



Welcome to this special Nature Study Area, a designated "watchable wildlife" area located between the community of Carmichael and the Lower American River.

Please take this brochure with you on your walk. It has a map and information on...

Leave No Trace Nature Day Camps Volunteer Opportunities Animal Ambassador Adoption Community Programs & Tours Membership Parking River Safety

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# What is Leave No Trace?

Leave No Trace is an ideology for enjoying nature and preserving it for future generations to enjoy. Here are the guidelines to enjoy the Nature Study Area:

- Stay on trail (group max. 20 people).
- Pack it in, pack it out.
- Take memories and leave only footprints! DO NOT take or collect natural resources such as flowers, feathers, rocks, fungi, antlers, etc., they are protected.
- No pet policy in the Nature Study Area (Service Animals allowed). Pets such as dogs and cats disturb and negatively impact wildlife.
- DO NOT ride horses or bicycles. Horses may be ridden outside the Nature Study Area. Bicycles only permitted on paved surfaces.

We encourage you to:

- Visit often and take notice of the seasonal changes (aka phenology)!
- Visit the nature center to speak with staff and volunteers to ask questions and learn more.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Our volunteers support the Nature Center in many ways, opportunities are available all year long. Visit our volunteer webpage to learn more and to submit an online application.

www.sacnaturecenter.net/support/volunteer

## Nature Day Camps

Our camps are an educational and fun way to spend spring, summer, fall, or winter break periods. Learn through art, games, animal ambassador presentations, stories, and hikes. Visit our website for details.

#### Animal Ambassador Adoption

"Adopting" an animal at Effie Yeaw Nature Center means you are helping feed and house that animal. Many of our resident animals serve as an animal ambassador in our nature programs. After you pick an individual animal to support, we will supply you with a picture of your adoptee, as well as a fact sheet and personal history.

## **Community Programs & Tours**

Tours are available by reservation for kindergarten through adult audiences. Our naturalists will customize the program to suit your needs on-site or at your location. In addition, you may inquire about facility rentals to host your next event or meeting. Check out our program calendar for details

## Fun Facts and Trivia

- Effie Yeaw was a schoolteacher in the 1950s who co-founded the Save the American River Association and helped establish the American River Parkway.
- Our logo, the Acorn Woodpecker, makes cavities in trees.
- The cavities provide homes for many other animals.
- Acorns are only made by Oak trees, and there are three species of oak here: valley, interior live, and blue.

## Membership

The Nature Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, your membership supports our mission to provide educational programs about the natural environment and stewardship of the Lower American River. Membership levels vary and some are 100% tax-deductible. Benefits include <u>free parking</u> here at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center, 10% off gift shop purchases and program discounts. Additional benefits included with higher membership levels.

Thank you!

#### Parking

Please avoid a ticket by purchasing a parking pass, payment options include...

- 1. Annual Membership parking pass (see above).
- 2.\$6 Daily pass at the entry kiosk or inside the Nature Center (cash only).
- 3.\$60 Annual Pass for all Sacramento County Regional Parks, available for purchase by cash or check.

## Safety on the River

ALWAYS use a Coast Guard Approved Floatation Device on kids under 12 when they are wading or swimming in Rivers or Ponds. IT'S THE LAW! (Vests are loaned for free at the local fire department.) For more information visit: www.SacNatureCenter.net or email info@sacnaturecenter.net

