



Lichen at Rockville Trails Preserve © Steven Chun

Outdoor Adventures with Solano Land Trust in June

Solano Land Trust and partners invite you to kick off your summer with adventures outdoors. For important details, including each activity's meeting location, directions and registration information, visit the events calendar at solanolandtrust.org. For additional questions, call 707-432-0150 extension 203. June opportunities include:

Fri. June 3 starting at 8 p.m. at Rush Ranch

Planets, Galaxies and Star Clusters!: Don't miss stargazing at Rush Ranch to learn about our amazing night sky. The evening begins with an indoor presentation, followed by outdoor telescope viewing. Mars, Jupiter and Saturn should be making an appearance, as well as distant galaxies and star clusters. Free.

Sat. June 4 starting at 8 a.m. at Lynch Canyon

[Lynch Canyon Trail Run and Community Hike](#): While the 5K, 10K and half marathon races are expected to sell out in advance, you can still show up for the 2.5 mile Lynch Canyon Community Hike. The community hike is completely free and there is no pre-registration. Over 50 people are expected to hike the 2.5-mile loop as slow or fast as they like. They walk a wide dirt trail alongside a creek toward a reservoir, then go 400 feet uphill to reach the highest point of the hike. At the top, volunteers cheer them on and give them a certificate recognizing their achievement. Parking is limited so participants are encouraged to carpool and arrive early.

Sat. June 4 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Rush Ranch

Bats are the Best!: Corky Quirk, also known as the Bat Lady, and a few of her bat friends will give a fast moving, informative and highly entertaining presentation that will dispel myths and fears about these interesting and useful night creatures. You will have a chance to see some species up close, watch them eat, and hear the sounds of echolocation. Free. Space is limited so arrive early.

Fri. June 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (location varies)

Citizen Science Volunteer Opportunity: Get involved in science on Solano Land Trust lands. No experience is necessary. Participants learn while volunteering. Free. Space is limited. Pre-registration required.

Sat. June 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Lynch Canyon

Trail Crew Volunteer Opportunity: Help take care of Lynch Canyon's 1,000-plus acres. Projects include improving trails, fixing fences, weeding and more. No experience is necessary. Participants learn while volunteering. Free parking pass for the day and free lunch with RSVP. Space is limited. Pre-registration recommended.



Sat. June 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rush Ranch

Get the Rush: On the third Saturday of every month, volunteers offer family-friendly activities at Rush Ranch. Timing and activities vary month to month. In June, visitors can travel back in time by entering a traditional blacksmith shop, and learn why Rush Ranch is nationally famous by participating in tidal marsh activities. Weather permitting, they can also ride around the ranch on a horse-drawn wagon. Wheelchair users are encouraged to board the wagon and experience the ride; the wagons are specially-designed with a wheelchair lift. Guests can also explore exhibits, wander trails on their own, and bring a picnic lunch to enjoy. Free.

Sat. June 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rockville Trails Preserve

Lichen are Awesome! And Oaks are Majestic: On this hike you'll slow down to explore the world of lichens, a small life form that is a partnership of a fungus and an alga and shows up in many places, colors and shapes. You'll also gaze up as you walk through groves of oak trees and examine the colors and shapes of their leaves, trunks and branches. At vista points you'll look out at the distance to take in sweeping views of Solano County, the Carquinez Strait, and Mt. Diablo. Five to seven miles. Free. Space is limited. Pre-registration recommended.

Ongoing at Lynch Canyon and Rockville Trail Preserve

Guided rides on your horse: Solano Land Trust's equestrian docents are now available to lead you and your horse on two of Solano Land Trust's properties: Lynch Canyon and Rockville Trails Preserve. Lynch Canyon is open to the public Fridays through Mondays. It offers great riding opportunities through peaceful grasslands accented with groves of buckeyes and live oaks, along with spectacular views of the Bay Area, Delta, Wine Country, and the Sierra Nevada from the inspiring ridgetops that reach up to 900 feet. Rockville Trails Preserve is not yet open to the public, but our equestrian docents are eager to show you this stunning property filled with groves of blue and live oaks, wildflowers and wildlife as you ride atop hills above Suisun Valley. If you are interested in a personalized tour of either of these properties or would just like more information, please email either Mindi at splish@sbcglobal.net or Christine at cnken13@juno.com. These tours are for experienced trail riders with fit horses who are both trail and road trained as we do walk along Rockville Rd. for a short time before entering Rockville Trails Preserve. We look forward to sharing either of these great natural parks with you! Parking is \$6 at Lynch Canyon. The guided rides are free. Space is limited.

Ongoing at Rush Ranch

Horse Feeding Volunteer Opportunity: Access Adventure is seeking volunteers who enjoy physical outdoor work on a ranch and are available for 45 minutes one or more times a week throughout the year. These volunteers will be trained to feed the horses at Rush Ranch. Free.

Explore on your own

For visitors who like to explore on their own, Lynch Canyon is open Fridays through Mondays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to picnic, fly a kite, see cows and wildlife, and explore the hills on foot, mountain bike or horse. Parking is \$6. Rush Ranch is open every day from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. for visitors to picnic, explore exhibits, see horses and cows, and walk alongside the tidal marsh or hike up hills. Parking is free. Both locations offer 360 degree views of Solano County and the Bay Area.

Save the date!

Solano Land Trust invites the community to a [Sunday Supper](#) on Sun. Oct. 9 at Joyful Ranch in Pleasants Valley. This dinner fundraiser will feature food and wine celebrating Solano County's heritage and harvest.

Solano Land Trust protects land to ensure a healthy environment, keep ranching and farming families on their properties, and inspire a love of the land. For more information about Solano Land Trust, its upcoming events and to make a donation, visit solanolandtrust.org.

