

2015 Public Outreach Programs

Valentine Eastern Sierra Reserve Walks and Talks

Early Season Wildflowers of Valentine Reserve

July 1, 10 (same talk each day)

Sherryl Taylor 9:30-12:00 pm; moderately strenuous hike
Valentine Reserve changes color throughout the wildflower season. This hike will allow you to see what is blooming early in the season. Depending on the year, you can expect to see arrays of forget-me-nots, Mariposa lilies, and violets which will be in seed later in the summer. The hike is moderately strenuous, with a 500' elevation gain. Bring water, hat and sunscreen.

History of the Valentine Reserve

July 8, 15, 22 (same talk each day)

Jay and Noelle Deinken 9:30-11:30; easy hike
The area known as The Valentine Reserve has had many uses over the years. Join us on a tour of the reserve to learn about the area's first visitors, how the inhabitants have changed over a century or so and how the land is being used today. From Native Americans to gold speculators to wealthy Angelenos and now educators and scientists, this land has served a wide variety of needs.

The Geology of Valentine Reserve

June 30, July 7, 21, 28 (same talk each day)

Tony Taylor/Carole Lester 9:30-12:00 pm; moderately strenuous hike
The geography of Valentine Reserve was shaped over the millennia by the geologic forces of time. Mammoth Mountain volcano, the glaciers of the Tioga glacial epic and the explosions of the Inyo Craters have all left their mark at Valentine. During this moderately strenuous hike, you will learn how the rocks of Valentine arrived at their destination. Bring water, hat and sunscreen.

Introduction to Wildlife

July 16, 30 (same talk each day)

Jo Bacon 9:30-11:30 pm; moderately strenuous hike
Learn about the wildlife of Valentine Camp and their strategies for survival. This moderate hike will give an introduction on mule deer, black bears, coyotes, Aplodontia and Douglas tree squirrels. Sightings are not guaranteed.

Wildflowers of Valentine Reserve

July 23, 24 (same talk each day)

Leslie Dawson 9:30-12:00 pm; moderately strenuous hike
Every plant has a story, or a native use, and learning a plant's story is often a key to helping remember its name. If you are looking for a fun way to learn many local wildflowers by common name this is your class. The class will hike through five distinct plant communities, and the dominant species found in each community will be described. The hike is moderately strenuous, with a 500' elevation gain. Bring water, hat, and sunscreen.

The Forest of Valentine Reserve

July 3

Carole Lester 9:30-11:30 pm; easy hike
Learn to identify the five most common species of conifers at Valentine Reserve by looking at cones, needles, bark and other features of each tree. On this easy walk, the importance of fire to the forest ecosystem will be discussed as well as the role Mountain Pine beetles play in forest ecology. Bring water, hat, and sunscreen.

Black Bears

July 2, 9 (same talk each day)

Carole Lester 9:30-11:30 pm; easy hike
While walking through Black Bear forest habitat you will see bear scratched trees, a bear den and occasionally bear tracks. Learn how bears survive in the forest, and how Mammoth Lakes is managing their bear population. Children welcome.

How to Register:

Call (805) 893-5655 to register

Send a check for \$15.00 (suggested donation) per person made out to the **UC Regents** to:
Carole Lester, Outdoor Science Education Program
1016 Mt. Morrison Rd, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Pre-registration required. No entrance at the gate without reservations. Group size is limited. Payment by check only, no cash or credit cards. No dogs, no smoking allowed at the Reserve. Donations are for the Outdoor Science Education Program to support science field trips to Valentine Reserve for the children of Inyo and Mono County

For more information:

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