

Saturday, May 27: River Trail Hike to “Trancas Parkland”

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Escape from the urban environs this weekend—without ever leaving! We’ll hike this segment of the Napa River Trail from Lincoln Ave. to Trancas Blvd. and back, stopping for lunch on the riverbank at the City of Napa’s “Trancas Parkland.” Enjoy impressive views of the river and Mt. George from this yet-to-be-developed passive use park—recently purchased from golfer Johnny Miller and now protected in perpetuity by our conservation easement. Bring comfortable shoes, lunch, and plenty of water. To sign up, contact John Speck at 257-1141 or speckslingo@yahoo.com (please include your phone #). E 2mi +

Sunday, June 11: Full Moon Summer Solstice Walk on Tuteur Ranch

MEMBERS ONLY—NEW MEMBERS WELCOME! Celebrate the solstice with this moonlit hike that begins just before sundown and ends just after midnight. Come join us on this eve of the full moon—bring flashlights, headlamps, water and snacks. Meet at the Silverado Middle School on Coombsville Road at 8:30 PM. To sign up contact Joe Cucco at 226-5329 or joecucco@mindspring.com (please include your phone #). M 4mi ++

Saturday, June 24: Save the Date! Archer Taylor Preserve Annual Picnic

MEMBERS ONLY—NEW MEMBERS WELCOME! Guided hikes, BBQ pot-luck, neighbors, fun! To attend, contact caretaker Kelly Solomon at 254-0996.

Saturday, July 8: Mystery River Paddle

MEMBERS ONLY—NEW MEMBERS WELCOME! Escape the heat in a boat! Join us on this paddling adventure along the Napa River to tour protected lands and natural areas. Please provide your own canoe or kayak and safety equipment. To sign up, contact Joe Cucco at 226-5329 or joecucco@mindspring.com (please include your phone #).

Saturday, July 29: BBQ & Stargazing at Wantrup Wildlife Preserve!

MEMBERS ONLY—NEW MEMBERS WELCOME! Calling all astronomers! One of our hidden treasures, this Preserve in Pope Valley is just far enough from city lights to make for some fabulous stargazing. We’ll have the telescopes, some local astronomers, and the hot coals; all you need is your favorite food to grill and your enthusiasm for the heavens. If you have a telescope, bring it along—the more the merrier! To sign up, contact Joe Cucco at 226-5329 or joecucco@mindspring.com (please include your telephone #).

How hard are our field trips?

A hike’s degree of difficulty is rated using the **Hike Ratings**. Difficulty is determined by both distance *and* elevation gain. All of our hike ratings assume a good level of physical fitness. Please note that these guidelines may not fully describe a hike’s difficulty. For example, steep or rough terrain may make a short hike strenuous. **Read the hike description carefully.** Call the hike leader or The Land Trust if you have any questions. We want to be sure that the hikes you join match your expectations and needs.

Hike Rating

DIFFICULTY	MILES	ELEVATION GAIN
E Easy	see hike description for mileage	+ less than 1,000 ft <i>(relatively flat)</i>
M Moderate		++ 1,000 to 2,000 ft <i>(some uphill)</i>
H Hard		+++ 2,000 to 3,000 ft <i>(lots of uphill)</i>
S Strenuous		++++ over 3,000 ft <i>(steep)</i>
V Very strenuous		

For example: M 3mi + is a moderately difficult 3-mile hike with less than 1,000 ft elevation gain.

