

## Vernal Pools Tour 2023

**Park & Location:** Prairie City State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA)  
13300 White Rock Rd, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 (916) 985-7378



- **Where:** Prairie City Ecological Reserve Area (non-OHV riding).  
Directions to the event are available at the entrance kiosk with directional signage posted along the route to the parking area.\*  
*Written Directions:* Turn left after the entrance kiosk, continue for 0.75 miles, and turn left at the staging area. Continue to main crossroad stop sign, make a left and enter the 4x4 Area. Continue straight up the hill and past the 4x4 Pit entrance. Keep left and continue for ½ mile along special event access road until you reach a parking area to the left with the vernal pools sign.
- **Days/Time:** Sunday, Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 9, & May 7 from 10AM - 11AM  
Sunday, Feb 26, Mar 26, Apr 23, & May 21 from 2PM - 3PM
- **Fee:** \$5 entrance fee per vehicle
- **What to expect:** An easy to moderate walk introducing the rare and dramatic vernal pool landscape. Topics include pool formation, types of plants and animals, and their adaptations for survival. The tours path of travel varies, depending upon weather and vernal pool stage.
- **Length and Terrain:** About 0.5 miles of uneven, tall grass, and possibly muddy ground.
- **Ages:** All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- **Preparation:** Wear appropriate footwear (hiking or rain boots) and layered clothing, including a sun hat or sunscreen. Bring water and snacks. A limited number of binoculars and eye loupes are available for use. Consider insect repellent.
- **Special instructions:** Steady, light rain okay, heavy rain cancels. Check social media for updates.
- **Specific program information:** (916) 985-5901 or [prairie.city@parks.ca.gov](mailto:prairie.city@parks.ca.gov)
- **Social media:** Follow us at:
  - Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/Prairie-City-SVRA-168242086519173>
  - Instagram – <https://www.instagram.com/prairiecitsvra/>
  - Website – <https://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov/prairiecity>

\* Meet for tour at the entrance kiosk on March 26<sup>th</sup> to caravan, due to special event\*