First Day Hike & Ride 2027

Park Name: Prairie City SVRA

- **Where**: Zone 5 (Yost). Directions are provided at the main entrance station with posted signage along the route to the parking area. Turn left after the entry kiosk and continue for one half mile until you reach a gravel road with an open green cattle gate on the left. The group and parking area will be visible.
- **Day/Time**: Friday, January 1st, 10 – 11: 30 a.m. Walk and 1-2 p.m. Ride
- **Parking**: $5 park entrance fee per vehicle
- **What to expect**: An easy hike & ride introducing the dynamic cultural history upon the land within the park, including its many inhabitants such as First Peoples, gold prospectors, aggregate miners, and present-day riders. We explore the Yost Ranch (currently closed to OHV riding) where the impact of mining practices dominates the landscape yet lack of public access provides a sense of time standing still. We investigate and ponder the plants and animals that make Prairie City SVRA their home, such as the great horned owl, cotton-wood trees, red-tailed hawk, wild grasses, bobcat, and coyote. How do they cope with, and in some cases thrive, in a human altered landscape?
- **Length**: About 2.0 miles. Note: the hike and ride are at two separate times.
- **Ages**: All ages welcome. Children need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- **Preparation**: Dress in warm layers and bring rain gear if warranted. Wear appropriate hiking boots/shoes for uneven and/or wet terrain. Bring water and snacks. A limited number of binoculars are available for use.
- **Special instructions**: Heavy rain cancels, check social media for updates. Bring sturdy, closed-toed shoes, preferably waterproof as the trail may be muddy.
- **Contact**: (916) 985-5901 or prairie.city@parks.ca.gov
- **Social media**: Follow us at: Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/Prairie-City-SVRA, Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/prairiecitysvra/ and https://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov/prairiecity.



