

**13th Annual Greater Yuba Clean-Up Sites and
Restoration Projects**

Saturday, September 25, 2010

9 am – Noon

FREE celebration at Bridgeport on the South Yuba River from 12-3:30 PM

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*Note: Sites are listed in alphabetical order listing directions and special notes if applicable. **There are three large restoration projects - please note that one of them takes place one week prior to the main clean-up day.** You can still participate in the clean-up celebration even if you just volunteer for the trail maintenance on September 18th. (see information directly below)*

Restoration Projects

Grouse Ridge Trail Maintenance – Saturday, SEPTEMBER 18th 8 am – 5 pm

Directions to site: Meet at the Forest Service office off of Highway 49 and Coyote street at 8 am to carpool. We will then drive up to Grouse Ridge up Highway 20 towards Truckee. Turn left on Bowman Lake Road and depending on which trails we maintain we will either drive to Carr/Feeley, Loney Meadows and/or the Grouse Ridge Lookout Road.

Important Site Information: The Restoration Project is a strenuous physical activity involving using shovels and picks to remove loose rocks and create better trails so that during the wet winter months, the trails do not degrade. This activity is open to children ages 12 and above, but they must be accompanied by a parent for the day. Please bring your own shovel or pick, a hearty lunch, lots of water, sunscreen, hat and good hiking shoes and work gloves.

Bridgeport Restoration Project - September 25

Directions to site: Highway 20 west from Grass Valley towards Marysville. At Pleasant Valley road, turn right and continue 8 miles down the road until you reach South Yuba River State Park. Meeting location is the State Park Visitor Center parking lot. Meet time is promptly at 8:30 a.m. with 10 minute introduction until we start volunteering for CA State Parks and Ananda Dhiira. The event will end around 1:00pm at the party location.

Important Site Information: The Restoration Project is a strenuous physical activity of removing and pulling invasive non-native plants of Himalayan blackberry, star thistle, Italian thistle, English Ivy, and Mediterranean grasses. *Please bring work gloves, loppers/clippers, plenty of water and sunscreen. Appropriate clothing to wear is long breathable pants, long sleeve shirts, and close toes shoes.* Most of the plants have defenses against being eaten by animals so stickers or thorns are part of their plant anatomy. This activity is open to children ages 12 and above, but they must be accompanied by a parent for the day.

The Restoration Project has an extremely punctuated meaning this year for SYRCL to work with California State Parks, as well as Ananda Dhiira Ashram. Ananda Dhiira is a nonprofit organization who encourages sustainable community volunteerism and provides social service opportunities for education, economy, service, and spiritual growth of the all beings. Both properties are bordered by Kentucky Creek which flows only ¼ mile into the South Yuba River at Bridgeport State Park.

Invasive plants are nonnative to an area and overcrowd the soils of historically native plants. They deprive our wild animals of food and shelter because native animals do not eat these plants and do not use them as habitat to live in since these plant's anatomies have stickers or thorns. They damage our waterways, as well as dry soils by absorbing water needed by other plants. Native aquatic plant growth on banks of streams and rivers is essential to wildlife, and unfortunately nonnative plants out compete native flora for the resources such as sunlight, water, and nutrients needed for them to grow. For questions about this project, please contact Brooke Berger, SYRCL's Americorps member at (530) 265-5961 ext. 211 or brooke@syrcl.org

Bennet Street Meadow Restoration Project – September 25

Directions to site: From Downtown Nevada City – Drive south on Highway 49 towards Grass Valley and exit on the Colfax/Highway 174 exit. At the stop sign, make a left onto Bennett Street. Continue on Bennett Street for approximately 1.5 miles to Slow Poke Lane and make a right. Park at the end of Slow Poke Lane.

Important Site Information: The restoration project will include cutting back blackberry bushes, pulling English Ivy, and pulling Yellow Star Thistle. Please bring loppers, hedge pruners and any kind of clippers. Children ages 8 and above welcome with a parent or guardian. Maximum number of volunteers for this project is approximately 20-30.

Clean-Up Sites – September 25th (except for New York Canyon taking place on Friday, September 24th)

Bear River at Highway 174

Directions to site: Take Hwy. 174 towards Colfax parking lot on the left (before bridge that crosses the Bear River).

