



# Bridgeport News

South Yuba River State Park  
South Yuba River Park Association

SYRPA Newsletter

SPRING 2019

## TURNING THIS:



## INTO THIS



**The construction mobilization for the long awaited restoration project of the beloved Covered Bridge is to begin June 6, 2019.**

Check the SYRPA website ( <http://www.southyubariverstatepark.org/> ) in June to see photographs of the progress made in this historic restoration of the *longest, single span wood covered bridge in the world*. See the next page of the newsletter for more details.



## KEY POINTS regarding the BRIDGE PROJECT - May 2019

- ◇ Temporary stabilization efforts for the Bridge were completed in February 2014; that is the exterior structure you see now supporting the Bridge.
- ◇ All permits are in place; a contract has been signed and issued to Spectra Company who will start mobilizing for work on June 6, 2019.
- ◇ All funding has been secured; total \$6.9m
- ◇ The staging area for material will be on both sides of the Bridge. Hikers will have access to the Point Defiance trail with some temporary closures.
- ◇ The parking lot next to the Bridge may be temporarily closed; areas will be cordoned off for staging by the contractor and for public safety.
- ◇ Visitor access to the historic area including the Barn, the restored Shell Gas Station and the Visitor Center and Gift Shop will be directed from the parking lot to the Pleasant Valley Road side of the Barn.
- ◇ Areas of the river under the Bridge will be closed off during certain construction phases.
- ◇ The Visitor Center and Gift Shop will remain open unless temporary closures are issued; the public will be notified by the State.
- ◇ A new design to support the Bridge during the whole restoration process has been proposed and approved. Spectra will be constructing an exterior support system that will encompass and extend beyond the Bridge. This structure will eliminate the need to put support structures in the river under the Bridge and the need to wait for low river flows to begin work.
- ◇ The new design also reduces the need to remove structures in the river before the next high water period. This means the renovation process can proceed with more deliberation and with less pressure to complete any major structural work in a constrained time period.
- ◇ All eventualities are being considered to provide an end product that is historically correct, provides for a much more structurally sound Bridge and has the minimum impact on the Park and visitors.
- ◇ The construction project timeframe is from March 27, 2019 to March 20, 2020. There may be delays due to weather and other factors
- ◇ SYRPA and Park Volunteers will begin a photographic record of the Project as soon as construction begins. Access to the daily progress photos will be available on a new web page exclusively for the Bridge Restoration Project located on the SYRPA website at <https://www.southyubariverstatepark.org>
- ◇ Additionally a new website at [https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=29821](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=29821) has been created by DPR for the Project. It is quite extensive as it has plans, history, drawings and reports related to the Project. It is available for anyone to access.
- ◇ The goal is to restore the Bridge to as close to original condition as possible and have it safe so that Park visitors can again walk across and enjoy this iconic piece of California history.

### \*\*\*SPECIAL NOTE\*\*\*

**The Restoration Celebrations around the Bridge reopening are in the planning stages. The preliminary ideas are for multiple celebration events in Spring and Summer of 2020. If you are interested in helping out with the celebrations, please email: [syrpanews@gmail.com](mailto:syrpanews@gmail.com) and leave your contact information. Thanks!**

- ◇ For more detailed information, please refer to the South Yuba River Park Association website: <http://www.southyubariverstatepark.org/>

## President's Message May 2019



Spring is here! Wildflower Walks are underway on Saturdays and Sundays through mid-May and school tours are in full swing. Plan to visit the park before the hectic summer season begins. Whether you go with a Docent or on your own, do not miss your chance to experience the wildflowers. Also check on the information elsewhere in this newsletter for the dates and times for Bird Walks and Geology Walks. They are not to be missed!

When you visit you will see that the river is now running high and cold. Given the snowpack, we expect that it will be running high and cold through July and beyond. As always, enjoy the river, but respect its power. Although it may look inviting, the deep, swift and cold water can quickly become overwhelming. Remember, be safe.