Meeting Place, Safety & Other Information

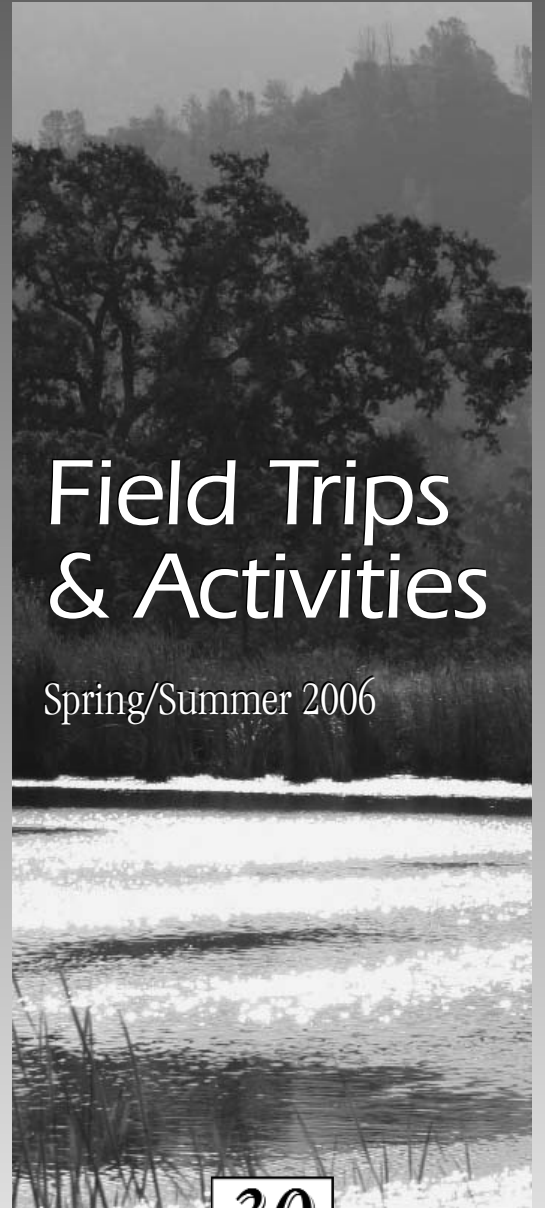
Meeting locations and times for hikes are provided by the hike leader when you sign up.

For hikes and work days, **ALWAYS** bring snacks, lunch, sunscreen, ample drinking water, wear sturdy hiking boots or trail runners (no tennis shoes!), and appropriate clothing for weather protection from sun, rain, cold, or heat.

Heavy rain automatically cancels all outdoor field trips.



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Field Trips & Activities

Spring/Summer 2006



Hikes & Events

Saturday, February 25: Photos and Falls at Archer Taylor Preserve

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Get some spring (in your step) this winter as you experience the redwood forest and waterfalls at Archer Taylor Preserve! At our first stop, we'll enjoy a cascade roaring over a giant pile of granite boulders. If that's enough for you, you can relax and enjoy lunch here, then take the trail back. If you're more rugged and adventurous, you can continue up Redwood Creek and watch it plunge into the famous Devil's Well. This route forms a photographer's paradise and we hope to have a professional along to give us picture taking tips. Come prepared for a steep uphill climb with some rock-hopping across the creek, especially if you're going all the way to Devil's Well. To sign up, contact John Speck at 257-1141 or speckslingo@yahoo.com (please include your phone #) **M 2mi ++** (first half); **H 4mi ++** (second half).

Saturday, March 4: Foote Botanical Preserve Restoration Day

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Breathe crisp mountain air and enjoy dramatic views of the Napa Valley with members of the preserve committee as they continue native plant restoration and trail improvement on the Foote Botanical Preserve at Mt. George. Bring your gloves, boots, and comfortable clothes. To sign up, contact Susan and Dennis Rinehart at dennisr@cswt2.com or call Dave Briggs at 252-4539 (please include your phone #).

