

SIERRA-FOOTHILL



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Events Guide

2016-2017

Saving Natural Lands, Now and Forever

Celebrating 20 years and 28,000+ acres of conservation.

Sierra Foothill Conservancy is proud to offer the following opportunities for the public to enjoy the natural beauty of the Sierra Foothills that our Organization has helped preserve through our classes, hikes, and events.

As our population expands, we are working toward enhancing the quality of life in our communities through permanent protection of thousands of acres of natural lands.

We are grateful to our generous easement landowners who kindly allow SFC to host events on their property. Experience the foothills and grasslands of Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, and Merced counties by browsing through our classes, hikes, and events and signing up on our website.

Consider becoming a member and getting involved in local land protection. Your support allows us to manage local lands and provide opportunities for you to enjoy them all year.

www.sierrafoothill.org

Your membership benefits include:

- A tax deductible donation that conserves special lands in your community,
- Free Hikes, Discounted Classes & Membership Only Events,
- Quarterly *Foothill Advocate* & Monthly E-newsletters that update on our Work, Event and Volunteer Opportunities,
- 10% off orders for Sierra Lands Beef!

If you have questions, please call the Mariposa office at (209) 742-5556.

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AMAZING LANDS



October 28 7:00PM-9:30PM	Astronomy Night At Vista Point , Shaver Lake	Join astronomy instructor Garret Wimer for an exciting night of stargazing. Experience the night sky using your binoculars and Garret's special telescopes.	\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers
November 11 6:00PM-9:00PM	Fall Night Hike McKenzie Preserve	Docents Sue Stone and Katie Phillips will lead you on an exciting exploration of the night life on the McKenzie preserve.	\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers
November 12 9:00AM-12:00PM	Meditation & Mindfulness McKenzie Preserve	Certified meditation instructor Linda Marie will guide you in soothing breathing practices, mindful movement, a contemplative (silent) hike along the Discovery Trail, and two meditation sessions.	Members free, \$10 nonmembers
November 26 9:00 AM Start	Discovery Trail Hike McKenzie Preserve	This is an easy, mostly level hike of about 3.7 miles with an interpretive guide to the flora and history along the trail. Hike is about 3 hours	Free to members, \$5 nonmembers
November 27 9:00 AM-2:00PM	Table Top Hike and Yoga McKenzie Preserve	Enjoy a great workout followed by an all-level Hatha Yoga class designed specifically for hikers! Led by certified Hatha Yoga instructor Linda Marie.	Members free, \$10 nonmembers
December 3 9:00 AM Entry 10:00 AM Start	Trail Ride on the McKenzie McKenzie Preserve	Join horsemen Bill Esmay (SFC Preserve Manager) and Mike Esra on an adventure that will explore the McKenzie Preserve. Ride is about 3 hrs and is rain or shine.	MEMBERS ONLY No cost
December 10 9:00 AM Start	Bolin Gap Table Top Hike McKenzie Preserve	6 mile round trip with some level walking and then a climb on a good trail to the top; elevation gain is 1000 feet. We will have lunch at the top. Approximately 5 hrs.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers

Our Preserve Events are open to the public. See information section for costs.

Reservations are required.

To REGISTER Visit our web site at

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or call the Mariposa office for help at (209) 742-5556

PRESERVE GUIDELINES:

All visitors should remain with their group during docent-led hikes and classes. Visitors should always enter/exit through appropriate gates. Jumping fences is not allowed. No dogs (except service animals) are allowed on any preserve. No hunting is allowed.

