

Spring 2016 events at HORSETOWN-CLEAR CREEK PRESERVE

** CELEBRATING 25 YEARS **

April 2, 2016 (Sat.) 10 a.m. - “**CLOVERDALE WATERFALLS**”

Enjoy a pleasant spring morning walking on the Cloverdale property with Don Neptune, Horsetown-Clear Creek Board member. Come explore the waterfalls and enjoy wonderful views of the Clear Creek canyon. The event will offer fresh air, natural beauty and a healthy dose of walking. Bring some friends, walking shoes, and water— this should be a fascinating moderate walk of 2 to 3 hours! NO CHARGE

ALL events this spring will meet at the HCCP parking area on Clear Creek Road, about 7 miles west of highway 273, just west of the Clear Creek Bridge. Call 241-2026 for more information.

April 16 (Sat.) 8:30 a.m. - “**EARLY BIRD WATCHERS PART 1**”

Enjoy early morning bird watching with local expert Barbara Peck. Barbara has a Masters in Wildlife Biology and Ecology. She will point out birds and tell us more about them as we stroll over portions of the Preserve. *Bring binoculars if you have them.* FREE EVENT.

April 23 (Sat.) 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. – “**2016 WHOLE EARTH & WATERSHED FESTIVAL**”

Join us at Redding City Hall & Sculpture Park for this annual event organized in part by our friends at the Western Shasta Resource Conservation District. For more information see www.wholeearthandwatershedfestival.org. Hands on learning for children of all ages, with good food and music make this a great family event!

April 24 (Sun.) 1 p.m. – “**CLEAR CREEK WILDFLOWERS AND WILD PLANTS**”

Come walk with David Ledger from the Shasta Chapter of California Native Plant Society. Enjoy the beauty of blooming wildflowers, the stimulation of a walk in the country, and learn about plants and nature. Sunday afternoons don't get any better than this. David is a long time member of the CNPS and very knowledgeable about plants in our area. NO COST.

May 1 (Sun.) 9:30 a.m. - “**PLANT AND COMMUNITY ECOLOGY WALK**”

Ever wonder what the name of a plant is you were looking at along the trail? Or, maybe you have wondered *why* that plant was growing where it is? Or, maybe you are interested in knowing what functions the plant performs in the ecosystem? We will explore all of these questions on this walk! We will learn to identify some key plants (both native and invasive) in the landscape and how they relate to the community and ecosystem. We will walk along the trail short distances and take time to explore the plant community around us. All ages are encouraged to come explore the ecology of Clear Creek with BLM's Laura Brodhead. Wear walking shoes.

May 14 (Sat.) 8:30 a.m. - **“EARLY BIRD WATCHERS PART 2”**

Barbara Peck is leading two bird walks for us at Horsetown this year. Enjoy the opportunity to compare the birds present at the Preserve in mid-April and again mid-May. A second wonderful morning bird walk with a local expert who will answer questions about the birds on the Preserve. ***Bring binoculars if you have them.*** FREE EVENT.

May 15 (Sun.) 1 p.m. -- **“NATIVE PLANT IDENTIFICATION AND USES”**

Join native Wintu Ted Dawson on a spring walk while he locates, identifies, and explains medicinal and general uses of native plants. Ted has been a consultant and provided technical support at Turtle Bay Museum for Native American exhibits. Today’s presentation will include making a natural poison oak remedy. *Bring a jar/container to take some home in.* No Cost.

May 21 (Sat.) 10 a.m. - **“GOLD RUSH HISTORY WALK”**

The community of Horsetown was established near the second major gold discovery in California at Reading’s Bar on Clear Creek during the gold rush of 1849. Enjoy a pleasant spring walk with a view of that site with Cathy Scott, Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve Board member. Learn about our local gold rush history and Horsetown. Bring some friends and walking shoes. NO CHARGE

June 5 (Sun.) 2 p.m. – **“BUGS ON THE BOTTOM – STREAM BOTTOM ECOLOGY”**

Wade the stream with Shasta College instructor Morgan Hannaford, PhD – or watch from shore – as he gathers strange and fascinating insects from their underwater homes. Dr. Hannaford has a passion for teaching all ages, from kindergartners to retirees, and the topic is intriguing. Don’t miss this family event. (Wading optional). FREE EVENT.

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Children are welcome at all of our events. All events are free of charge.

See our website at HorsetownClearCreekPreserve.org for more about us
Including trail maps and coming events.

Horsetown-Clear Creek Preserve has openings on the Board of Directors

Contact Horsetownhccp@gmail.com or 241-2026 for more information



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