



# SOLANO LAND TRUST COMING EVENTS

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## JANUARY - APRIL 2010 TOURS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

*All events are free and no reservation is needed unless otherwise noted. For more information, call 707-432-0150, ext 200. Bring drinking water, weather appropriate clothing and hat. Directions to all sites are on page 2 of this calendar. Lynch Canyon has \$5 per vehicle daily parking fee.*

### TOURS AND EVENTS

**January 9:** Rush Ranch. Raptor ID Workshop in Nature Center 10 am - 12:30 pm, followed by on site Rush Ranch Raptor Tour from 1 - 3 pm, both with Larry Broderick. Please call Teri to sign up for the workshop as seating is limited. Guests are welcome to bring a lunch. No limit on afternoon tour.

**January 16:** Lynch Canyon. Guided Park Ranger Tour. Join Solano County Park Ranger on a guided tour of the park's wildlife (birds to bobcats), plants, grazing operation, etc. Meet at Parking Lot Kiosk at 9 am for a 2 hour hike. Route will vary based on participant interest and ability level.

**January 16:** Rush Ranch. "Getting the Rush: Guided Interpretive Walk." Meet docents at Nature Center at 9 am. Prepare for weather and trail walk. Blacksmith Shop Demonstration, 10 am - 1 pm, and Access Adventure Wagon Rides, 11 am - 1 pm; (Programs cancel if weather makes it unsafe).

**January 17:** Lynch Canyon. Winter Bird Tour. 9 am - noon. See resident and migratory raptors, songbirds and waterfowl in the hills and woodlands of Lynch Canyon with your birding guides, Earl and Maylien Swenerton and raptor specialist Larry Broderick. Moderate difficulty. Meet at Parking Lot Kiosk.

**January 23:** Lynch Canyon. Docent led Guided Hike. 9 am - noon. Moderate difficulty, learn about the history, plants, geology, habitats & wildlife from a park docent. Meet in parking lot by kiosk when park opens. Groups and children welcome. Call 432-0150, ext 200 to schedule more than 5 guests.

**January 30:** Rush Ranch. Birding Walk. 10 am - noon. Docent Joanne Castro leads Birding Walk of the diverse habitats of the open space from marsh to uplands. Heavy rain cancels this free event. This is a pre-event for the San Francisco Bay Flyway Festival and is sponsored by the Rush Ranch Education Council.



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**February 6: San Francisco Bay Flyway Festival: King-Swett Ranches. Hike and Bird** with Jim Walsh. 9 am - noon. Meet at the white TruGreen truck at I-80 and Hiddenbrooke Parkway exit park-and-ride by 9 am. Pace tailored to guests. For details, call 707-432-0150, ext. 200 or visit [www.sfbayflywayfestival.com](http://www.sfbayflywayfestival.com).

**February 13: Winter Birding Tour: Jepson Prairie.** 10 am - 1 pm. Led by SLT raptor specialist Larry Broderick. Meet at the visitor parking area. Capitalize on a bonus of migratory winter shorebirds and raptors from falcons to ferruginous hawks, plus year round eagles and owls.

**February 20: Lynch Canyon. Guided Park Ranger Tour.** Join Solano County Park Ranger on a guided tour of the park's wildlife (birds to bobcats), plants, grazing operation, etc. Meet at Parking Lot Kiosk at 9 am for a 2 hour hike. Route will vary based on participant interest and ability level.

**February 20: Rush Ranch. "Getting the Rush: Guided Interpretive Walk."** Meet docents at Nature Center at 9 am. Prepare for weather and trail walk. **Blacksmith Shop Demonstration**, 10 am - 1 pm; and **Access Adventure Wagon Rides**, 11 am - 1 pm; (Programs cancel if weather is unsafe).

**February 27: Lynch Canyon. Docent led Guided Hike.** 9 am - noon. Moderate difficulty, learn about the history, plants, geology, habitats & wildlife from a park docent. Meet in parking lot by kiosk when park opens. Groups and children welcome. Call 432-0150, ext 200 to schedule more than 5 guests.

**February 28: Rush Ranch. Raptor ID Workshop** in the Nature Center Noon - 3 pm, followed by a brief on site **Rush Ranch Raptor Tour** from 3:15 - 4:30 pm, both with Larry Broderick. Please call Teri to sign up for the workshop as seating is limited. No limit on afternoon tour.

**March 6: King-Swett Ranches. Hike and Bird** with Jim Walsh. 9 am - noon. Meet at the white TruGreen truck at I-80 and Hiddenbrooke Parkway exit park-and-ride by 9 am. Pace tailored to guests.