Sunday, March 5: Silver Creek Waterfall at Foote Botanical Preserve

MEMBERS ONLY—NEW MEMBERS WELCOME (LIMITED TO FIRST 20 PEOPLE)! Give in to the allure of a late winter waterfall! Follow freshly groomed trails on this challenging hike to the Silver Creek waterfall at Foote Botanical Preserve! The trail is steep and narrow. To sign up, contact Susan and Dennis Rinehart at dennisr@cswt2.com or call Dave Briggs at 252-4539 (please include your phone #). **S 4mi ++**

Sunday, March 12: Zim Zim Falls

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! You heard right—OPEN! With the help of The Land Trust, 12,000 acres in eastern Napa County have been preserved as an addition to the Knoxville Wildlife Area public lands. Nestled in these lands are Zim Zim Creek and the beautiful Zim Zim Falls, destinations that many have yearned to visit but could not access until now. We'll start at what used to be the site of the Sulphur Springs Hotel (a stagecoach stop) and hike up a ranch road along the creek to the Falls and a short distance

beyond. Be prepared for numerous creek crossings (wet feet may ensue), and a short uphill section after the Falls. To sign up, contact Linda McClimans at 254-1509 or linda.mcclimans@ubs.com by Thurs. afternoon, March 9 (please include your phone #). **H 8mi ++**

Saturday, March 18: Mead Ranch Vernal Pools

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Treat yourself to an easy springtime hike on the Mead Ranch in the eastern hills of Napa Valley. We'll stop by vernal pools to enjoy dramatic wildflower displays, then climb the ridge for fabulous views of Lower Napa Valley and San Pablo Bay. To sign up, contact John Speck at 257-1141 or speckslingo@yahoo.com (please include your telephone #). **E 4mi ++**

Saturday, March 25: Annual Spring Palisades Hike

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Starting from the bottom of the Oat Hill Mine Road in Calistoga and heading uphill, this is an all-day, strenuous hike, but with spectacular wildflowers and landscapes! Must be in strong physical condition and have proper clothing. Bring lunch and at least 2 quarts of water. To sign up, contact Linda McClimans at 254-1509 or linda.mcclimans@ubs.com by Thurs. afternoon, March 23 (please include your phone #). **V 11mi +++**

Saturday, April 8: Snell Valley Afternoon Wildflower Stroll

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Join Napa County botanist Joe Callizo on this stroll around Snell Valley to view the spectacular native wildflower display. Meet at 2 p. m. at The Land Trust's Missimer Snell Valley Wildflower Preserve. To sign up (and for directions and trip info), contact Joe Callizo at 965-2225. **E 1mi +**

Sunday, April 9: Blue Ridge Cliff Climb

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Starting on Knoxville Berryessa Road in the Knoxville Wildlife Area, we'll head straight up hill to the sandstone cliffs of the Blue Ridge, ending about 1000 ft above the valley floor with a spectacular view of spring wildflowers on the sandstone cliffs, the central valley, and the complex hills and valleys of Lake, Solano, and Napa Counties. We may also encounter prairie falcons nesting in the cliffs. Be prepared for a stream crossing each way, very steep terrain as we approach the cliffs, and off course, downhill hiking on the return loop. Sturdy shoes and plenty of water are a must. To sign up, contact Cathy Koehler or Paul Aigner at 995-9005, mclaughlin@ucdavis.edu (please include your phone #). **V 4mi +**

Don't forget to call early and sign up. Field trips fill up fast!

Saturday, April 15: Table Rock Hike

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! We'll hike the steep route southward from Robert Louis Stevenson Park at Mt. St. Helena to the remarkable vista at Table Rock. Feel the breeze blow upward to you as you watch raptors and crows perform their most daring aerial displays. Prepare to train your binoculars on the rocky cliffs in search of peregrine falcons. Wear sturdy shoes and bring lunch and plenty of water. To sign up, contact Susan and Dennis Rinehart at dennisr@cswt2.com or call Dave Briggs at 252-4539 (please include your phone #). **M 5mi ++**