AMAZING PARTNERS



January 7 9:00 AM Start	<i>Bolin Gap to San Joaquin Hike</i> McKenzie Preserve	This is a strenuous hike, about 8 miles round trip with a 1000 ft. elevation gain to the table top, 1000 ft. down to the San Joaquin River and back. Typically 6-8 hrs.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers
January 21 9:00 AM Start	<i>Birding on Stockton Creek 1</i> Stockton Creek Preserve	Mariposa Public Utility District, Yosemite Area Audubon, and SFC have joined forces to offer a series of birding hikes. Join biologist Melissa Odell to learn resident bird species and take note of spring birds as they arrive at Stockton Creek Reservoir.	\$10 supports YAAS & SFC
January 28 9:00 AM Start	<i>Fine Gold Creek Hike</i> Fine Gold Creek Preserve	A 4 hr moderate hike following a loop trail offering scenic views of Fine Gold Creek. Part of the trail takes you along the creek to explore streamside habitat, other parts are mixed with gradual slopes and steeper inclines.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers
January 29 9:00 AM Start	<i>Bolin Gap Table Top Hike</i> McKenzie Preserve	6 mile round trip with some level walking and then a climb on a good trail to the top; elevation gain is 1000 feet. We will have lunch at the top. About 5 hrs.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers
February 4 9:00 AM Entry 10:00 AM Start	<i>Trail Ride on the McKenzie</i> McKenzie Preserve	Join horsemen Bill Esmay (SFC Preserve Manager) and Mike Esra on an adventure that will explore the McKenzie Preserve. Ride is about 3 hrs and is rain or shine.	MEMBERS ONLY No cost
February 4 9:00 AM Start	<i>Black Mountain Summit Hike</i> Black Mountain Preserve	A fairly easy 4 mile round trip along a dirt road with an elevation gain of 800 ft. About 3 hrs.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers
February 5 9:00 AM Start	<i>Bolin Gap to San Joaquin Hike</i> McKenzie Preserve	This is a strenuous hike, about 8 miles round trip with a 1000 ft. elevation gain to the table top, 1000 ft. down to the San Joaquin River and back. Typically 6-8 hrs.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers

SFC will be offering the **California Naturalist Program** in the spring!

This certification program is designed to develop naturalist skills as a means of promoting the stewardship of California's natural communities.

The program runs seven weeks, from Feb 24 - April 7, and meets twice a week; seven Friday evenings for a classroom component, and five Saturdays for field experiences.

The cost for this exciting program is \$350 (4 units of UC credits available).



For more information, contact sfcevents@sierrafoothill.org

AMAZING PEOPLE



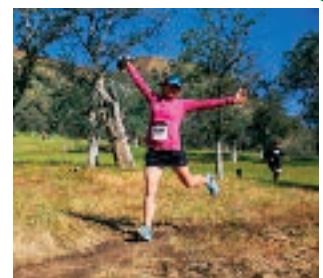
February 8 9:00 AM Start	Senior Hiker Series McKenzie Preserve	Senior hikers, come and join docent Bill Dennison for an exhilarating day of hiking! This hike will go to the Bolin Gap Table Top.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers
February 11 9:00AM-11:00AM	Yoga Under the Oaks McKenzie Preserve	Certified Hatha Yoga instructor Linda Marie will guide you in a 90-minute, all-level Hatha Yoga class on the McKenzie.	Members free, \$10 nonmembers
February 11 6:00PM-9:00PM	Winter Night Hike McKenzie Preserve	Docents Sue Stone and Katie Phillips will lead you on an exciting exploration of the night life on the McKenzie preserve.	\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers
February 12 9:00 AM Start	Bolin Gap Table Top Hike McKenzie Preserve	6 mile round trip with some level walking and then a climb on a good trail to the top; elevation gain is 1000 feet. We will have lunch at the top. About 5 hrs.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers
February 18 8:00 AM Start	Birding on Stockton Creek 2 Stockton Creek Preserve	Mariposa Public Utility District, Yosemite Area Audubon, and SFC have joined forces to offer a series of birding hikes. Join biologist Melissa Odell to learn resident bird species and take note of spring birds as they arrive at Stockton Creek Reservoir.	\$10 supports YAAS & SFC
February 18 8:00AM-1:00PM	Table Top Hike and Yoga McKenzie Preserve	Enjoy a great workout followed by an all-level Hatha Yoga class designed specifically for hikers! Led by certified Hatha Yoga instructor Linda Marie.	Members free, \$10 nonmembers
February 18 9:00 AM Start	Fine Gold Creek Hike Fine Gold Creek Preserve	A moderate hike following a loop trail offering scenic views of Fine Gold Creek. Part of the trail takes you along the creek to explore streamside habitat, other parts are mixed with gradual slopes and steeper inclines. About 4 hrs.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers
February 19 9:00 AM Start	Black Mountain Summit Hike Black Mountain Preserve	A fairly easy 4 mile round trip along a dirt road with an elevation gain of 800 ft. About 3 hrs.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers
February 25 9:00 AM Start	Bolin Gap to San Joaquin Hike McKenzie Preserve	This is a strenuous hike, about 8 miles round trip with a 1000 ft. elevation gain to the table top, 1000 ft. down to the San Joaquin River and back. Typically 6-8 hrs.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers



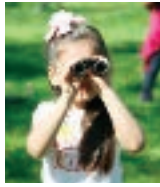
April 22, 2017 McKenzie Preserve 10K Run

Enjoy the beauty of the McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve while running or walking this great 10k dirt trail course. You will enjoy the scenery as much as the race! Early registrants receive a Footloose in the Foothills t-shirt.

