
SIERRA FOOTHILL CONSERVANCY

EVENTS GUIDE

FALL & SPRING 2019-2020



Mariposa Office 5065 Hwy 140 Mariposa CA 95338 (209) 742-5556
Prather Office PO Box 529 Prather CA 93651 (559) 855-3473
www.sierrafoothill.org

Sierra Foothill Conservancy is proud to offer the following hikes, classes, special events and volunteer opportunities for public enjoyment of the natural beauty our organization has helped to preserve. Thank you to our generous landowners who kindly allow SFC to host events on their properties. All Events are **led by experienced local docents** who are experts in their field, and trained to provide a fascinating and safe outdoor experience. Thank you to all of our volunteer docents—the heart of our community engagement program.



Become a Member! Consider becoming a member of SFC. Your support allows us to save shrinking habitat, preserve open space and working landscapes, and provide opportunities for you to enjoy them all year round! Members receive special benefits including access to many of our hikes and classes free of charge. To become a member, please visit www.sierrafoothill.org/become-a-member

You must be registered for the event to attend. We cannot accommodate walk-ons without advance notice or permission from SFC. Please ensure your registration information is accurate. We use both email and phone numbers to update participants to any hike changes or cancellations.

Event Donations (unless otherwise indicated)

Members: Free | Non-Members: \$10 each | Open Preserve Days: Free
Special Events: Donation Amount is Per Person

Legend

	Trail Ride		Birding Hike		Yoga		Mariposa Area
	Resolution Series		Evening Event		Naturalist Series	55+	Senior Series
	Wildflower Hike		Strenuous Hike		Family-Friendly		Trail Running Event

For detailed descriptions of individual hikes visit our website:
sierrafoothill.org/events-listing

Preserve Guidelines

In order to balance land conservation values with providing public access,
Preserves are open to the public on scheduled event days only—Thank you for understanding

Dogs: Only service dogs are allowed on the Preserves, with the exception of the Stockton Creek Preserve in Mariposa in which dogs on leash are allowed
Guided Hikes: All hikes are guided, and participants must remain with the group at all times
Trespassing: Visiting SFC Preserves outside of the scheduled events calendar is considered trespassing



Thank you for your support!
- Bridget Fithian, Executive Director

CALENDAR DATES: OCTOBER—FEBRUARY

OCTOBER

13 TRAIL RIDES ON MCKENZIE

Explore McKenzie on horseback. Horses and equipment provided.

Donation Per Person: \$75

WHEN: 9 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 PM, 1:30 PM

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

19 BIRDING AT THE GORGE

All levels welcome, explore local birds

WHEN: 8 AM Start

WHERE: San Joaquin River Gorge

26 BOLING GAP TABLE TOP HIKE

6 miles round trip, lunch at the top

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

26 ANIMALS ON THE PRESERVES!

Learn all about the animals found on the preserves. \$20

WHEN: 3 PM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

26 YOGA ON STRIPED ROCK

Outdoor flow class and hike—all levels welcome

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: Striped Rock Property

MEETUP: Mariposa County Fairgrounds

NOVEMBER

2 MEMBER BBQ & REI FAMILY DAY

Enjoy family-friendly activities and a BBQ lunch.

Donation Per Person: \$10 for Lunch

WHEN: 9 AM—3 PM (Lunch 12:30 PM)

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

9 BOLING GAP TABLE TOP HIKE

6 miles round trip, lunch at the top

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

9 FALL NIGHT HIKE

Explore the nightlife on the McKenzie Preserve

WHEN: 6 PM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

17 MEDITATION AND MINDFULNESS

Docent-led hike and meditation class.

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

17 FALL HIKE ON VON der AHE

Docent-led hike in pine forest. 2 miles round trip

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: Von der Ahe Conservation Easement

MEET: Bootjack Store

29 OPT OUTSIDE! BOLING GAP TABLE TOP HIKE

6 miles round trip, lunch at the top

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

29 OPT OUTSIDE DISCOVERY TRAIL

Easy, family-friendly docent-led hike.

WHEN: 10 AM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

DECEMBER

7 NATURALIST SERIES: GEOLOGY

Learn about the geologic history of the area on this hike to the table top with Geologist Craig Poole.

Donation Per Person: \$20

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

14 FAMILY HIKE

Easy, family-friendly docent-led hike.

WHEN: 10 AM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

14 VOLUNTEER WORK DAY: FINE GOLD CREEK

WHEN: 8 AM Start

WHERE: Fine Gold Creek Preserve

JANUARY

1 RESOLUTION HIKE: VERNAL POOLS

Strenuous hike to Vernal Pools on the table top.

