiasm.

Cost: \$45 Members and Non-members/\$5.00 parking permit

Level: Moderate at level elevations over 7,200 feet

Equipment/Gear list at: www.cathyworks.com - winter tours

The Wildflowers of Table Mountain with Clarence Motter and Sue Graf and Bridgeport Wildflower Docent

Thursday April 3rd 2008

8:30 am – 3:00 pm

For spring wildflowers viewing Table Mountain is one of the finest locations in Northern California. Many varieties of flowers and spectacular fields of color are virtually guaranteed every spring. Take this moderate hike to see ribbon streams that lead to Phantom Falls, Fern Falls and Coal Canyon Falls. This 3000 acre volcanic plateau, crisscrossed with streams, bogs, vernal pools and waterfalls is also abound with birds. Birdwatchers will appreciate the view of raptors soaring overhead while walking amidst the ever-changing show of color. You'll want to pack lunch and relax when you arrive. As there are very few paths you'll want to wear good hiking shoes for sometimes rocky, sometimes wet, open field walking conditions. Bring your cameras and celebrate this beautiful spectacle of spring wildflowers.

Cost: \$12 Members, /\$17 Non-members

Level: Moderate

Chalk Bluffs Paleontological Preserve with Geologist David Lawler

Saturday April 5th, 2008

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

When the gold seekers came to what is now the Chalk Bluff Ridge they met the Southern Maidu who lived in the watersheds of the Yuba, Bear and American Rivers since about 500AD. They were not the first... the culture preceding them was of the Martis tradition. This fascinating area offers rare geological formations, hanging gardens, the remains of a Petrified Forest, and fossils. It is also historically rich, containing remnants of the Emigrant Trail, Native American habitation sites, and a rich gold mining heritage.

Become a real time-traveler and experience this archeological extravaganza with author and noted geologist David Lawler as he transports you 6000 years back in time.

Cost: \$12 Members / \$17 Non-members

Level: Moderate to Strenuous

Illinois Crossing with Russ Andris

Saturday April 26th, 2008

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Retired Ranger and Natural Resource Specialist Russ Andris has hiked over 15,000 miles, and spent 3,000 days in the South Yuba River Canyon. During the 16 years he spent on the river Russ braved poison oak, ticks, yellow jackets, and rattlesnakes, plus thousands of river users. Join Russ on one of his favorite hikes, down to one of the early crossings of the South Yuba. Illinois Crossing connected Nevada City to North Columbia then later to North Bloomfield (Humbug). It was bridged back in 1854 by James Cooper (Cooper road). Bring either a still or video camera or both, plus a wild flower book. This two-mile round trip will cover the crossing from the north side of the river.

Cost: \$12 Member/ \$17 Non-members

Level: Easy to moderate

North Star House: A Walk In Mr. Foote's Gardens With Carole Miller

Saturday May 10th, 2008

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Carole Miller was on the Board of Directors when the Nevada County Land Trust acquired the Julia Morgan designed North Star House and property. Carole has volunteered many hours along with other volunteers to restore Mr. Foote's beautiful gardens. We invite you to step back in time and join Carole on a walking tour of the grounds and orchards. See Mr. Foote's hybrid hollies and other early 1900's plants, including the heritage rose garden which will be in bloom. We encourage you to bring your lunch and enjoy it on the veranda where a small surprise in honor of Mother's Day awaits you. Why not invite your special lady for this day of gentle beauty?

Cost: \$12 Members/\$17 Non-members

Level: Easy

An Day in the Life of an Agricultural Easement with Anna and Bill Trabucco, Karen Callahan and Jim Gates

Saturday, May 17th 2008

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience the beautiful Linden Lea property, an agricultural easement to the Land Trust to protect important wildlife habitat and productive local agriculture. You'll join Karen Callahan of the Native Plant Society, land owners Bill and Anna Trabucco, and rancher Jim Gates as they lead you on a moderate (some steep inclines) four-mile round-trip walk to a breathtaking scenic vista over the South Yuba River canyon. Karen will guide you in identifying the many varieties of plant life and habitat and Jim Gates will tell you how his free range cattle grazing operation

works on this amazingly beautiful 750 acres of conservation easement. Bill and Anna are thrilled to be sharing their home and why conservation easements are essential in protecting open spaces. Enjoy lunch after the tour at a lovely spot on the ranch; perhaps the pastoral nymphs will be coaxed into singing for you!

Cost: \$12 Members/\$17 Non- members

Level: Moderate

Zeibright Mine with Owner Dan Beatie & Historian and Author Jack Clark

Saturday, June 14, 2008

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

How often have you seen the sign, Donner Mine Music Camp, and wondered what was down that road of Highway 20 in Bear Valley? Now is your chance for a visit. In 1959 Dan Beatie and his family purchased the Old Zeibright Mine from Newmont Mining and renamed it the Donner Mine Camp. Dan will share his history with the property and what it is today. Jack Clark, historian, author, and former mine supervisor at the Idaho-Maryland Mine will describe the mining that took place at the Zeibright and share anecdotes about the people who ran the mine. You will visit many of the original buildings, the portal of the tunnel and view the head frame and hoist. Part of the cost of this trek will go to support the Donner Mine Music Camp

Cost: \$20 Members /\$25 Non-members

Level: Easy

Burton Homestead Children's Summer Program

Nature Camp June 16th – 20th, 2008

Native American Camp June 23rd – 27th, 2008

This year's camps have been expanded to include a wider range of ages. Children ages 7years-12years will be coming together to explore and experience the natural world through hands-on activities, observation and investigation. Through exploration, hiking, storytelling, games and nature inspired art projects, children will experience the great outdoors firsthand. The first week will be our Nature Camp and will run from June 16th - 20th. Native American Camp will follow and run from June 23rd – 27th. For more information call Camp Director Sandy Simmonds at 432-9435 or email her at simmonds@stardustweb.net

\$80 with healthy snacks included

Both Camps 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

New! Extreme Trek

Fisher Lake with Trail Enthusiast Albert Earl

June 21st, 2008

7:30 am – 4:00 pm

Trek Leader Albert Earl has always had a passion for hiking and he and Bill Nickerl have many miles on the trail together swapping stories about favorite hidden spots to visit. Fisher Lake is a little-visited, pristine lake nestled in a bowl of granite with extraordinary views of the Summit and local landmarks. A thick forest opens up to a huge granite batholiths with photo opportunities galore. No trails here, just a steady climb upward and a steep rocky, brushy descent to the lake. From the lake there is a brisk climb to the

highest nearby point and a one-mile walk through thick forest to Upper Loch Leven Lake and down the trail to the shuttle. A camera, compass and topo map of Soda Springs are all good ideas for this adventure.

Cost: \$12 Members/\$17 Non- members

Level: Strenuous

Rome Powerhouse & the Birth of PG&E with Dale Johnson

Sunday, June 22nd, 2008

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

The Yuba River gave birth to the hydroelectric power industry in the late 1890s. Learn how it all started in Nevada County! Your trek leader Dale Johnson retired from PG&E after 34 years of service and is a history buff with a long-standing interest in water and electricity. Dale will use storyboards to describe the many factors that came together to create the Nevada "Rome" Powerhouse, and how it led to PG&E. We will visit Lake Vera and the remains of the old dam there. After an exciting drive to the bottom of the South Yuba River canyon, we will hike a short distance to the remains of the powerhouse. Also nearby are the remains of the historic 1859 diversion dam for the Excelsior Canal.

Carpooling in 4WD is encouraged.

Cost: \$12 Members/\$17 Non-members

Level: Easy to Moderate