Hosted by Sole 2 Soul Sports



AMAZING ADVENTURES



February 26 8:00 AM Start	Tivy Mountain Summit Hike Tivy Mountain Preserve	A VERY strenuous hike, 6 miles round trip with a 2000 ft. elevation gain. Participants will be hiking on steep, rugged terrain and rocky areas. Typically 6-8 hrs.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers
March 4 9:00 AM Start	Black Mountain Summit Hike Black Mountain Preserve	A fairly easy 4 mile round trip along a dirt road with an elevation gain of 800 ft. About 3 hrs.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers
March 4 9:00 AM Start	Native Plants and Geology on Bohna Ranch	Join naturalist guides Jon-Paul Salonen and Andrea Canapary on a hike of beautiful Bohna Ranch in Hornitos.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers
March 8 9:00 AM Start	Senior Hiker Series Fine Gold Creek Preserve	Senior hikers, come and join docent Bill Dennison for an exhilarating day of hiking! Enjoy a moderate hike following a loop trail offering scenic views of Fine Gold Creek.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers
March 11 9:00 AM Start	Cultural and Natural History of Bohna Ranch	Join naturalist and longtime resident Ben Goger on a hike of Bohna Ranch in Hornitos.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers
March 11 9:00 AM Start	Photography on Stockton Creek Stockton Creek Preserve	Join Jeannine Andre on Stockton Creek and photograph beautiful landscapes and wildflowers. Beginners welcome!	\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers
March 11 8:00AM-1:00PM	Table Top Hike and Yoga McKenzie Preserve	Enjoy a great workout followed by an all-level Hatha Yoga class designed specifically for hikers! Led by certified Hatha Yoga instructor Linda Marie.	Members free, \$10 nonmembers
March 12 9:00 AM Entry 10:00 AM Start	Trail Ride on the McKenzie McKenzie Preserve	Join horsemen Bill Esmay (SFC Preserve Manager) and Mike Esra on an adventure that will explore the McKenzie Preserve. Ride is about 3 hrs and is rain or shine.	MEMBERS ONLY No cost
March 18 8:00 AM Start	Birding on Trabucco Ranch	Join docents Len McKenzie and Nan Oswald for spring time birding. This oak woodland provides excellent habitat for many songbirds and raptors.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers
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March 25 9:00AM-11:30AM	Yoga Under the Oaks McKenzie Preserve	Certified Hatha Yoga instructor Linda Marie will guide you in a 90-minute, all-level Hatha Yoga class.	Members free, \$10 nonmembers

AMAZING EXPERIENCES



March 25 9:00 AM Start	Wildflowers on Striped Rock	Join botanist Wendy Fisher for a class on beautiful local wildflowers and spring flora.	\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers
March 25 9:00 AM Start	Bolin Gap Table Top McKenzie Preserve	6 mile round trip with some level walking and then a climb on a good trail to the top; elevation gain is 1000 feet. We will have lunch at the top. About 5 hrs.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers
March 26 9:00 AM Start	Fine Gold Creek Hike Fine Gold Creek Preserve	A moderate hike following a loop trail offering scenic views of Fine Gold Creek. Part of the trail takes you along the creek to explore streamside habitat, other parts are mixed with gradual slopes and steeper inclines. About 4 hrs.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers
April 1 9:00AM Start	Yoga on Striped Rock	Join yoga instructor Carol Hart for an outdoor flow class on Striped Rock. All levels welcome.	\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers
April 1 9:00AM-12:00PM	Beginning Birding Spring Class San Joaquin River Gorge 40060 Smalley Road, Auberry, 93602	Fresno Audubon Society (FAS), the San Joaquin River Gorge Special Recreation Management Area (BLM) and SFC have partnered to offer a collective series of instruction, exploration, and fun!	\$10 supports both organizations
April 1 1:00PM-2:30PM	SJ&E Railroad at the Museum of the Central Sierra 42642 Tollhouse Rd, Shaver Lake 93664	Join local historian Norm Saude as he brings the journey of the San Joaquin & Eastern Railroad to life. His wealth of knowledge and engaging stories will paint a picture of days past!	There is no fee but registration is required (559) 841-4478
April 2 10:00AM-1:00PM	History of the SJ&E Railroad McKenzie Preserve	Join local historian Norm Saude on a hike through time to explore the old railroad system and learn about the stories that shaped local history. Find out about the San Joaquin & Eastern Railroad which operated in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada of Fresno County.	There is no fee but registration is required
April 2 8:00 AM Start	Tivy Mountain Summit Hike Tivy Mountain Preserve	A VERY strenuous hike, 6 miles round trip with a 2000 ft. elevation gain. Participants will be hiking on steep, rugged terrain and rocky areas. Approximately 6-8 hrs.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers
April 8 9:00AM-11:30AM	Yoga Under the Oaks McKenzie Preserve	Certified Hatha Yoga instructor Linda Marie will guide you in a 90-minute, all-level Hatha Yoga class.	Members free, \$10 nonmembers
April 8 9:00 AM Start	Family Hike in Clark's Valley	Bring the whole family along for a hike in Clark's Valley with docents Jen McCollom and Kim Marcis.	No cost to members
April 8 8:00 AM Start	Birding Hike on Fine Gold Creek Fine Gold Creek Preserve	Join Fresno Audubon Society docents on a birding adventure of Fine Gold Creek. On the hike they will discuss local inhabitants, bird migration and bird identification.	\$10 supports FAS & SFC