WHEN: 9 AM START

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

4 BOLING GAP TABLE TOP HIKE

6 miles round trip, lunch at the top

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

11 RESOLUTION HIKE: BOLING GAP

6 miles round trip, lunch at the top

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

18 MEMBER ONLY TRAIL RIDE

Open to SFC members only, must bring your own horse.

WHEN: 9 AM Entry, 10 AM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

25 WINTER NIGHT HIKE

Explore the nightlife on the McKenzie Preserve

WHEN: 6 PM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

FEBRUARY

1 MEMBER ONLY TRAIL RIDE

Open to SFC members only, must bring your own horse.

WHEN: 9 AM Entry, 10 AM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

2 FAMILY FIELD TRIP HIKE

Visit several educational stations during this fun hike.

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

8 YOGA UNDER THE OAKS

Certified Hatha Yoga, 90 min class—all level

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

8 TRAIL RUN SERIES: MARTIN PRESERVE

Get moving and get to know the preserve!

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: Ted K. Martin Preserve

Register For All Events: www.sierrafoothill.org/events-listing



Visit Us At A Community Event Near You

- ⇒ REI Member Jam , REI Fresno - October 6
⇒ Harvest Arts, Sierra High School, Tollhouse - October 12-13
⇒ REI Twinkie Roast, Tioga-Sequoia Brewing Co., Fresno - November 30

CALENDAR DATES: FEBRUARY—APRIL

FEBRUARY

8 FINE GOLD CREEK HIKE

Explore Fine Gold Creek Preserve on this docent-led hike
WHEN: 9 AM Start
WHERE: Fine Gold Creek Preserve

15 BOLING GAP TABLE TOP HIKE

6 miles round trip, lunch at the top
WHEN: 9 AM Start
WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

22 VERNAL POOL HIKE

6 mile round trip docent-led hike with scenic views to see the vernal pools at the Table Top
WHEN: 9 AM Start
WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

22 STOCKTON CREEK EXPANSION HIKE

Explore the new expanded section of Stockton Creek Preserve on this docent led hike
WHEN: 9 AM Start
WHERE: MCHS Upper Field

26 SENIOR SERIES: BOLING GAP

8 miles round trip, hike to table top
WHEN: 9 AM Start
WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

29 TABLE TOP YOGA

Enjoy a great workout followed by an All-Level Hatha Yoga class designed specifically for hikers
WHEN: 8 AM Start
WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

29 BLACK MOUNTAIN SUMMIT HIKE

4 mile round trip docent led hike with incredible sweeping views
WHEN: 8 AM Start
WHERE: Black Mountain Preserve
MEETUP: Lodge Rd. Park & Ride

29 NATURALIST SERIES: ASTRONOMY

Take a tour of the night sky with Dillon Trelawny
Donation Per Person: \$20
WHEN: 6 PM Start
WHERE: Ted K. Martin Preserve

MARCH

7 FINE GOLD CREEK HIKE

Explore Fine Gold Creek Preserve on this docent-led hike
WHEN: 9 AM Start
WHERE: Fine Gold Creek Preserve

7 MEMBERS ONLY TRAIL RIDE

Explore the McKenzie on horseback
WHEN: 9 AM Entry, 10 AM Start
WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

8 VERNAL POOL HIKE

6 mile round trip docent-led hike with scenic views to see the vernal pools at the Table Top
WHEN: 9 AM Start
WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

11 SENIOR SERIES: VERNAL POOL HIKE

6 mile round trip docent-led hike with scenic views to see the vernal pools at the Table Top
WHEN: 9 AM Start
WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

14 OPEN PRESERVE DAY ON MCKENZIE

A free day to explore the Preserve
WHEN: 9 AM—2 PM
WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

15 NATURALIST SERIES: BIOBLITZ

Leisurely 2 mile hike with Biologist Rodney Olsen. Explore the numerous connections between species within California oak woodland communities.
Donation Per Person: \$20
WHEN: 8 AM Start
WHERE: Ted K. Martin Preserve

21 VERNAL POOL HIKE

6 mile round trip docent-led hike with scenic views to see the vernal pools at the Table Top
WHEN: 9 AM Start
WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

21 BLACK MOUNTAIN SUMMIT HIKE

4 mile round trip docent led hike with incredible sweeping views
WHEN: 8 AM Start
WHERE: Black Mountain Preserve
MEETUP: Lodge Rd. Park & Ride

28 YOGA ON THE DISCOVERY TRAIL

3-4 mile round trip hike followed by 60 minute yoga class
WHEN: 9 AM Start
WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