**March 7: Lynch Canyon. Winter Raptor Tour.** 9 am - 2 pm. See resident and migratory raptors, songbirds and waterfowl in the hills and woodlands of Lynch Canyon with your birding guide, raptor specialist Larry Broderick. Moderate difficulty. Meet at Parking Lot Kiosk. Bring water and a snack.

**March 13-May 9 (Sat & Sun) Jepson Prairie. Docent Guided Tours.** 10 am-noon. Tour vernal pools and ponds, subject to adequate rainfall. See SLT website for updated schedule.

**March 20: Lynch Canyon. Guided Park Ranger Tour.** Join Solano County Park Ranger on a guided tour of the park's wildlife (birds to bobcats), plants, grazing operation, etc. Meet at Parking Lot Kiosk at 9 am for a 2 hour hike. Route will vary based on participant interest and ability level.



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**March 20:** *Rush Ranch.* **“Getting the Rush: Guided Interpretive Walk.”** Meet docents at Nature Center at 9 am. Prepare for weather and trail walk. **Blacksmith Shop Demonstration**, 10 am - 1 pm, and **Access Adventure Wagon Rides**, 11 am - 1 pm; (Programs cancel if weather is unsafe).

**March 21:** *Rush Ranch.* **Final Winter Raptor Event.** 10 am - 2 pm at the Nature Center. Larry Broderick will offer a condensed visual presentation with a recap of the season (all SLT sites), followed by a short birdwatching walk. Bring lunch and photos to share with the group. Please call Teri to sign up as seating is limited.

**March 27:** *Lynch Canyon.* Docent led **Guided Hike.** 9 am - noon. Moderate difficulty, learn about the history, plants, geology, habitats & wildlife from a park docent. Meet in parking lot by kiosk when park opens. Groups and children welcome. Call 432-0150, ext 200 to schedule more than 5 guests.

**April 3:** *King-Swett Ranches.* **Hike and Bird** with Jim Walsh. See March 6 event details.

**April 10:** *Lynch Canyon.* **California State Horsemen’s Association Scavenger Hunt.** For time, info, & to RSVP, please contact: Sue at 707-447-7477 or email: Sue367@earthlink.net. If rain causes cancellation, this event will be rescheduled for April 24.

**April 11:** *Lynch Canyon.* **Guided Wildflower Hike.** 9 am – Noon. Enjoy a wide variety of spring blooms throughout the Lynch Canyon Hills with Mimi Fleige.

**April 17:** *Lynch Canyon.* **Guided Park Ranger Tour.** See March 20 event details.

**April 17:** *Rush Ranch.* **“Getting the Rush”: Guided Interpretive Walk, Blacksmith Shop Demonstration** and **Access Adventure Wagon Rides.** See March 20 event details.

**April 24:** *Lynch Canyon.* Docent led **Guided Hike.** See March 27 event details.

**April 24:** *Rush Ranch.* **20th annual Rush Ranch Open House.** 10 am - 4 pm. See the Rush Ranch Education Council website at: [www.rushranch.net](http://www.rushranch.net) for full schedule of free activities about all aspects of ranch life, music, dancing, horse rides, traditional crafts and wildlife demonstrations, and art show. New this year: Ranch Life Kids’ Art Station!



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**May 2: Lynch Canyon. Second Annual Lynch Canyon Kite Festival.** Noon to 4 pm. Bring your own kite(s) and water. All experience and skill levels welcome from novice to expert. Rare off trail access in broad, mowed pastures provided for this special event. Great place for a picnic with views!

**May 8: Farm Fresh Feast at Dixon Ridge Farms.** 4:30 to 8 pm, 5430 Putah Creek Rd., Winters. This is a fundraising event for the Solano Land Trust. Call Greg Peterson at (707) 432-0150 ext. 205 for information.

**May 15: Adventure in Your Backyard: Explore Lynch Canyon.** There is something for everyone today, celebrating three years of the park's joint operation with Solano County Parks. Activities will include (schedule will be available at a later date):

- Guided Birding Tour
- Horse Drawn Wagon Rides
- Suisun Wildlife Center Critter Demonstration
- Mother Nature Walk/Scavenger Hunt
- Geo Cache Adventure
- Introductory Fun Run for trail runners

All events are free, and no sign up required. Staff and docents available on site from 9 am to 2 pm to answer questions and provide park information.