The restoration of our Historic Covered Bridge should begin shortly. Although the construction may mean that parking will be limited and, from time to time, access to parts of the river may be restricted, please be patient and keep in mind how happy we will all be when the restoration is completed.

In April, I attended the Sierra District All-Staff Meeting, a full day session at Donner Memorial State Park, reviewing the accomplishments and challenges faced by Park Staff over the past year. It was an opportunity to hear about what is happening at all of the parks across the Sierra District (The Sierra Gold Sector is comprised of our three parks in western Nevada County, part of the Sierra District). It provided perspective on the process of addressing the needs of South Yuba River State Park and Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park.



Also in April, SYRPA sponsored and staffed a State Parks table at the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Joanie Bumpus Daffodil Run held at Western Gateway Park in Penn Valley. This was an opportunity to share information about the parks and the volunteer programs with the community

We are approaching the end of the process of renewing our annual SYRPA memberships. If you have not yet renewed, please renew either through the website or by mailing in your payment. Membership dues play a large role in our ability to perform our mission of providing interpretive, educational and financial support to our parks. It is also a good time to invite others who enjoy our parks to join our Association and/or to volunteer.

See you in the parks.

*Robert Coats, President SYRPA Board of Directors*

## Sierra Gold Parks Foundation Update

A working group composed of representatives of Empire Mine Park Association, Friends of North Bloomfield & Malakoff Diggins and South Yuba River Park Association continue to work with State Parks to establish a new single cooperating Foundation to support the three State Parks in Western Nevada County – Empire Mine State Historic Park, Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park and South Yuba River State Park into the future.

The working name for the new foundation is Sierra Gold Parks Foundation (“SGPF”).

Conditions for moving forward have been agreed:

- (1) each association may designate a portion of its existing funds to be used, for a period of up to ten years, exclusively for the benefit of the state park it currently supports. Although this condition limits the flexibility of SGPF, it honors and respects the efforts of those that have supported the associations over the years.
- (2) the net proceeds from certain events currently being planned will be used for the benefit of a specified park. Planning for fund raisers is a lengthy process. For example, solicitation of sponsorships for EMPA’s Mine Wine and Dine begins at least nine months prior to the event. Use of future event proceeds will be determined by the new Foundation

All current members of the existing associations will be members of SGPF.

The working group is now focusing on laying the groundwork for the new organization with a view to completing the transition to the new Foundation by the end of October, 2019. Among the areas that this transition committee will focus on are:

- (1) Nominations. Recruit board members for SGPF. Prepare materials for potential board members.
- (2) Finance. Agree to a financial accounting structure for SGPF and determine the process for transition. Prepare a preliminary budget for 2020. Propose a Point of Sale system for sales centers and determine the process for transition. Prepare policies and procedures governing financial accounting processes.
- (3) Fundraising/Events.
- (4) Governance.

The goal of the transition committee is to prepare the way for SGPF so that, when it starts to operate, it can be successful and focus on accomplishing its mission.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Robert Coats at 530-264-7092 or [rtcoats@comcast.net](mailto:rtcoats@comcast.net).

*Robert Coats, President SYRPA Board of Directors*



## ***SUPERVISING RANGER REPORT***



Happy Spring to our Park Volunteers and Partners! As we start to transition to the busy season and gear up for the summer, I want to use this time to get some information out about the upcoming busy season. This winter has brought a lot of much needed water to the State. The downside to this is that we are anticipating a later snow pack melt off which will bring multiple hazards to the South Yuba River. The two big hazards are water temperature and swift currents. The water temperature from snowmelt can be as cold as 35 degrees, even in the beginning of summer when our temperatures are hitting triple digits. The rising waters from the snow melt can cover obstacles that are potentially hazardous to people recreating in the water. The cold water can also cause hypothermia rapidly, along with causing vertigo and disorientation when the water enters the ear canal. We are working with multiple agencies within Nevada County to help spread this message and hopefully prevent any tragic events on our beautiful river this summer. If you must recreate in the river, please know your limitations and take precautions to help minimize your risk of becoming a statistic.

