April 23 — Private Preserve Photography Hike at Big Hill Preserve

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 23 at 8:15am

Location: Big Hill Preserves, North Auburn

This outing at our Big Hill Preserves is a special event in partnership with the Lincoln Hills Photography Club to explore an area in the foothills where you would not otherwise have access. The outing will be led by our trained Docents experienced in photographing Big Hill over the years but will be a bit different than our normal hike events. The pace will be slower, and distance shorter, to provide an opportunity for photographers to find that perfect shot. The event will provide a variety of photo opportunities, including Creekside/riparian, various rock formations, oak woodland panoramas, elevated viewpoints, and the potential for spring wildflowers and any wildlife that may join us.

Please only register for this even if you are a member of the Lincoln Hills Photograph Club.

About this preserve: Taylor Ranch / Big Hill Preserves:
These preserves protect critical unfragmented oak woodlands in the Raccoon Creek and Bear River watersheds and are part of one of the last relatively “wild” areas in western Placer County. The trails on these preserves meander past spectacular rock formations, the gently flowing Raccoon Creek, and panoramic views of the Sierra Nevada foothills and Sacramento Valley. Learn more about this beautiful preserve **here: https://placerlandtrust.org/big-hill-preserves/**.

This activity is a wilderness outing in a natural setting. PLT reserves the right to cancel an event in cases of extreme weather, bad air quality, rain, or other conditions beyond our control.

Distance and difficulty: 2-3 miles+ and takes approximately 3-4 hours at a casual pace and making plenty of stops. It is a moderate hike with some rough terrain and traversing off-trail at times, and an elevation gain of around 500 ft.

Who should attend: This outing is for photographers with their own photography equipment who can walk the distance at a slower casual pace, making stops along the

way for taking pictures. Not recommended for children under 12 years old. Sorry, no dogs allowed unless they are service animals (due to the potential conflicts with livestock and wildlife).

Host: Stephanie Huntingdale and Jim Sakaguchi are the LHPC host. We will be led by two experienced Docents from PLT. Contact: Stephanie - smccoubrey@sbcglobal.net Jim – jimlhpc@gmail.com If you are planning to register for this event. **Please let Stephanie and/or Jim know you are attending via email.** You still need to register at the PLT website in order to attend and to receive the driving instructions and details.

Directions to the Preserve will be emailed after registration. Check your spam folder if you do not receive the email within 15 minutes of registering.

Car-Pooling is encouraged. Please meet at 7:30am at the Orchard Creek Parking Lot in front of health center if you need a lift. Driving instruction will be provided by PLT when you register.

Restroom: At the parking location porta poddies are available.

Fees: This is a free event; however, donations help make these activities possible at LTP! We suggest a donation of $10 per person or $25 for a family. You can donate during registration, and we're happy to accept cash or a check (to Placer Land Trust) at the event in an envelope with your name written on it.

Registration:

- **The deadline to sign up is 5 pm on Thursday (April 17th) before the event unless the event fills first.**
- You may only register yourself and members of your household. People outside of your household must register themselves.
- Space is limited! Please only register if you will be attending so that you don't take a spot away from someone else.
- If you signed up and can no longer attend, please contact Elia at elia.rivas@placerlandtrust

Participants must sign a release of liability. Please complete it by noon the Friday (April 18th), before the event. One form per adult. Parent signature is required for children under 18. Please note, this does not register you for the hike. To register please scroll down. Link to waiver:

- English: https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/v/PublicEventPLT/
- Español: https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/v/PLTEventoPublico/

What to Bring - Personal Items:

- Bring your own snacks and lunch to enjoy at the end of the hike. There are no picnic tables or food store at the location, bring your own portable seats.
- Check the weather report that morning and dress accordingly.
- Normal attire: hat, sunglasses, hiking shoes/boots, long pants, walking sticks or monopods that double as a walking stick, good socks, dress in layers.
- There are uneven trails and rolling hills. Sometimes wearing knee support braces are good. They also shield your knees if you want to get ground level for a photo.
- Neck towel.
- Bring **WATER** you can carry.

What to Bring - Photography Items:

- Primary camera and a back-up camera if you have one.
- Tripod and extra attachment clips (if applicable).
- Remote shutter release.
- Lens that supports landscape (wide angle) and close-up (telephoto and/or Macro). But carry what is comfortable for you from a weight perspective.
- Extra Memory cards, ensure they are formatted correctly.
- Neutral Density filters if you want to do some long exposures.
- Polarizer filter.
- Make sure batteries are fully charged and a few extra.
- Lens hoods may be helpful to shield against light.
- Day pack/bag or camera backpack to keep your gear together.

- Camera manual to solve problems. Load onto phone or have paper. Cell receptions may be unpredictable.
- Lens cleaning kit (cloth, brush, air bulbs).
- Paper and pen if you wish to document things.

Smartphone

- Battery pack or recharger (make sure it's charged). If you have solar rechargers are nice.
- Tripod with smartphone holder attachment.
- If you take a lot of phones, having the plug-in external memory storage might come in handy.

Register here:
https://placerlandtrust.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/placerlandtrust/eventRegistration.jsp?event=1553&