





California & Nevada Legacy Club Field Trips

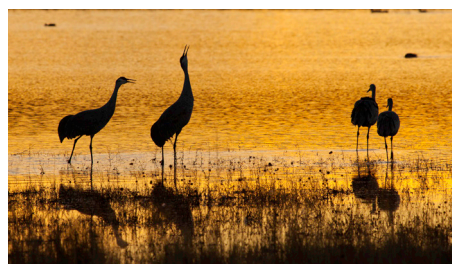
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Calling all naturalists and photographers!

If you have an interest in volunteering as a naturalist or photographer on a field trip, contact Allison at caLegacy@tnc.org.



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Cosumnes River Preserve (Sacramento County, California) Wednesday, January 29



A major stop on the Pacific Flyway, this 50,000-acre preserve hosts thousands of resident and migratory birds, including lesser and greater sandhill cranes. As the last free-flowing river on the Sierra's western slope, the Cosumnes River provides beneficial flooding that makes it a wellspring of conservation opportunities. See TNC's agricultural water management and habitat restoration strategies in action. The trip culminates with a viewing of sandhill cranes at sunset.

► **Hike:** Easy, 1 mile



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Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve and Rainbow Canyon (Riverside County, California) Thursday, March 26



Hike through shady oak woodlands and chaparral at this 4,344-acre reserve in the Santa Ana Mountains. The reserve provides habitat for mountain lions and other species whose survival depends on access to a large geographic range. See our 73-acre Rainbow Canyon property to learn how TNC and our partners are combating development and fragmented habitats by creating networks of connected natural lands here and across the state.

► **Hike:** Strenuous, 2 miles
(600-foot elevation gain in 1 mile)



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7J Ranch (Nye County, Nevada) Saturday, April 4



Purchased in 2019, this 900-acre ranch is dotted with springs and naturally irrigated meadows that harbor native fish, amphibians and spring snails found nowhere else in the world. Its unique geography—between the Great Basin and Mojave Desert—is a linkage between land and water that sustains a vast web of species. Join us near Beatty, Nevada, two hours northwest of Las Vegas, to learn how TNC is conserving this important landscape at the headwaters of the Amargosa River.

► **Hike:** Easy, 1-2 miles



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Gabilan Ranch (Monterey County, California) Wednesday, April 22



A haven of oak and grassland savanna, this 11,000-acre ranch has been minimally developed, leaving much of the ecosystem intact. Sheltered by Fremont Peak to the north, the ranch explodes with wildflowers each spring. Spend Earth Day on this working cattle ranch and learn firsthand how TNC uses conservation easements to permanently protect landscapes and preserve a cultural heritage of land management and ranching.

► **Hike:** Moderately strenuous, 4 miles, steep in places



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Kern River Preserve (Kern County, California) Friday, May 1



Located in the southern Sierra Nevada, east of Isabella Lake, this 3,000-acre preserve is one of California's finest remaining riparian forests. Originally protected by TNC, then transferred to the Audubon Society, it accommodates an unusual mix of wildlife, plants and more than 300 species of birds, including the yellow-billed cuckoo and the willow flycatcher. Join us for a springtime hike when songbirds are migrating and wildflowers are in bloom.

► **Hike:** Easy, 1-2 miles



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Sierra Valley

(Nevada County,
near Truckee, California)

Friday, May 15

Explore the beautiful Sierra Valley by foot and watercraft.* The valley supports the greatest concentration and variety of birds in the Sierra. Discover how TNC is deploying innovative strategies to preserve the valley and other large-scale natural lands in the U.S. and abroad.

*\$40/person nonrefundable fee for watercraft rental, applicable only if paddling conditions allow

- **Hike:** Easy, 1-2 miles, plus a 60- to 90-minute kayak or canoe trip



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Jack and Laura Dangermond Preserve

(Santa Barbara County, California)

Thursday, June 4 or Friday, June 5

This 24,500-acre preserve is an active cattle ranch located at Point Conception—a critical juncture between Northern and Southern California—and stitches together a network of protected areas covering 125,000 acres of ecologically important, climate-resilient habitat. Join us for a tour of this magnificent coastal property and hear about our plans for its future.

\$25/person nonrefundable fee for shuttle service on the preserve

- **Hike:** Moderate, 3 miles



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Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve

(Moss Landing, Monterey County, California)

Friday, September 18

The 7-mile-long Elkhorn Slough provides critical habitat for more than 100 species of fish, thousands of waterfowl and shorebirds, and California's densest concentration of southern sea otters. Explore the reserve on foot and learn firsthand about TNC's efforts to conserve coastal habitats in the face of sea level rise.

Please specify your preference for tour time:
9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. or 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- **Hike:** Easy, 2 miles



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Ring Mountain Preserve

(Marin County, California)

Wednesday, September 23

This preserve is renowned for its unique geology, rare plant species and stunning 360-degree vista of the San Francisco Bay Area. More than 30 years ago, TNC protected this important site from development and saved its rarest species: the Tiburon mariposa lily, found nowhere else on Earth. Enjoy an afternoon hike and find out how TNC's work on the preserve is helping species adapt to climate change and how TNC is driving conservation in other urban areas throughout California.

- **Hike:** Moderately strenuous, 3 miles



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Point Arena-Stornetta

(Mendocino County, California)

Saturday, October 3

Part of the California Coastal National Monument, this stunning property—purchased by TNC in 2003 and transferred to the Bureau of Land Management—boasts spectacular views of coastal bluffs and the estuary of the Garcia River, where we are in the early phases of a restoration project. Explore a rarely visited part of the California coastline while learning about our current work in the area: protecting endangered coho salmon and researching the impacts of sea level rise.

- **Hike:** Moderately easy, 2-3 miles



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Los Angeles River

(Los Angeles County, California)

Friday, October 23

Los Angeles is one of the most populous cities in the world and many of its waterways have been paved and channelized, but nature still manages to flourish in these conditions! The Los Angeles River and its tributaries harbor a surprising variety of native plants and animals in isolated pockets. Visit the LA River and see how TNC's urban restoration work benefits both nature and human communities.

- **Hike:** Easy, 1-2 miles