I want to end on a positive note and mention that after many years and hard work and dedication from numerous people and organizations, the Covered Bridge is finally getting its much needed renovation. During this time we ask for your patience as the construction company does the renovations.

I hope all of you enjoy the upcoming warm and dry weather and we will see you in the Park.

*Submitted by: Supervising Ranger Callan McLaughlin*



## **BE RIVER-SAFE**

### **RIVER WATER SAFETY ~ IMPORTANT!**

#### **Know the Risks!**

Sudden immersion in [cold water](#) can stimulate the “gasp reflex,” causing an involuntary inhalation of air or water. It can even trigger cardiac arrest, temporary paralysis, hypothermia and drowning.

- Cold water entering the ear canal can cause vertigo and disorientation. This may confuse swimmers, causing them to venture deeper into the water.

Cold water also reduces body heat 25 to 30 times faster than air does at the same temperature, and causes impairment that can lead to fatalities.

#### **Learn About Self-Rescue Techniques**

- Do not panic if you fall into the water.
- Do control breathing. Do not gasp for air. A sudden unexpected fall into cold water causes an involuntary gasp (or torso) reflex. It takes less than ½ cup of water in a person’s lungs to drown. When someone remains calm, he/she has a greater chance of self-rescue.
- If you are in a boat and it capsizes, stay with your boat. Try to climb on top. It will help you stay afloat and will be seen more easily by rescuers.
- Stay afloat with the help of a life jacket and regain control of breathing.
- If you find yourself in the river, aggressively swim to the shore. Do not swim against the current. This uses energy very quickly and nobody can swim upstream in swift current.
- If possible, remove heavy shoes. Look for ways to increase buoyancy such as seat cushions or an ice chest.

If you do fall into a river without a life jacket on, watch this [video](#) to help you survive.

#### **Know your Limits**

- Swimming in open water is more difficult than in a swimming pool – people tire more quickly and can get into trouble. Many unseen obstacles can be lurking below the water’s surface - this is especially the case during spring and early summer snowmelt. Rising water can make these obstacles even more treacherous. Guided trips for inexperienced paddlers are strongly recommended.

#### **Wear a Life Jacket**

Conditions change quickly in open water and even the best swimmers can misjudge the water and their skills when boating or swimming. Wearing a [properly fitted U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket](#) can increase survival time.

- Anyone within 20 ft. of water should be wearing a life jacket in case of an unexpected fall. This is especially true with children.
- A life jacket can also provide some thermal protection against the onset of cold water shock and keep you afloat until someone else can rescue you.

Need a life jacket? Check online to find [a life jacket loaner station](#) for a day or weekend use.

#### **Parental Supervision**

- Actively supervise children in and around open bodies of water, giving them your undivided attention. Do not assume that someone is watching them. Appoint a designated “water watcher,” taking turns with other adults. Teach children that swimming in open water is not the same as swimming in a pool: they need to be aware of uneven surfaces, river currents, ocean undertow and changing weather.

For more water safety information, including boating laws, please visit [www.parks.ca.gov/SafetyTips](http://www.parks.ca.gov/SafetyTips).

## JOIN US

South Yuba River Park Association will be participating in the

**Penn Valley Rodeo Parade @ 3:00 p.m.**

**On Saturday, May 18, 2019**

**WESTERN GATEWAY PARK**

**THIS IS FUN!**



Mark your calendars to join us in this parade to promote the  
**South Yuba River State Park** and **"Save Our Bridge" Campaign**  
**OUR STATE PARKS VOLUNTEERS ARE VERY WELCOME**

Proudly wearing our gold vests, we will be walking or riding the parade  
route from Western Gateway Park to the Penn Valley Rodeo Grounds.