AMAZING SEASON



April 8 9:00 AM Start	Bolin Gap Table Top Hike McKenzie Preserve	6 mile round trip with some level walking and then a climb on a good trail to the top; elevation gain is 1000 feet. We will have lunch at the top. About 5 hrs.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers
April 15 8:00 AM Start	Birding on Stockton Creek 4 Stockton Creek Preserve	Mariposa Public Utility District, Yosemite Area Audubon, and SFC have joined forces to offer a series of birding hikes. Join biologist Melissa Odell to learn resident bird species and take note of spring birds as they arrive at Stockton Creek Reservoir.	\$10 supports YAAS & SFC
April 15 9:00 AM Start	Black Mountain Summit Hike Black Mountain Preserve	A fairly easy 4 mile round trip along a dirt road with an elevation gain of 800 ft. About 3 hrs.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers
April 16 9:00 AM Start	Earth Day on Striped Rock	Join docent Ben Goger, who will lead the annual Earth Day hike on the Striped Rock Easement. Hike through beautiful oak woodland and enjoy the view of western Mariposa County.	\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers
April 22 9:00 AM Start	Wildflowers on Long Ranch	Naturalist and author Michael Ross will lead a hike on the Long Ranch easement. This property holds a diverse range of flora.	\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers
April 22 9:00 AM Start	Western Pond Turtle Hike on Stockton Creek Preserve	Join park biologist Ninette Daniele to learn about the Western Pond Turtle restoration project on Stockton Creek.	\$10 members, \$15 nonmembers
April 29 9:00 AM Start	Native Plants on Long Ranch	Join docents Allison Baggett and Ben Fluharty for a hike on Long Ranch easement. This property holds a diverse range of flora.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers
April 30 10:00AM-12:00PM	Family Yoga and Picnic McKenzie Preserve	Certified Hatha Yoga instructor Linda Marie will guide a short, family-friendly hike to a beautiful location on the McKenzie where you'll enjoy yoga under a canopy of Oaks.	Members free, \$20 non-mem family
May 13 8:00 AM Start	Birding Hike on Black Mountain Preserve	Join bird photographer Gary Woods and Point Blue biologist Jim Tietz for a hike to the top of Black Mountain. It is known for its migratory bird activity, so be prepared to be impressed!	\$10 supports FAS & SFC
May 13 8:00 AM Start	Birding in Clark's Valley	Docents Len McKenzie and Nan Oswald will lead a hike through meadows and forest, searching for spring bird species.	Members free, \$5 nonmembers

OPEN PRESERVE DAYS! <i>Gates open 9:00 AM — 4:00 PM</i>	
March 5	McKenzie Open Preserve Day
March 18	Fine Gold Open Preserve Day
April 1	McKenzie Open Preserve Day
April 9	McKenzie Open Preserve Day for Veterans, Military, Police & Fire Service Personnel
May 6	Black Mountain Open Preserve Day