**June 5: Lynch Canyon. Third Annual Lynch Canyon Trail Run and Community Hike.** 8 am. 2.5 mile hike for all ages and abilities, plus competitive 10k and half marathon trail runs with prizes. Preregister and get more info at: [www.lynchcanyontrailrun.blogspot.com](http://www.lynchcanyontrailrun.blogspot.com); or call 707-432-0150, ext 200 for info or to volunteer and be part of this dynamic event team! Runners must register before 7:30 am on Race Day; but hikers do not need to preregister and are welcome until 8:30 am. *Corporate, group and individual sponsors now being sought - to help, call Greg at (707) 432-0150 ext. 205.*



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### Volunteers are the Heart of Solano Land Trust's Programs!

Use your talent, experience and passion to make a difference! Lead tours & classes, help with special events, outreach, office and field work. Training, flexible hours, group projects and supervised community service for students available. For information on a wide range of volunteer opportunities, call 707-432-0150, ext 200, or email us at: [teri@solanolandtrust.org](mailto:teri@solanolandtrust.org)

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**January 9:** Lynch Canyon. Volunteer Improvements Day. 9 am - noon. Meet at parking lot.

**January 15:** King-Swett Ranches. SLT Volunteer Restoration Project with Sue. 9 am - noon. Specific site and project to be determined. Call Sue at 707-432-0150, ext. 207.

**February 2, 9, 16 and 23 (Tuesdays):** Jepson Prairie Docent Training classes. 7-9 pm at *Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area headquarters (45211 Chiles Road) in Davis.* Extensive training for volunteers who guide tours of Jepson's rare vernal pool and native grassland ecosystems. Please call 707-432-0150, ext 200 for information and to sign up (four Tuesday evenings and three Saturday afternoons in Feb.).

**February 6, 20 and 27 (Saturdays):** Jepson Prairie Docent Training field sessions. 10 am-noon at *Jepson Prairie Preserve.* On site training in the seven part series for docents who lead school groups and weekend tours on the site in spring (March 13 -May 9) Call Teri for information and to sign up.

**February 6, March 6, April 3:** Rush Ranch. Volunteer Improvements Day. 9 am-noon. Meet at Kit House.

**February 13, March 13, April 10:** Lynch Canyon. Volunteer Improvements Day. 9 am - noon. Meet at parking lot.

**February 19, March 19, April 16:** King-Swett Ranches. SLT Volunteer Restoration Project with Sue. 9 am - noon. Specific site and project to be determined. Call Sue at 707-432-0150, ext. 207. Other dates also available during the week where field help is needed.

*Groups and students (age 12-15) welcome at work days with parent. Community service projects and field days for students, (ages 16-18 must have parent present or signed minor permission form, available from 707-432-0150, ext 200). Water and snack provided at all on-site work days. Bring your own work gloves if possible, or borrow our loaners. Help needed all year round!*



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### Hours and Information About Open Space Sites

**Rush Ranch** is open daily 8 am to 6 pm for self-guided ranch walks and trail hikes. Dogs are allowed only on Suisun Hill Trail. No bicycles. Large picnic area with grill available and can be reserved. New Nature Center conf. room, picnic area, and guest quarters can be rented for meetings, weddings and other events by calling 707-432-0150 x 209.

**Lynch Canyon** is open Saturday through Monday, 9 am to 5 pm for hiking, wildlife viewing, trail running, mountain biking and equestrians. Closed Tuesday-Friday No dogs. \$5 per vehicle parking fee. Call 707-432-0150 x 200 .

**Jepson Prairie** is open to the public from dawn until dusk most days of the year. Docent tours of vernal pools available on weekends in March through mid May. No dogs. Call SLT at 707-432-0150 x 200 for information.

### Directions to SLT Open Space Sites

**Directions to Rush Ranch:** From Highway 12 in Suisun City, take Grizzly Island Road south about 2 miles. Entrance sign and driveway on the right, one mile past one lane bridge.

**Directions to Lynch Canyon:** From Highway I-80 between Fairfield and Vallejo take the Hidden-brooke/American Canyon exit. Proceed to the east side frontage road, McGary, and drive 1.5 miles toward Sacramento to underpass. Turn left on Lynch Road and go under I-80 to enter Lynch Canyon. Parking lot is through gate, up dirt road.

**Directions to Jepson Prairie:** From I-80, go south on Highway 113 through Dixon until arterial makes sharp left, and continue straight onto Cook Lane (gravel road) to Eucalyptus grove on left. Park in gravel by picnic area & sign.