Kaleidoscopes were a favorite holiday gift for children many years ago. They displayed a quickly and constantly changing series of brilliantly colored patterns. The metaphor works for California’s vernal pool landscapes.

Carol Witham will help us to explore the short-lived, weird-looking, fascinating fauna that evolved millions of years ago, and dazzling swaths of tens of thousands of tiny flowers that change from week to week through a two-to-three month “season”.

This tour of California vernal pools will answer questions such as “what makes a vernal pool” and “why are they found almost nowhere but California” plus explore vernal pools from throughout the state.

Carol Witham is a self-taught vernal pool ecologist and has been studying that ecosystem for over three decades. She is a private consultant specializing in rare plants and animals of vernal pools plus their management. Carol is author of Field Guide to the Vernal Pools of Mather Field, Sacramento County and co-editor of Jepson Prairie Preserve Handbook, 3rd Edition. She is also very active in vernal pool conservation advocacy and education.

Carol is currently the treasurer for the Sacramento Valley Chapter of CNPS. In the past she has served in several leadership roles within the statewide organization including president, vice-president and treasurer.
BIG CHICO CREEK
ECOLOGICAL RESERVE HIKE
November 30
Friday
Please join us for a hike 2 miles through BCCER with long-time volunteer Paul Maslin, Professor and Field Director Emeritus, who undoubtedly knows more than anyone about its history, natural or otherwise. Meet at Chico Park & Ride west lot (Hwy 32/99) at 9am with lunch/snacks, water and personal items. Wear sturdy hiking shoes with lugged soles, long-pants, and consider mosquito repellent, a hat, and sunscreen. Poison oak is ubiquitous on the BCCER. The 3-4 hour hike will not be steep, as it is generally on the contour of the canyon wall, but there are about three slightly tricky spots and sturdy hiking shoes are recommended. Bring rain gear for light rain; heavy rain cancels. Limited to 20 people. Reserve a spot by contacting leader Marjorie McNairn (530) 343-2397, MLMcNairn@aol.com

UPPER YAHI TRAIL
BEAR HOLE TO PARKING LOT U
UPPER BIDWELL PARK
December 8
Saturday
Explore the vegetative highlights along the Yahi Trail. We will critique its aging INTERPRETIVE SIGNS for possible improvements in text and locale. Bring water and snacks/lunch for hiking the 2 miles to the trail’s eastern end (4 miles roundtrip). Rain Cancels. Meet at east Horseshoe Lake Parking Lot at 9 am. Leader: Woody Elliott, (530) 588-2555, woodyelliott@gmail.com

MAIDU ROCK SHELTER
UPPER BIDWELL PARK
January 1
Tuesday
Meet at 10 am with lunch and drink at the Horseshoe Lake (parking lot E) trailhead to upper Bidwell Park. Wear cool weather gear. Start the NEW YEAR with this resurrected traditional scramble up the north ridge of upper park and then down to a cave with 25 bedrock mortars and a small waterfall over the entrance (if the weather permits). About a 3.5 mile hike. Rain cancels. Leader: Marjorie McNairn 530 343- 2397, MLMcNairn@aol.com.

FERN CLIFF IN
MIDDLE BIDWELL PARK
January 12
Saturday
Meet at 10 am at the middle Bidwell Park trailhead where Centennial Ave and Chico Canyon Rd join at their east ends. Wear sturdy shoes, bring water, and wear cool weather gear. We’ll walk for about a mile along the south side of Big Chico Creek. We’ll be looking at ferns and allies alongside the cliffs. End at noon. Rain cancels. Leader: Marjorie McNairn 530 343- 2397, MLMcNairn@aol.com.

WINTER BREAK
THE NEXT
Executive Board Meeting will be on January 16, 2019
General Meeting will be on February 6, 2019
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November
30 - BCCER Hike

December
5 - General Meeting
8 - Upper Yahi Trail
20 - CCNC Workday

January
1 - New Year Upper Park Hike
12 - Middle Park Fern Hike
16 - Ex Board Meeting
17 - CCNC Workday

February
6 - General Meeting

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