28 FINE GOLD CREEK "LIMITED ACCESS"

Join SFC for this once a year event—Limited space available so register early.
Donation per Car—Members: \$30, Non-Members: \$50
WHEN: 9 AM Start
WHERE: Fine Gold Creek Preserve

29 NATURAL HISTORY HIKE

Explore plants, animals, rocks, vernal pools, and archeological sites on this 6 mile round trip hike to the table top
WHEN: 9 AM Start
WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

APRIL

4 TABLE TOP YOGA

Enjoy a great workout followed by an All-Level Hatha Yoga class designed specifically for hikers
WHEN: 8 AM Start
WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

4 TIVY MOUNTAIN SUMMIT HIKE

6 miles round trip, steep and rugged—Extremely Strenuous—Trekkers highly recommended
WHEN: 8 AM Start
WHERE: Tivy Mountain Preserve

Register For All Events: www.sierrafoothill.org/events-listing

SIERRA FOOTHILL



CALENDAR DATES: APRIL—MAY

APRIL

4 TRAIL RUN SERIES: MCKENZIE PRESERVE

Get moving and get to know the Preserve!

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

4 SPRINGTIME ON THREE BAR RANCH

Docent-led hike to find the wildflowers. Gentle pace, so much beauty to see!

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: Mariposa Fairgrounds

8 SENIOR SERIES: FINE GOLD CREEK

3 mile loop trail with creek views and wildflowers

WHEN: 9 AM START

WHERE: Fine Gold Creek Preserve

11 TRAIL RUN SERIES: FINE GOLD CREEK

Get moving and get to know the Preserve!

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: Fine Gold Creek Preserve

11 BIRDING & YOGA ON STRIPED ROCK

Outdoor flow class and hike—all levels welcome

WHEN: 8 AM Start

WHERE: Striped Rock CE

MEETUP: Mariposa County Fairgrounds

11 BIRDING ON THE MCKENZIE

All levels welcome, explore local birds

WHEN: 8 AM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

18 RACE DAY AT MCKENZIE PRESERVE

Half Marathon, 10k, 5k and Kids Run.

SIGN UP: <http://www.sanjoaquinrunning.com>

WHEN: 7:30 AM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

18 BLACK MOUNTAIN SUMMIT HIKE

4 mile round trip docent led hike with incredible sweeping views

WHEN: 8 AM Start

WHERE: Black Mountain Preserve

MEETUP: Lodge Rd. Park & Ride

18 EARTH DAY ON STRIPED ROCK

4 mile round trip docent led hike with incredible sweeping views. Extremely Strenuous—Trekking poles highly recommended

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: Striped Rock CE

MEETUP: Mariposa Fairgrounds

19 BIRDING AT THE GORGE

All levels welcome, explore local birds

WHEN: 8AM Start

WHERE: San Joaquin River Gorge

19 STOCKTON CREEK EXPANSION HIKE

Explore the new expanded section of Stockton Creek Preserve on this docent led hike

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: Stockton Creek Preserve

25 VERNAL POOL HIKE

6 mile round trip docent-led hike with scenic views to see the vernal pools at the Table Top

WHEN: 8 AM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

25 BIRDING ON BLACK MOUNTAIN

All levels welcome, explore local birds

WHEN: 8 AM Start

WHERE: Black Mountain Preserve

MEETUP: Lodge Rd. Park & Ride

25 BIRDING ON TRABUCCO RANCH

All levels welcome, explore local birds

WHEN: 8AM Start

WHERE: Mariposa Park & Ride

29 SENIOR SERIES:

BLACK MOUNTAIN SUMMIT HIKE

4 mile round trip docent led hike with incredible sweeping views

WHEN: 8 AM Start

WHERE: Black Mountain Preserve

MEETUP: Lodge Rd. Park & Ride

*Save the date for SFC's
Annual Fundraiser Dinner—May 2020*

MAY

2 TAKE IT OUTSIDE CA - BLK MTN

"LIMITED ACCESS" Event!

Take it Outside California, Limited Space

Donation Per Car: Members \$30, Non-Members \$50

WHEN: 8 AM to 2 PM

WHERE: Black Mountain Preserve

MEETUP: Lodge Rd. Park & Ride

2 BIRDING ON FINE GOLD CREEK

All levels welcome, explore local birds

WHEN: 8 AM Start

WHERE: Fine Gold Creek Preserve

3 WILDFLOWERS ON VON der AHE

Explore the amazing flora of the mountain.

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: Von der Ahe CE

MEET: Bootjack Store

9 NATURALIST SERIES: BOTANY & TAXONOMY

Join Botanist Chris Winchel for an exploration of one of the richest, most diverse botanical ecotones in our region.