Important Site Information: Park at the bridge parking lot. *This site may not be appropriate for small children as there are some areas of steep slopes.*

Bear River Campground

Directions to site: Take Bennett St. off of Hwy 49 in Grass Valley to Colfax Hwy 174. Take Hwy. 174 11 miles, continue on the road as it veers right to stay on 174 and continue 1 mile. Turn Right on N. Main St, Right on W. Grass Valley St., Left on Rising Sun Rd. and a left on Tokayana Way. Continue straight onto Milk Ranch Road, continue onto Campground Rd. arrive at 2500 Campground Rd. Colfax.

Important Site Information:

49 Crossing (South Fork of the Yuba near Nevada City)

Directions to site: Highway 49 leaving from Nevada City going north towards Downieville. Drive about 6 miles and park in the lot prior to the bridge crossing.

Important Site Information: Lots of bouldering, poison oak.

Bridgeport (South Fork of the Yuba near Lake Wildwood)

Directions to site: Highway 20 west to Pleasant Valley road. Continue 8 miles down the road until you reach South Yuba River State Park.

Important Site Information: Easy walking available - great site for kids to help out. You can also climb boulders on the upstream sites if you choose.

Champion Mine (Deer Creek – downtown Nevada City area)

Directions to site: Take Highway 49 north towards Downieville and turn left at the Willo restaurant onto Newtown Road. Continue until you reach Champion Mine Road on your left and park there at the junction.

Important Site Information: Often this site has large appliances, mattresses, larger trash.

Colgate (Middle Fork of the Yuba)

Directions to site: On the North Fork of the Yuba - Highway 49 to Marysville Road past North San Juan. 12 miles from Highway 49. Cross the dam. Left onto Old Dobbins Road, short ways to Lake Francis Road - left on Lake Francis Road, follow around the lake and keep on going - winds down (paved) to Colgate parking lot. Meet at parking spot.

Important Site Information: Do not wear flip flops - steep gravelly area, climb on rocks. Wear good shoes. Must hike in to the site.

Deer Creek at Willow Valley Rd.

Directions to site: From downtown Nevada City, drive east towards Boulder Street. Make a left onto Nevada Street at the stop sign and continue up the hill several blocks. Make a right onto Willow Valley Road, past old Mental Health Facility, continue to where there is a small road crossing Deer Creek. Do not cross. Park in small pull off area near creek crossing.

Important Site Information:

Deer Creek Downtown – this site will be combined with Deer Creek at Willow Valley

Directions to site: Take Highway 49 N to Broad St exit. Make a Right on Broad St. and a left on Nevada Street. Park in the lot on the left.

Important Site Information:

Deer Creek Falls

Directions to site: Take Rough and Ready Highway from downtown Grass Valley going west. Make a right onto Bitney Springs Rd., Left on Lone Lobo Trail go 1/2 to 3/4 mile down the road. Meeting at the site leader's home. He lives in green roofed house Just after a little warehouse and just before the Bitney Center. 10615 Lone Lobo Trail.

Important Site Information: hiking boots (recommended) as there is some steep walking in this area.

Bear River at Dog Bar

Directions to site: Take Highway 49 south to the McKnight Way exit. Make a left and an immediate right onto LaBarr Meadows Road. Continue south on LaBarr Meadows Road, and then take a left onto Dog Bar Road and continue on Dog Bar Road until you reach the bridge crossing over Bear River.

Important Site Information: Limited parking along the road.

Donner Summit (Headwaters of the South Fork of the Yuba)

Directions to site: Take Rt. 20 E 27 miles from Nevada City to Highway 80 E, and continue 12 miles. Take the Donner Pass Rd/Donner Summit Rd. exit and turn right onto Donner Pass Rd/Donner Summit Rd(signs for Soda Springs). Continue 0.5 miles and arrive at the Soda Springs Gen. Store, 21719 Donner Pass Rd. Large parking lot.

Important Site Information: Cleaning will take place from the Van Norden Meadow downstream in the river bed and alongside the riverbed.

Edward's Crossing (South Fork of the Yuba)

Directions to site: Take Rt. 49 N to North Bloomfield Rd. Make a right on N. Bloomfield Rd. up to the T, right at the T continuing on N. Bloomfield for approximately 5 miles down to the river.

Important Site Information: Some rock scrambling, poison oak, therefore, at least tennis shoes are recommended.

