



## Vernal Pool Tour Schedule 2024

**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. Directional signage will be posted, just after the entrance kiosk, 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 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:** Saturdays, Apr 13, Apr 27 & May 4 from 2PM - 3PM  
Sundays, Apr 21 & May 5 from 11AM - 12PM

**Sign-Up:** Space is limited, please sign up [HERE](#). Or see below for contact information.

**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 sun hat or sunscreen. Bring water and snacks. A limited number of binoculars and eye loupes are available for use. Consider insect repellent. A portable toilet and wash station will be staged nearby.

**Special instructions:** Steady, light rain okay. Heavy rain cancels. Dogs are not allowed in the ecological reserve area of the vernal pools.

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

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