



Vernal Pool Tour Schedule 2025

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



Where: Prairie City North Vernal Pool Management Area. Directional signage will be posted, just after the entrance kiosk, and along the main roads to the tour parking area.

Directions to Tour: Turn left after the entrance kiosk, continue for 0.75 miles, and turn left at the staging area. Continue to the main crossroads, 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 pool program sign.

Days/Time: Saturdays, March 8 & 22, April 5 & 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Sign-Up: Space is limited, please sign up through either email below.

Fee: \$5 entrance fee per vehicle.

What to expect: An easy to moderate walk introducing the secrets of survival in a mysterious landscape. Topics include pool formation, types of plants and animals, mima mound theories and their adaptations for survival. The tours path of travel varies, depending upon the recent weather.

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 raincoat or sun hat and sunscreen. Bring water and snacks. A limited number of binoculars and eye loupes are available for use. Consider insect repellent. A portable toilet and washing station is accessible.

Special instructions: Steady, light rain okay. Heavy rain cancels. Dogs are not allowed in this area.

For additional information: Contact Karen Shaffer, karens@folfan.org or Prairie City SVRA at (916) 985-1093 or prairie.city@parks.ca.gov.

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