



# MARIPOSA COUNTY

## TRAILS DAY

JUNE 4, 2022

9:00 AM— 4:00 PM

MARIPOSA ARTS PARK

HWYS 140 AND 49 SOUTH

### **Program— 10:00-12:30 am**

1. Native American Blessing and Introductions
2. Public Health Department— Eric Sergienko, M.D., MPH
3. Sheriff's Search and Rescue- David Thorpe
4. Mariposa Trails- Bill King
5. Merced River, Merced River Trail- David Greenwood, BLM River Ranger
6. Mariposa County Arts Council- Cara Goger
7. Poetry Readings-Mariposa County Arts Council- Megan Levad
8. Sierra Foothill Conservancy- Jessica Thompson
9. Upper Merced River Watershed Council- Kristina Rylands
10. Music-Ben Goger and Jana Hutchinson
11. Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation- Tara Fouch-Moore
12. Sierra Freepackers and Mariposa Mountain Riders-Wendy Brown and Patricia Valentyne
13. Planning Department and the future Parkway- Mikey Goralnik, Mariposa Planning Department
14. Keep It Wild- Drawing for Merced River rafting trips

### **AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES (8) 1:30-4:00pm**

All of the activities below will have tables in the Arts Park. You may sign up for the event in the morning or contact them through the email addresses provided. All events are free but waivers may be required. Some require specialized equipment. Some have group size limits. **All afternoon activities begin at 1:30pm** (except the 3:00 walk in the Mariposa Creek Parkway).

### **Basics of Birding 1:30pm**

Mariposa Creek Parkway offers good birding, shade, wildflowers, and other surprises. It is remarkable, really, when you realize how close you are to town! You need to bring your own binoculars and footwear with good tread.

**Location: Mariposa Creek Parkway.** Meet at the parking area in front of Blackburn Automotive at the north end of Stroming Road at 1:30pm. Short walk to birding area.

**Sponsor: Yosemite-Mariposa Audubon-Frank Yancey and Pat Garcia.**

For more information or to sign up, contact

[Info@yosemiteaudubon.org](mailto:Info@yosemiteaudubon.org).

### **County Planning Department walks on newer phases of the Mariposa Creek Parkway (2 Guided Walks):**

During the Trails Day event, the county will be leading two guided walks of the Phase IV area to introduce community members to this little known but extremely compelling area. We want to gather ideas and recommendations from interested Mariposans. Walks will be led by county staff (Mikey Goralnik-Planning; Ben Goger-Administration) and will include a range of activities and exercises to collect community input on this future segment of the Mariposa Creek Parkway.

**Walk #1** begins at **1:30 pm**- and **Walk #2** at **3:00 pm** (Please arrive a little early so we can leave on time).

**Group size limit: 7**

**Location:** Meet at the upper end of Antone Road. You may drive, walk, or bike to the meeting point. Both walks will leave from the Creekside Terraces site, located at the upstream end of Antone Road on the west side of Mariposa Creek. Parallel parking will be available along Antone Road, less than ¼ mile upstream from its intersection with Joe Howard Street.

For more information or to sign up, contact

[hharrison@mariposacounty.org](mailto:hharrison@mariposacounty.org) or call 209-742-1343

### **Fly-Fishing Equipment and Casting- 1:30pm**

We shall cover how a fly rod works, wading safely in the water, the basic gear needed, and how to know you are casting correctly. Participants may practice, observe, and improve their skills. Participants under the age of 15 should have an adult or older responsible person with them. It is helpful if you have had some prior fishing experience.

**Location:** Mariposa County Park.

Meet at 1:30 at upper parking lot green area of Mariposa County Park: 4998 County Park Road.

**Sponsor:** Dr. Michael Martin.

**Group size limit: 8**

Sign up at the registration table on the morning of the event.

### **Guided Walk on the Stockton Creek Preserve 1:30pm**

Walk will focus on the Western Pond Turtle, a California “species of special concern”

**Location: Stockton Creek Preserve**—Park and meet at the large turnout on the right just north of Mariposa on the Hwy 140 by the entrance gate.

**Sponsor:** Sierra Foothill Conservancy

For more information or to sign up check out the SFC table the morning of the event.

*Docent: Ninette Danielle*

### **Mountain Biking on the Stockton Creek Preserve- 1:30-3:30pm**

Participants must have a mountain bike (knobby tires at least 1.75 inches wide) and a properly fitting helmet. If interested in or curious about the group ride, email Mike and sign up before the event. Or, just have your equipment nearby that morning.

**Location:** The ride will start from the Mariposa County High School “upper fields” parking, near the track at the end of Trabucco Street.

**Sponsor:** Yosemite Composite Mountain Bike Team

For more information or to sign up, contact  
Mike Cleary at [yosemitemtbtteam@gmail.com](mailto:yosemitemtbtteam@gmail.com)

### **Mule Packing Demonstration 1:30pm**

The Sierra Freepackers, a local unit of the Backcountry Horsemen of California, will be giving a mule packing demonstration for anyone interested in learning how to build a balanced load and tie a box hitch. They will also be sharing information on how to “Leave No Trace” and be gentle users of our backcountry trails. They will be using an “Iron Mule” for their demonstration. This allows participants to actually experience hands-on packing. Come and experience a tradition of the West that helped build America, and is still alive and well to this day. All ages welcome.

**Location** - The large vacant lot on the west side of Hwy 140, between Mercy Ambulance and 10th Street.

**Sponsor:** Sierra Freepackers

For more information or to sign up contact Patricia Vallentyne at [pcvallentyne@gmail.com](mailto:pcvallentyne@gmail.com) or call 559-760-6589.

### **Native Plants along Mariposa Creek Parkway 1:30pm**

Native plant tour along the parkway, including Native American uses.

**Location:** Meet on Stroming Road and Sixth Street, right across from Yosemite NPS office.

**Sponsor:** Master Gardeners

For more information or to sign up, contact

Docents: Kris Randal and Ron Allen [Smace@ucanr.edu](mailto:Smace@ucanr.edu)

### **Plein Air Painting on the Preserve and Parkway (all day)**

**Location:** Paint on the Preserve or on the Parkway that day as a way of showing your support for local trails. Email to sign up or ask questions.

**Sponsor:** Mariposa County Arts Council

For more information or to sign up, contact

[phillips@mariposaartscouncil.org](mailto:phillips@mariposaartscouncil.org)

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