

2009 Public Outreach Programs Valentine Eastern Sierra Reserve

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Early Season Wildflowers of Valentine Reserve

July 6, 8: (same talk each day)

Sherryl Taylor, Valentine staff

9:30-12:30 pm; moderately strenuous hike

Meet at the Valentine Reserve entrance gate

\$15.00 per person donation

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, violets and fritillary lilies, which will be in seed later in the summer. This class is a wonderful opportunity to spend time walking around the spectacular Valentine Meadow. The hike is moderately strenuous, with a 500' elevation gain. Bring water, hat, sunscreen and a snack.

Geology of Valentine Reserve

July 15

Dr. Robert Drake, Geologist

9:30-12:30 pm; moderately strenuous hike

Meet at the Valentine Reserve entrance gate

\$15.00 per person donation

Former UC Berkeley geologist and neighbor of Valentine Reserve, Bob Drake will take the group on a hike around the Valentine Meadow and up to the waterfall while explaining the geologic history of the Reserve. Bob's academic presentation makes some knowledge of geology helpful. Not for children.

Living History-Los Angeles to Valentine Camp in the 1920's

July 10 from 1:00-3:30, July 17 from 3:30-6:00 (same talk each day)

Old Timer Ken Irvine local historian and storyteller

Easy hike

Meet at the Valentine Reserve entrance gate

\$15.00 donation per person

In the 1920's some of the most influential men of Los Angeles left the city once a year and came to Valentine Camp to hike and fish. Join Old Timer Ken as he talks about this period. Ken lives in the posh Alexandria Hotel and frequently lunches at the California Club with William Mulholland. He is acquainted with William Valentine (Robinson's Department Store), Henry O'Melveny (law), William Kerchoff (Southern California Gas), and Joseph Sartori (Security Pacific Bank). Ken is invited to be their guest in 1924 at Valentine Camp. Ken will tell stories

about Los Angeles, Old Mammoth, and life with the rich and powerful at Valentine Camp. The group will walk in the Valentine entrance road and around the historic log cabins.

Introduction to the Wildflowers of Valentine Reserve

July 14, 16, 22, 23 (same talk each day)

Leslie Dawson, Valentine Reserve Education Coordinator

9:30-12:30 pm; moderately strenuous hike

Meet at the Valentine Reserve entrance gate

\$15.00 per person donation

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. This class is a wonderful opportunity to spend time walking around the spectacular Valentine Meadow. The hike is moderately strenuous, with a 500' elevation gain. Bring water, hat, sunscreen and a snack.

Introduction to the Forest of Valentine Reserve

July 21

Leslie Dawson, Valentine Reserve Education Coordinator

9:30-12:00 pm; moderate hike

Meet at the Valentine Reserve entrance gate

\$15.00 donation per person

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, sunscreen and a snack.

Black Bears

July 24

Leslie Dawson, Valentine Reserve Education Coordinator

9:30-12:00 pm; easy hike

Meet at the Valentine Reserve entrance gate

\$15.00 per person donation

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:

Pre-registration required, groups are limited

Donations are for the Outdoor Science Education Program to teach science classes to the children of Inyo and Mono County

Call Leslie Dawson 935-4356 to register

Send a check made out to the **UC Regents** to:

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