Englebright Lake

Directions to site: Take Rt. 20 west to Mooney Flat Rd. (approximately 5 miles west of Penn Valley on Rt. 20). Take a right on Mooney Flat and then a Left on Englebright Dam Rd. The Narrows Rec. area is at the end of Englebright Dam Rd.

Important Information: You will be escorted into Army Corps of Engineer boats to bring you to beaches all around Englebright Lake for cleanup. Please bring your own PFD (personal flotation devices for everyone in your group – lifejackets) otherwise, you can pick up trash along the shoreline instead. If you have a vessel that you can take other passengers, please let us know how many you can take.

Greenhorn Creek

Directions to site: *From Nevada City* take Broad St. to Boulder St. - Boulder turns into Red Dog as it continues up the hill. Go up Red Dog to Banner Lava Cap. At the T take a right and go about 400 yards and turn left back onto Red Dog. Go 1.8 miles further on Red Dog and you'll be at the corner of Buckeye and Red Dog. *From Grass Valley*, take Brunswick up the hill towards Loma Rica Road, turn left at Idaho-Maryland Rd (flashing light) go up to the first stop sign and continue straight (you're on Banner lava Cap), go 1.8 miles from the stop sign, turn right at Red Dog and go another 1.8 on Red Dog down to Buckeye.

Important Site Information: You will be cleaning up large trash items (tires, metal items). If you have a large truck (preferably 4WD) that would be ideal to help us take the trash directly to the dump for recycling and dumping. There is no trash pick up at this site.

Independence Trail (South Fork of the Yuba)

Directions to site: Take Highway 49 towards Downieville. About 4-5 miles from Nevada City park on the right for the trailhead. There is limited parking at this spot. If you reached the 49 crossing bridge, then you went a little too far.

Important Site Information: Trash pickup on west part of the trail as trash comes down from the road. When off trail, there may be some poison oak. Some raking/sweeping off flumes to help prevent surface decay on the flume boards and possible cutting back of Scotch Broom. Therefore, please bring a rake and or broom to help. There might be blackberry removal also and therefore, the site leader will contact you to bring loppers/clippers.

Jones Bar (South Fork of the Yuba)

Directions to site: Take Highway 49 towards Downieville and make a left onto Newtown Road. Continue down Newtown several miles and make a right onto Jones Bar Road. Continue 1.5 miles down the road until you reach Owl Creek Road intersection and park there.

Important Site Information:

Lang's Crossing (South Fork of the Yuba on Highway 20 off of Bowman Lake Road)

Directions to site: Take Highway 20 East from Nevada City about 20 miles. Make a left on Bowman Lake Rd. Continue 2-3 miles and park at bridge where the road crosses the South Yuba.

Important Site Information:

Miracle Mile – Restoration Project (South Fork of the Yuba just downstream of the 49 bridge crossing)

Directions to site: Take Highway 49 towards Downieville and make a left onto Newtown Road. Continue down Newtown several miles and make a right onto Jones Bar Road. Continue 1.5 miles down the road until you reach Owl Creek Road intersection and park there.

Important Site Information: You will need good hiking shoes to get down to the river, and gloves as you might be doing some restoration projects besides general cleaning. You will be removing invasive species (Scotch Broom and Himalyan Blackberry). *Please bring work gloves, hand clippers or loppers.* There is a small amount of poison oak on the trail but it can be avoided. This is a special area to nurture as it is heavily used by wildlife.

New York Canyon (upstream from Edward’s Crossing on the South Yuba) – TAKING PLACE on Friday, September 24th only

Directions to site: Take Highway 20 east towards Highway 80 and go about 3 miles past the Five Mile House and turn left on the Forest Conservation Camp Road. Continue maybe a mile up the road, on the right is a big turn out. Meet at the turn out. Carpool from there.

Important Site Information:

North Fork of the Yuba, Downieville area –

Directions to site: Take Highway 49 north to the town of Downieville.

Important Site Information:

Oregon Creek (Middle Fork of the Yuba)

Directions to site: Take Highway 49 towards Downieville. Continue past North San Juan until you reach the middle fork of the Yuba. Make a right into the parking lot at Oregon Creek.

Important Site Information: Picking up trash in the parking lot, beach area upstream and downstream picnic area. This is a good site for children.

