

Jepson Prairie Preserve Docent Training Schedule 2010

Class presentations by regional experts and field trips will prepare docents to lead walks at this vernal pool and native bunchgrass prairie during weekend tours of Jepson Prairie Preserve near Dixon from March 13 to May 9.

- Feb. 2 Class: Welcome to the Jepson Prairie Docent Program, Kate Mawdsley
Providing interpretive tours, Teri Engbring (Solano Land Trust)
Introduction to Vernal Pools of California, Carol Witham
- Feb. 6 Field: Orientation walk at Jepson Prairie Preserve, Docents and UCD Natural Reserve System and Solano Land Trust land stewards
Introduction to conducting interpretive tours, Docents
- Feb. 9 Class: Introduction to Vernal Pool Invertebrates, CJ Addington
Fire and Grazing Effects on Vernal Pool and Grassland Ecosystems, Dr. Jaymee Marty (The Nature Conservancy)
- Feb. 16 Class: Human History of Jepson Prairie, Kate Mawdsley
California Tiger Salamander and other Herps of Jepson Prairie, Dr. Chris Searcy (UCD)
- Feb. 20 Field: Sheep grazing at the Preserve, Burrows Hamilton (grazing lease holder)
Dipping for Olcott Pool's Fauna, CJ Addington
Common birds of Jepson Prairie, Earl Swenerton
- Feb. 23 Class: History, Current Status and Future of California's Grasslands, Dr. Michael Barbour (UCD)
Solitary Bees and Pollination Ecology of Vernal Pool Flora, Dr. Robbin Thorp (UCD)
- Feb. 27 Field: Hydrology, Soils, Landforms and Flora of Jepson Prairie, Dr. Bob Holland
Flower Identification and Pre-Tour Season Reconnaissance, Carol Witham
Seeking Solitary Bees and other Insect Fauna, Dr. Robbin Thorp (UCD)

Classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Headquarters, 45211 Chiles Road, Davis, 1.3 miles east of the Mace Blvd. exit from I-80. Field sessions begin at 10 a.m. at Jepson Prairie Preserve, located 11 miles south of Dixon on Cook Lane off of Highway 113. For more information contact Teri Engbring at the Solano Land Trust (707) 432-0150 ext 200 or teri@solanolandtrust.org.