Saturday, April 22: Connolly Ranch Earth Day Family Hike

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Get up early to stretch those long (and short, for the kids) legs on a nature hike at the Connolly Ranch. We'll appreciate the wildflowers and creatures that populate this stretch of earth as we hike from the ranch into the neighboring Westwood Hills Park. Some uphill. Bring sturdy shoes and plenty of water. Consider it a warm-up to The Land Trust of Napa County's Earth Day 2006 festivities ("Celebrating Our Community's Treasures: Parks & Natural Areas"), scheduled for throughout the day at Skyline Park! To sign up, contact Dave Briggs at 252-4539 or dave@napalandtrust.org (please include your phone #). **M 2mi +**

Saturday, April 22: Earth Day Celebration of Parks and Natural Areas

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Looking for an opportunity to discover, appreciate and help protect natural areas of Napa County? Then join us at The Land Trust of Napa County's Earth Day 2006 festivities at Skyline Park in Napa. The theme this year is "Celebrating Our Community's Treasures: Parks & Natural Areas," and we will do just that! Organizations from throughout the county will sponsor wildflower and natural history walks and hikes to scenic overlooks. Enjoy refreshments and visit information booths to find out how to support local efforts to restore fish runs, create a countywide parks and open space program, and educate local children about the natural world. For more information, contact Cheryl Harris at 224-6133 or cheryleharris@sbcglobal.net (please include your phone #).

Sunday, April 23: Sensitive Plant Canyon

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! This wildflower hike will start from a BLM road inside the Knoxville Recreation Area and take us down Sensitive Plant Canyon on an old jeep road. Join plant guru Joe Callizo in exploring the extraordinary springtime treasures of this area amidst serpentine barrens, chaparral, and old mine sites. Wear sturdy shoes, bring plenty of water, and wear your sun hat.

Most of the hike is downhill. To sign up, contact Cathy Koehler at 995-9005 or mclaughlin@ucdavis.edu (please include your phone #). **M 3mi**

Sunday, April 30: Art and Nature at the di Rosa Preserve

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Forms and colors of man and nature flow together at the di Rosa Preserve. We'll traverse across meadows of wild flowers and even wilder sculptures to a ridge to the north-west where we'll enjoy views of the bay. Bring sturdy shoes, lunch and plenty of water. To sign up, contact Chip Bouril at 944-2058 or csbouril@napanet.net (please include your phone #). **M 3mi ++**

Saturday, May 6: Foote Preserve Community Day

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Don your work clothes and come help your neighbors with this seasonal "spruce-up" of the Foote Botanical Preserve at Mt. George. We'll improve trails, remove invasive plants, and encourage our new plantings of native grasses and shrubs. Wear sturdy shoes and bring lunch and plenty of water. To sign up, contact Susan and Dennis Rinehart at dennisr@cswt2.com or call Dave Briggs at 252-4539 (please include your phone #).

Saturday, May 13: Owling with Robin Leong

MEMBERS ONLY—NEW MEMBERS WELCOME! Join bird and owl expert Robin Leong on an owling expedition to sites in the Mayacamas mountains of western Napa County. Contact Robin for meeting location and time at robin_leong@netzero.net or call 643-1287 (please include your phone #). **M 1mi +**

Sunday, May 14: Mother's Day Hike to Tuteur and Green Valley Ranches

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Join our guide, John Tuteur, for a new variation on our annual hill and ranchland ramble. To sign up, contact Chip Bouril at 944-2058 or csbouril@napanet.net (please include your phone #). **H 7mi ++**

Saturday, May 20: Birding on Henry Ranch

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Search for feathered friends with Herb McGrew! Join us as we appreciate the unusual variety of birds found at the renowned (to bird lovers, anyway) Henry Ranch. Enjoy dramatic views of San Pablo Bay from lands that Daryl Sattui has protected with a Land Trust conservation easement—over 700 acres of native oaks, grasslands and rolling hills in the Carneros region. We'll finish with a BYO picnic lunch on Saintsbury's Henry Road Ranch. To sign up, contact Penny Proteau at 944-2058 or pennyp@pinerigdwine.com (please include your phone #). **M 2mi ++**

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