Our House Dam

Directions to site: Follow Highway 49 north from Nevada City, past North San Juan, crossing the Middle Yuba at Moonshine Road. Take the first right (Ridge Road) past the Oregon Creek day use area and drive to the town of Pike. Follow .2 mile past the fire station, and turn right (just before the 35 mph sign) and drive through yellow striped gate. Follow road down to the river, then drive to the far (north) end of parking area.

Important Site Information:

Parks Bar (Main stem of the Yuba where Hwy 20 crosses the river)

Directions to site: Take Highway 20 west towards Marysville. After you cross the bridge over the Yuba, turn left and head down to the river to park.

Important Site Information:

Pierce Meadow (Highway 80 and Eagle Lakes exit)

Directions to site: Take Highway 20 east from Nevada City to Highway 80. Head east on I-80 and then exit at Eagle Lakes, go to the end of the ramp and pull off to side of road – Harry Abbott (the site leader) will lead you in. **Meet at 8:30 am at the Nevada County Rood Center or at the Eagle Lake off ramp listed above at 9 am.**

Important site Information: Need strong people and buckets (broken glass). Steep terrain , stuff has to be hauled a long distance (approximately one mile walk in and one mile walk out). Basic trash and campfire detritus and maybe some tires. Need High clearance vehicle or can carpool with others.

Pioneer Park (Deer Creek – downtown Nevada City)

Directions to site: Take Boulder Street up and away from downtown Nevada City 1 block and make your first right onto Park Avenue and continue a few blocks. Make a right onto Max Solaro Drive (this is the driveway for the parking area near the BBQ area).

Important Site Information:

Purdon Crossing (South Fork of the Yuba)

Directions to site: Take Highway 49 towards Downieville about ½ mile and make a right onto North Bloomfield Road. Continue up the hill and at the T, turn left onto Purdon Road until you hit the river .

Important Information:

Spenceville Wildlife Refuge

Directions to site: From Grass Valley, drive 12.5 miles west from Highway 49 in Grass Valley on Highway 20 toward Marysville. From the Marysville Area drive East on Highway 20. Turn south from Highway 20, at the Beale AF Base sign, onto Smartville Road. After .9 mile, take the left fork and continue on Smartville Road about 3.8 miles to Waldo Road. Continue along Waldo

Road for 1.8 miles to the Waldo Bridge, which was built in 1901 to serve the now extinct towns of Waldo and Spenceville. After crossing the bridge, continue to the left along Spenceville Road for 2.3 miles until you arrive at the turnout and trailhead by the old, cement bridge and abandoned mine site.

Important Information:

Washington (2 locations in the town of Washington area)

Directions to site: Take Highway 20 east towards Highway 80 about 12 miles. Turn left onto the Washington Road and go about 6 miles. Go across the bridge and meet just beyond the bridge. From this point, you will be separated into 2 different groups (Golden Quartz and the beach at the bridge).

Important Site Information: Please wear good hiking boots for some of these sites as you will be bouldering in unshaded areas.

Wolf Creek at Northstar Mine

Directions to site: Take Highway 49 south to the Highway 20 West Exit towards Marysville. Exit and take the first Highway 20 exit, Mill Street. At the stop sign, make a right onto Mill Street and go under the bridge. Continue straight through the stop sign and park on the left in the Northstar Mine parking lot.

Important Site Information:

Wolf Creek at the Safeway store

Directions to site: From South Auburn St. and Neal St. (next to the Grass Valley Safeway), take the on ramp for Highway 49 South. Before that lane merges with the freeway you will take a right into the dirt pull off area that leads to the CalTrans yard (gate will be unlocked). Pull through the gate and park in the Caltrans yard. The site leader, will be there. You cannot ride your bicycle to this location as you may not ride your bike on the highway, nor is there access to the Caltrans yard from behind it through the Safeway parking lot.

Important Information: **Please bring work gloves and a pair of pruning clippers to help clip the blackberries to open up the hiking trail further than it already exists.**

Wolf Creek at Wolf Road

Directions to site: Take Highway 49 south of Grass Valley about 10 miles. At the second stop light (the first was the Alta Sierra light). Wolf Road is on the right and Combie Road heads to the left. Make a right on Wolf Road and go approximately 3 miles and park right where you cross Wolf Creek.

Important Site Information: If you have an orange vest, please bring one as there will be some roadway cleaning.