Let us know if you would like to join us by contacting:

**Carol Berry**

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**SOUTH YUBA RIVER PARK ASSOCIATION**

*Presented by the Penn Valley Chamber of Commerce*



## Nevada County's Gold Panning: Past and Present

On January 24<sup>th</sup>, 1848, James Marshall discovered gold on the South Fork of the American River. His pivotal discovery would inevitably change the course of California's history and trigger the greatest emigration of people to the Western coast. A mere six months later, John Rose struck it lucky at what would become known as Rose's Bar, a mile south of Bridgeport, irrevocably changing the course of the Yuba River, its landscape, and its history. Within a few short years, thousands of people would strike their claim along the banks of the Yuba. Through the decades, people continued to prospect, but with the Second World War looming, depression era prospectors dwindled as employment opportunities increased.

Though the allure of striking it rich was rarely a dream come true, many families made a home here from all over the world. The Gold Rush brought more than just people to California; it brought their unique culture, melding to produce the cosmopolitan climate that we enjoy today.

Hardworking people armed with only humble metal pans took hundreds of grams of gold from the banks of the river. The technique is deceptively simple: patience, and a simple swirl of the pan, while subtly shaking the sand grains. The hidden gold will eventually be uncovered if you let gravity work for you. As heavier material sinks to the bottom of the pan, the lighter material, such as sand, will float off the top. Patience is key, and a consistent technique yields the best results. If you think you have struck pay dirt, remember that gold has a unique color of its own, not to be confused with Fool's Gold. Gold has a deep yellow hue, whereas Fool's Gold, also known as pyrite, is much brassier and shiny in color. Another deceptive material commonly found while gold panning, mica, glints in the pan, but breaks apart when touched.

Roll up your sleeves and try your hand at finding some elusive gold of your own! You can attend a free Docent-led gold panning program to learn the basics at your local State Parks. Come between Memorial Day and Labor Day at South Yuba River State Park every Saturday and Sunday, or at Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park every Saturday, and also at the California State Parks booth at the Nevada County Fair in August. Recreational gold panning is permitted on public lands; you can use your hands and gold pan along the banks of the South Yuba River on State Park property, with no need to worry about claim jumping!

*Jenna Randar, State Park Interpreter I and  
Allyssa Borich, Park Interpretive Specialist*





## JOIN US FOR SPRING/SUMMER BIRD WALKS AT SOUTH YUBA RIVER STATE PARK (SYRSP)

Spring and summer at SYRSP is the time of the year when a large number of birds arrive to nest and raise their young or, in some cases, to just rest and then continue their migration. Some of the more notable arrivals include: Bullock's Oriole, Yellow-breasted Chat, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Black-headed Grosbeak, Yellow Warbler and several varieties of Swallows as well as our annual pair of nesting Bald Eagles. Resident Western Bluebirds, Spotted Towhee, California Quail, and several species of Woodpeckers are also often seen this time of year. It may also be possible to see the elusive American Dipper, John Muir's favorite bird. This nondescript gray-black bird (see picture below) with a very short tail has several adaptations enabling it to swim below the water in order to catch insects and larvae. See also the male Black-headed Grosbeak. They have just arrived in the area (for the summer) from Mexico. Very colorful birds and of course that beak is a give away.

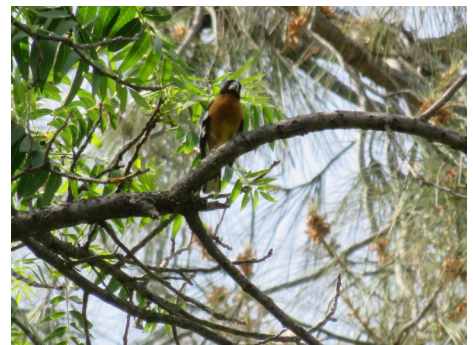
Bird walks with Park Docents are offered at SYRSP's Bridgeport location on the following Fridays and Saturdays during spring and summer (May 11, June 8 & 21 July 13, September 14 and 27). All of the walks will begin at 7:30 AM except for May 11 which will begin at 8:00 AM. The walks last about two hours over mostly flat terrain. Typically, we see 20 to 30 bird species. Meet at the Bridgeport north parking lot (where the Buttermilk Bend trail starts) and bring binoculars and good walking shoes. For more information contact South Yuba River State Park at (530) 432-2546.