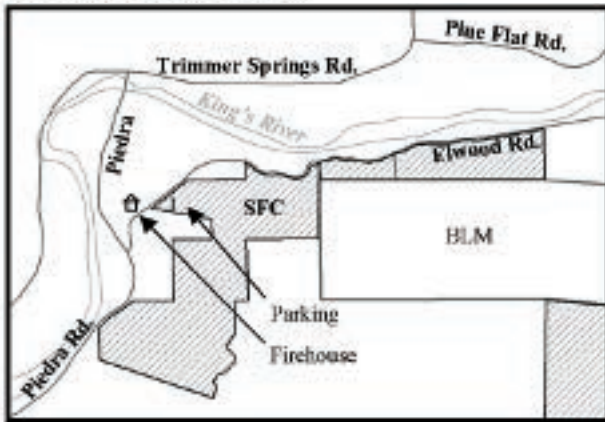
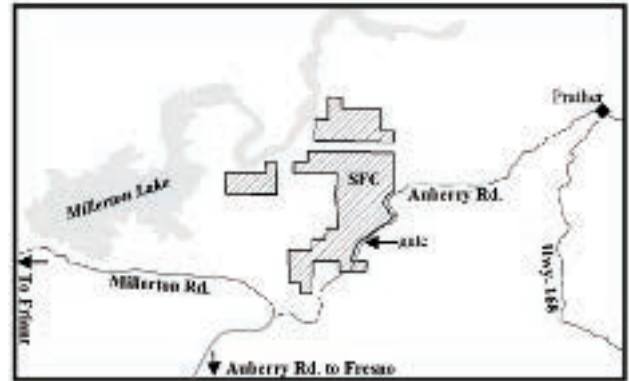


Miller Preserve at Black Mountain:

From Prather take Highway 168 2 3/4 miles to the first stop sign. There will be a Park & Ride on your right. Go through the intersection and onto Lodge Road. At about 1/8 mile you will see Sierra Hills Baptist Church on your right. Just beyond the church's driveway is Black Mountain Lane. Turn right. Go 1 1/2 miles to a green gate across the road (not a driveway gate). Go another 1 1/2 miles to a driveway on your right—we now have a sign here. Follow the driveway about 100 ft. and you will see the house and parking area.

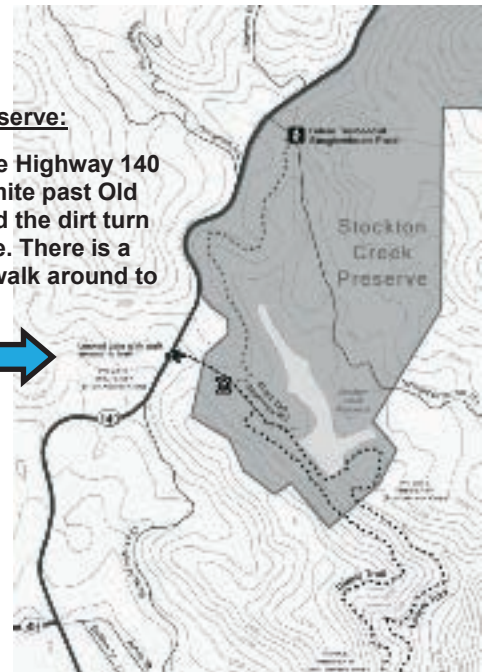
McKenzie Preserve at Table Mountain:

From Fresno, take Freeway 41 north. Exit at Friant Road and turn right. Take Friant Road to the town of Friant. Continue uphill, past the dam. At this point, Friant Road changes its name to Millerton Road. Stay on Millerton Road for five or six miles until you come to a stop sign at Auberry Road. At Auberry Road you will see a gas station on your left. Note your mileage. Turn left on Auberry Road & go 3.1 miles. The entrance to the preserve is on the left. You will see a large corral and a green gate.



Stockton Creek Preserve:

From Mariposa, take Highway 140 north toward Yosemite past Old Highway North. Find the dirt turn out on the right side. There is a locked gate with a walk around to the preserve.



Tivy Mountain Preserve:

Go east from Fresno on Belmont Ave Belmont will turn into Trimmer Springs Rd. as it turns north along the Kings River. Follow Trimmer Springs Rd. to Piedra Rd., turn right and cross the Kings River. Proceed to Elwood Rd. and turn left. (Or go east from Fresno on Kings Canyon Rd. Cross the Kings River at Centerville and turn left on Piedra Rd. Follow Piedra Rd. several miles to Elwood Rd. and turn right onto Elwood.) You will see a firehouse on your left and then some mailboxes on the right. The gate is on the right just past the mailboxes. (You do not want the first road on the right which goes up to a house on the hill.)

Fine Gold Preserve:

From Fresno, take Highway 41 north. 11 miles from the Friant on-ramp turn right on Highway 145. Go 3.3 miles to the first stop sign; keep going straight as Highway 145 becomes Road 211. Go 3.7 miles from stop sign; turn right onto Road 210. Go 2.5 miles; stay to the right on the paved road, which becomes Road 216. Go .5 miles; you will see a double-wide gate on the left. You will meet the hike leader here. Driving time is about 25 minutes from the Friant/ Highway 41 on-ramp.

