



Joint Media Alert from Solano County and Solano Land Trust

Coming Event: Guided Park Ranger Tour

Date and time: June 20, 2009, 9 a.m. to Noon

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Join Solano County park ranger Chris Drake on a guided tour of Lynch Canyon, a 1,039 acre open space and working cattle ranch in western Solano County. Meet at Lynch Canyon's parking lot kiosk at 9 a.m. for a two to three hour hike through pastures and rolling hills cooled by coastal breezes. The interpretative tour includes information about the park's diverse wildlife (birds to bobcats), plants, history, grazing operation and multi-use trails for running, hiking, biking and equestrians. The hiking route will vary based on participant interest and ability level.

Located off the I-80 near Vallejo, Lynch Canyon Open Space is owned by Solano Land Trust and operated by Solano County Parks. A parking fee of \$5 per vehicle is charged, unless you have a Solano County Parks annual pass.

Lynch Canyon Open Space is open to the public Wednesday through Sunday at 8 a.m. Closing time is 8 p.m. from May through August. It's a peaceful setting with rolling hills, grasslands, a year round pond and native oak, bay and buckeye woodlands between Vallejo and Fairfield. Visitors can view magnificent golden eagles and other raptors, along with a wide variety of forest and grassland birds, coyote, bobcat, jack rabbits, and more year round.

To get to Lynch Canyon from I-80, take the Hiddenbrooke/American Canyon Exit, between Fairfield and Vallejo. From the southeast side of I-80, go toward Sacramento on McGary Road, (parallel to I-80) about 1.5 miles, and turn left onto Lynch Road. Go through gate at end of cul de sac and follow unpaved road to gravel lot to park.

For information on Lynch Canyon and a wide range of scheduled activities see www.solanolandtrust.org, or call Teri at 707-432-0150, extension 200.



Photo by Solano Land Trust staff

Recent visitors enjoying the trails and scenery of Lynch Canyon guided by Ranger Chris Drake, who will lead a free public tour in the open space June 20.