*Bob Slyker, SYRPA Board Member*

American Dipper



Male Black-headed Grosbeak



## GREETINGS FROM YOUR VISITOR CENTER COMMITTEE!

We'd like to introduce to you the new member of the VC Committee: Lynn Merrill. Lynn has volunteered to be the bookkeeper for the VC and work with SYRPA Treasurer Margaret Vodicka. Please welcome Lynn to her new vital role in the organization.

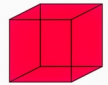
For those of you who are unsure of the role of the VC Committee, it is a volunteer group of Docents and SYRPA Members who oversee the participation of the South Yuba River Park Association ("SYRPA") in the operation of the sales area in the Visitors Center at Bridgeport. They order the inventory, make sure the vendors are paid, keep the brochures stocked and, with the help of all the Docent Volunteers, make the VC a fun and memorable place for all the visitors who come to the South Yuba River State Park.



Bev, Shirley, Carol, Lynn



## WE'RE NOT SQUARE!!!!



~But the Visitor Center is now using the "Square" chip reader for credit card purchases! That's right! Just like *downtown!* Thanks to SYRPA Treasurer, Margaret Vodicka and her tireless efforts, the change over to the new credit card system has been remarkably easy and successful.

**\*\*\* VC DOCENTS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN TRAINED, OR WANT A REFRESHER ON THE "SQUARE", PLEASE LET US KNOW!**

**\*\*\*You can email Margaret or one of the members of the VC Committee\*\*\*:**

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Other Visitor Center news: We have a large inventory of stainless steel water bottles with the Bridgeport logo on them! The bottles are green, white or silver. We have not only reduced the sale price to \$12.00, but that includes a carabiner clip with South Yuba River State Park stamped on it. These are high quality bottles and perfect for our hikers, or souvenirs.

*Shirley Moon, VC Committee Member*

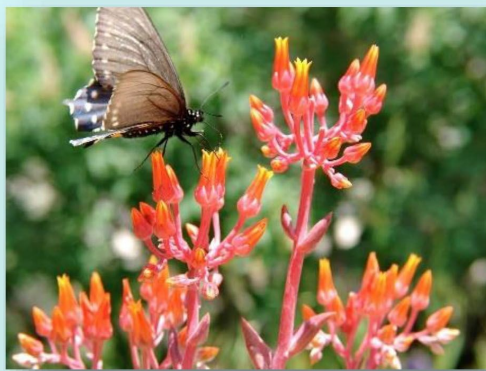


## 2019 WILDFLOWER WALKS BEGIN AT BRIDGEPORT ALONG THE SOUTH YUBA RIVER

When spring arrives in the Nevada County foothills there is no better way to welcome its arrival than with a walk among the beautiful wildflowers at South Yuba River State Park. Docents will provide guided wildflower walks beginning on March 9 and will continue every Saturday at 10am and Sunday through May 12 at 11:00 a.m. The walks and blooms are at the whim of Mother Nature. Rain may cancel. Call 530 432-2546 for information.

The Buttermilk Bend Trail, which winds above the wild and scenic South Yuba River, is highly regarded for the many species that bloom on its hills and slopes. Each season observers are delighted with an everchanging tableau of spring color. Early season walkers may find Western Buttercups, Zigzag Larkspur, and Shooting Stars. By mid-season, the hills usually turn gold and purple with Tufted Poppies and a variety of lupine. Mid to late season floral treats can include Fairy Lanterns, Chinese Houses, and Birds-eye Gilia. Docents will share facts, legends and the many uses of the flowers and plants along the trail.