Donation Per Person: \$20

WHEN: 8 AM Start

WHERE: Black Mountain Preserve

MEETUP: Lodge Rd. Park & Ride

Register For All Events: www.sierrafoothill.org/events-listing

SIERRA FOOTHILL



MCKENZIE PRESERVE HALF-MARATHON ALSO FEATURING A RUN/WALK 10K, 5K, KIDS RUN

San Joaquin Running & Fleet Feet Sports Fresno will host an exciting day of races on
Saturday, April 18th.

With four races to choose from, all ages can come join the fun! All distances will receive a custom finisher medal created by Elevation Culture, event shirt, and post race refreshments. Chip timed event. More information online at

<http://www.sanjoaquinrunning.com/>



CALENDAR DATES: MAY—JUNE

MAY

9 BIRDING At CLARK'S VALLEY

All levels welcome, explore birds

WHEN: 8 AM Start

WHERE: Clark's Valley CE

MEETUP: Darrah School House



10 MOTHER'S DAY DISCOVERY TRAIL HIKE

Easy 3 mile round trip hike along the Discovery Trail.

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve



16 MCKENZIE NIGHT HIKE

Explore the nightlife on the McKenzie Preserve

WHEN: 6 PM Start

WHERE: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve



16 FINE GOLD CREEK HIKE

Explore Fine Gold Creek Preserve on this docent-led hike

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: Fine Gold Creek Preserve

16 TRAIL RUN SERIES: BLACK MOUNTAIN

Get moving and get to know the preserve!

WHEN: 8 AM Start

WHERE: Black Mountain Preserve

MEETUP: Lodge Rd. Park & Ride



JUNE

6 VOLUNTEER WORK DAY: FINE GOLD CREEK

WHEN: 8 AM Start

WHERE: Fine Gold Creek Preserve

6 NATIONAL TRAILS DAY HIKE

WHEN: 8 AM Start

WHERE: Stockton Creek Preserve



21 FATHER'S DAY TRAIL HIKE

Explore Fine Gold Creek Preserve on this docent-led hike

WHEN: 9 AM Start

WHERE: Fine Gold Creek Preserve



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Consider joining our Preserve Trail Crew, removing invasive species, or helping out on the highway cleanup!

Volunteering is a wonderful way to help preserve the places we love.

Please register online at
www.sierrafoothill.org/volunteer-information-page

YOUR VISION FOR CONSERVATION

We invite you to share your vision for conservation with us. We want to know why conservation matters to you.

Use #WhyIConserve on social and let us know how you feel connected to the landscapes, history, plants and animals SFC cares for.

CONNECT



@sierrafoothillconservancy



Register For All Events: www.sierrafoothill.org/events-listing



**TAKE IT OUTSIDE
CALIFORNIA!**



EVENT LOCATIONS

For detailed driving directions & maps see
Events Pages on sierrafoothill.org/events-listing

MCKENZIE TABLE MOUNTAIN PRESERVE

22477 Auberry Road, Clovis, CA

BLACK MOUNTAIN PRESERVE

Meet Up is at the Lodge Road Park & Ride off Highway 168

FINEGOLD CREEK PRESERVE

21582 Road 216 Friant, CA

STOCKTON CREEK PRESERVE

Turn Out off Highway 140 past the Hwy 49 and Hwy 140 4-way Stop in Mariposa

TIVY MOUNTAIN PRESERVE

25 minutes from the Friant/Highway 41 on-ramp

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER GORGE

40060 Smalley Road, Auberry, CA

BOOTJACK STORE

3939 Bootjack Lane, Mariposa, CA

DARRAH SCHOOL HOUSE

5991 Darrah Road, Mariposa, CA

MARIPOSA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

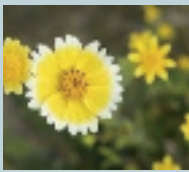
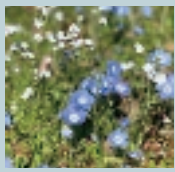
5007 Fairgrounds Road, Mariposa, CA

MCBS UPPER FIELD

6th Street, Right turn on Mariposa Street then Left on Trabucco Street to the end

You must be registered for the event to attend. We cannot accommodate walk-ons without advance notice or permission from SFC. Please ensure your registration information is accurate. We use both email and phone numbers to update participants to any hike changes or cancellations.

Confirmation of registration and detailed information will be sent via Email once each participant registers and prior to your event.



A Note From Our Team...

This season we are excited to offer the hikes and classes you know and love, as well as some exciting new experiences. These new events will give you the opportunity to explore and learn about these iconic landscapes, their history, and the flora and fauna therein, in a whole new way.

-Allyson Brooks, Community Engagement Manager



Register For All Events: www.sierrafoothill.org/events-listing