SLIDING INTO SUMMER
With Walnut Creek Open Space Programs

MAY

Sunday  May 5  9:00  Lime Ridge Monthly Hike, Lime Ridge at Montecito Parking Area
Come to Lime Ridge to see the spring season changes and how the area is recovering from last summer’s fire.

Friday  May 10  6:00pm  ** Two-Day Birding Program: Neotropical Migrants
Saturday  May 11  8:00  ** Two-Day Birding Program: Neotropical Migrants,
Old Borges Ranch and Shell Ridge Open Space
Bird migration is a fascinating topic. This two-day program will highlight life along the Pacific Flyway. The fee is $15/person for the entire program and reservations are required. Contact Ranger Dan Bylin at bylin@walnutcreek.org.

Saturday  May 18  8:00  Monthly Bird Walk, Acalanes Open Space at Sousa Drive
The woodlands along Putnam Creek is the place to check out our local songbirds. Learn about the birds in your back yard.

Saturday  May 25  11:00  ** Farm Animal Fun, Old Borges Ranch, Shell Ridge
Every day you can come see the livestock at the ranch but only on this special day do kids get to assist in their care. Reservations are required. Contact Ranger Dan Bylin at bylin@walnut-creek.org.

Saturday  May 25  1:00  Old Borges Ranch Open House, Shell Ridge Open Space
Not a tour but a day when staff opens up the doors and you can visit on your own. Staff is on site for your questions.

JUNE

Saturday  June 1  8:00  June Bird Walk, Acalanes Open Space
We will bird watch the woodlands along Putnam Creek. This is a good place for nesting songbirds in the spring, including vireos, orioles, and flycatchers. Meet at the end of Sousa Dr.

Saturday  June 29  11:00  ** Farm Animal Fun, Old Borges Ranch, Shell Ridge
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Saturday  June 29  1:00  Old Borges Ranch “Historic” Open House, Old Borges Ranch
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JULY

Saturday  July 6  8:30pm  Evening Snake Walk, Old Borges Ranch
Warm summer nights are the perfect time to go out and search for snakes that emerge after the hot summer sun has set. Many of our snake species wait until the sun has set to come out from their daytime hiding places to hunt for their next meal. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a flashlight and
wear shoes that cover your feet (no sandals please). Be aware that handling of the snakes by guests cannot be allowed.

Saturday July 13 8:00  **July Bird Walk, Old Borges Ranch**
We will bird the ranch and riparian woodlands around the Bob Pond area in search of orioles, kingbirds, and other summer visitors. Meet under the windmill at Old Borges Ranch.

Sunday July 14 8:00  **Lime Ridge Quarries, Lime Ridge Open Space at Valley Vista**
Do you know how Lime Ridge got its name? This ranger led hike will explore the old quarries as we discuss the history of this popular Open Space.

Tuesday July 16 TBD  **Night Hike in the Open Space, Location to be Determined**
It’s a night hike under a full Buck Moon in the Open Space. This will be a great opportunity to explore nocturnal activities of our resident wildlife. The time, location, and other details will be given to those who RSVP for the program. RSVP to Ranger Frazier at frazier@walnut-creek.org

Saturday July 20 11:00  **Farm Animal Fun, Old Borges Ranch, Shell Ridge**
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Sunday July 28 2:30  **Howe History Tour, Howe Homestead Community Park**
From around the world James Howe lived an amazing life as an Associated Press correspondent before settling in Walnut Creek. Hobbies such as winemaking, smoking meats, and pigeon flutes kept him busy here at “Gopher Gulch Ranch.”

Additional Information:
- **Reservations Required**
- For more information on programs of the Walnut Creek Open Space contact staff at dollard@walnut-creek.org
- Pick-up an Open Space Program Guide or a Trail Maps in a near-by map box or contact us at the e-mail above