Docent led hikes last about 1.5 hours. The Buttermilk Bend trail is an easy 2 mile hike out and back. Meet at the trailhead in the South Yuba River State Park north parking lot. Follow Pleasant Valley Road north past the Visitor Center over the South Yuba River. Parking is \$5.00. Sturdy walking shoes, hat and water are recommended. A \$3.00 donation is requested and appreciated. (Dogs are not permitted on the guided walks as the trail is narrow and the groups can be large.)



To make your visit complete, bring picnic lunch and allow time to take in the park Visitor Center, check out the covered bridge (while it is under renovation) and barn (both built in 1862), and the restored 1920's gas station.

The Visitor Center is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday through Sunday until Memorial Day and every day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting Memorial Day weekend. Here you can find a collection of wildflower books educational and souvenir items. *(And perhaps that bottle of water you forgot to bring for the hike)*

**For more information, call the park at (530) 432-2546, or go to  
[www.southyubariverstatepark.org](http://www.southyubariverstatepark.org).**



## Historical Footnotes

### By Charles Gallardo

# Stagecoach stop at bottom of lake

Somewhere on the bottom of Lake Wildwood lie the remains of the old Anthony House + a former stagecoach stop on the road from the Central Valley to the Comstock Lode in Nevada.

The house was one of many stops along Henness Pass and, historians say, 50 teams passed the house each day in the late 1800s. The Anthony House was known as a watering point and as a place where travelers could find a bed and supplies.

When Boise-Cascade developed Lake Wildwood in the 1970s, the Anthony House was submerged when Pleasant Valley was flooded. There was some thought given to moving the structure, but the Nevada County Historical Society agreed to take a \$10,000 donation from Boise-Cascade to repair the covered bridge at Bridgeport in exchange for allowing the Anthony House to be destroyed.

At the time it was generally believed that the \$10,000 it would have taken to relocate the old house was better spent preserving the covered bridge, which was falling apart.

The original Anthony House was built in 1849, but it was burned and rebuilt in 1876.

*The Union* on Aug. 6, 1876 ran a story on the fire: "Fire broke out in the store kept by William Westerfield at the Anthony House, Rough and Ready Township. The store, hotel and barn were entirely destroyed. Hogs and chickens were burned.

"The Anthony House property is one of the first settled wayside places in the county and belongs to S.O. French of Colusa. The settlement was made there in 1849. The barn was a fine structure but the other buildings were old and of no great value. Considerable coins were recovered in a melted condition by panning out the ashes."

Another story, this one about two of the owners of the Anthony House, appeared in *The Union* in the early 1970s. The writer attributed the account to a booklet called "Gold Nuggets of Nevada County."

"Two men who owned the Anthony House at one time decided to dissolve their partnership. One paid the other \$6,000. Being afraid of keeping his newly acquired money in the bank, he hurriedly buried it in an iron box nearby. The next day he fell into Deer Creek and was drowned, causing many to wonder where he had buried his treasure."

The story goes on to say that bandits frequented the road near Anthony House, where they would rob unwary travelers.

"One of these bandits was known as Friederich, and he delighted in holding up the Chinese miners between stage robberies. The angry Chinese set a trap for him, with some hiding in the brush with shotguns while two others walked a long the nearby trail. Soon Friederich stepped out to rob them and was killed by the hidden Chinese.

"A grave was dug for him at the Anthony House. The two miners took turns digging it, and one of them struck an iron box with his pick. He was sure it was the box with the lost money and stopped digging. Although the others wanted to dig deeper, he would not let them as he planned to return later, open the grave and procure the iron box with the \$6,000.

"One night, 13 years later, he and two friends opened the grave. But the money was not there, nor were the bones of Friederich.

