



Over more than 30 years, the Big Sur Land Trust has preserved 30,000-plus acres of lands and waters of California's Central Coast. Member support has been at the heart of this mission.

BSLT members explore the land through hikes and events as a valued connection to the natural world. For 2011, these unmatched outdoor experiences for you and your family come in three categories.

NEW! PERSONAL HIKES TO SUIT YOUR SCHEDULE

An exciting opportunity awaits every member of the Land Trust in 2011. You are invited to explore Glen Deven Ranch and Mitteldorf Preserve on your own by registering your hike with the BSLT office.

Then set out to experience first-hand the rare fragrance of emerald green meadows or the awesome majesty of ancient redwoods. To register for a Personal Hike, call Amber Sanchez Leon, 831.625.5523, ext. 103.

IMPORTANT FOR ALL HIKERS

Plan ahead! Consider weather conditions and terrain and dress appropriately for your outing. Bring ample water and a lunch or snack. In case of severe rain or inclement weather, hikes will be cancelled. **For last minute information** on your hike day, call 831-625-5523, ext. 103.

NEW! CUSTOMIZED GROUP HIKES WITH A HIKE LEADER

Enjoy hosting family and friends or out of town guests for a thrilling outdoor experience at Glen Deven Ranch or Mitteldorf Preserve with a volunteer hike leader.

If your friends are birders or wildlife enthusiasts, for example, your hike can be planned accordingly. A minimum of eight hikers is suggested. To register your group and request a volunteer hike leader, call 831.625.5523, ext. 103.

HALF-DAY ADVENTURES

Choose from eight dates to enjoy distinctive educational hikes led by program experts. A dynamic way to get acquainted with wild landscapes on Wildflower Walks, Experience Carmel River excursions and magical Hikes by Moonlight.

Wildflower Walks

Your chance to get acquainted with a host of glorious wildflowers on a Half-Day Adventure of 5 to 6 hours. Moderate hike with some elevation gain and frequent stops.

LEADERS:

- Wildflower expert and photographer Dr. Rod Yeager is a retired heart surgeon and the author of many wildflower field guides.
- Gordon Williams, retired from 36 years of teaching chemistry, began leading hikes with the Sierra Club in the 1970s.
- Michael Mitchell is a volunteer naturalist with the Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District and is co-author with Dr. Yeager of "Wildflowers of Garland Ranch."

When and Where

- APRIL 16 Point Lobos Ranch with Dr. Rod Yeager
- APRIL 17 Marks Ranch with Gordon Williams
- MAY 7 Point Lobos Ranch with Michael Mitchell
- MAY 21 Marks Ranch with Dr. Rod Yeager

For Point Lobos hike, meet at Bank of America parking lot, Rio Road at Hwy.1 at 8:45 a.m.

For Marks Ranch hike, meet at BSLT office, 509 Hartnell, Monterey, at 8:45 a.m.



Experience Carmel River

Join an interpretive walk with Donna Meyers, BSLT Director of Conservation, for an update on Carmel River trails, restoration and education projects. This is a 4 to 5 hour moderate hike with some elevation gain and frequent stops.

When and Where

- AUG. 27 Carmel River
- SEPT. 10 Carmel River

Meet at Santa Lucia Conservancy, 26700 Rancho San Carlos Rd., Carmel, at 8:45 a.m.



Hike by Moonlight

An unforgettable experience as twilight gives way to the magical rising of the full moon over historic Marks Ranch. Pack a picnic dinner and a flashlight.

When and Where

- JUNE 15 Marks Ranch
- JULY 15 Marks Ranch

Meet at 5:30 p.m. at BSLT office, 509 Hartnell, Monterey, or at Marks Ranch gate at 6:00 p.m.

In wildness is the preservation of the world
-Henry David Thoreau -