"Could it be that the bandit himself got up out of his grave and and took the iron box full of money."

*Thanks to Ardie Obert for sharing this historic newspaper article.*



## MEET YOUR SYRPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Below is a list of the current South Yuba River Park Association Board of Directors. If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns, please feel free to contact one of your Board Members. This is a highly dedicated group of volunteers who put in many hours each month to preserve, protect, support and promote the South Yuba River State Park and Malakoff Diggins Historical State Park. They can always use more help. Please consider becoming more active in Park activities, helping staff events and the Visitor Centers. New Coordinators are needed for programs such as Gold Panning, Wildflower Walks, and Beautification of Park grounds. Please contact any Board member or Park Interpretive Specialist Allyssa Borich 530-432-2546, email [Allyssa.Borich@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Allyssa.Borich@parks.ca.gov) to volunteer.

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**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!  
TIME TO RENEW YOUR SYRPA MEMBERSHIP!**



**It's *easy* and you will be helping support the many activities at the Parks provided by SYRPA.**

- ⇒ **Annual Individual Membership ~ \$20**
- ⇒ **Annual Family Membership ~ \$25**
- ⇒ **Lifetime Individual Membership ~ \$150**
- ⇒ **Lifetime Family Membership ~ \$200**
- ⇒ **Annual Small Business Sponsor ~ \$50  
(up to 5 employees)**
- ⇒ **Annual Business Sponsor ~ 100**

**Make Checks Payable and mail to:**

**SYRPA**

**ATTN: Membership**

**P.O. Box 1658**

**Penn Valley, CA 95946**

**You can also pay on-line! It's easy!**

**Go to the SYRPA website: [www.southubariverstatepark.org](http://www.southubariverstatepark.org)  
and click on "Become a Member"**

***THANK YOU!***





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS SPRING 2019 South Yuba River and Malakoff Diggins Historic State Parks



- ◇ **BIRD WALKS:** Saturday, May 11; Saturday, June 8, Friday, June 21; Saturday, July 13; Saturday, September 14; Friday, September 27. Saturday, October 12 and Saturday, December 7 ~ 8:00am (except June, July and September: walks begin at 7:30am) ~Meet at the Bridgeport North parking lot.
- ◇ **WILD FLOWER WALKS:** Saturdays 10:00am and Sundays 11:00am; March 9th through May 12th ~ Bridgeport North Parking Lot
- ◇ **GEOLOGY WALKS:** Friday, June 7; 9am, Saturday, October 26 10am ~ Bridgeport North Parking lot
- ◇ **DISCOVER MALAKOFF!:** Second Saturday of each month. See website for details
- ◇ **HUMBUG DAY:** Saturday, June 8th; 11:00am - 4:00pm ~ Malakoff Diggins
- ◇ **FRENCH CONNECTION:** Saturday, September 14th; 11:00am -4:30pm ~ Malakoff Diggins
- ◇ **SYRCL RIVER CLEANUP:** Saturday, September 21st; 9:00am -1:00pm ~ Bridgeport
- ◇ **SYRPA HOLIDAY POT LUCK:** Tuesday, December 3rd; 5:30pm-8:00pm. LWW Community Center

### Reoccurring events

- ◇ **VISITOR CENTER** Open Thursday - Sunday~ 11:00am-3:00pm: Starting Memorial Day: 10:00am-4:00pm
- ◇ **GOLD PANNING** Memorial Day-Labor Day Sat & Sun Noon-2:00pm~ Bridgeport; donation \$1
- ◇ **SYRPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS** Meetings: **4th Tuesday** of each month; 9:00am~ Bridgeport
- ◇ **FNB/MD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** Meetings: First Friday of each month

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**\*\*For more information on any of these events,  
 please visit the SYRPA webpage at [www.southyubariverstatepark.org](http://www.southyubariverstatepark.org)  
 Or call the Visitor Center: 530-432-2546**  
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