

7TH ANNUAL
SNOW GOOSE FESTIVAL

JANUARY 27-29 2006





WELCOME TO THE 7TH ANNUAL SNOW GOOSE FESTIVAL!

We hope you'll spend the weekend with us as we fulfill our mission to increase public awareness, understanding, appreciation and conservation of the diverse wildlife and unique habitats of the northern Sacramento Valley. We believe you will find that we've provided a weekend full of fun, adventure and learning for all ages, with field trips throughout the North Valley, complimented by a series of presentations and workshops available to all. We have also extended our Art Show exhibit to start on Wednesday, January 25 at the Chico Art Center. We have almost a full week of events for you to enjoy!

Registration:

Please peruse our schedule of events (evening programs, field trips and workshops). To register, we would prefer participants to use our website at www.snowgoosefestival.org to register online. This is a quick and easy process that saves us time in the office. The site also has maps and other useful information. You can also fill out the registration form in the middle of this brochure. Once completed, please mail or fax the registration form back to us with your total payment by Tuesday, January 24, 2006. We would prefer participants to use our website at www.snowgoosefestival.org to register online. This is a quick and easy process that saves us time in the office. The site also has maps and other useful information. No refunds after Friday, January 13, 2006.

If you fax in your registration form, you will need to pay by credit card. Please don't forget to fax the **front** and **back** of the registration form. Confirmation will be made in the most timely manner possible, with your complete program packet available for pick-up at the Chico Masonic Family Center or Sacramento River Discovery Center after 6:30 am on Saturday, January 28th.

Carpooling:

Carpooling is strongly encouraged when traveling to the Chico Masonic Family Center (CMFC). Parking is extremely limited with participants going on field trips and also those who wish to visit the exhibits and workshops throughout the day. If weather permits, walking and/or riding a bike to the CMFC is most appreciated.

A special note about Field Trips:

Please arrive at the location indicated 15 minutes prior to your scheduled event. This will allow us time to check you in and ensure the trip leaves promptly. We ask that you follow your field trip leader from the meeting location to the final destination. Anyone arriving after the field trip leader has left may not be able to join the group. All field

trips will be limited to the first 20 reservations. After that, a waiting list will be generated. Walk-in registration may be available for some events during the weekend of the Festival, but cannot be guaranteed.

Weather may change a trip's itinerary, but most trips will be conducted rain or shine. The weather in the valley during January is variable. It is generally cold and sometimes rainy, with daytime highs ranging from 50°-65°F.

Be sure to bring the following on your field trips: rain gear, waterproof footwear, layered clothing, binoculars, camera, field identification guide, water and snack or lunch as needed. Please also check out the "Tips & Etiquette" section to help you enjoy your day to the fullest.

Thank you!

Snow Goose Festival Steering Committee

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Legend:

Please meet at the Chico Masonic Family Center if your event has a ■ symbol. All other locations will be noted in the event description.

LIVE ANIMALS, GAMES, NATURE CRAFTS

SPECIAL FREE ATTRACTIONS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Meet Smokey the Bear and the Blue Goose!

Smokey the Bear and the National Wildlife Refuge's Blue Goose will be visiting at various times courtesy of the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge.

Live Reptiles!

(Saturday, January 28th, 10:00 am to noon, CMFC)

Touch a snake or get close to a lizard! Join Department of Fish and Game's Steve Brightwell as he shares very interesting facts about some of Butte County's most amazing reptiles.

Birds of Prey!

(Saturday, January 28th, 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm, CMFC)

Live hawks! Falconer Randy Landis will share some fascinating facts, unique habits and curious myths about these beautiful birds of prey.

Federal Junior Duck Stamp Display!

(Saturday-Sunday, CMFC)

All 100 California winners from nearly 2000 entries, will be on display. The Chico winners will be at the Chico Art Center from January 25-29.

Junior Naturalist Activities!

(Saturday, January 28th, 10:00 am-3:00 pm, CMFC & Sacramento River Discovery Center)

(Sunday, January 29th, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, CMFC)

Naturalists of all ages are invited to learn bird identification, make a bird call and much more! Games, nature crafts and other special activities will be taking place throughout the weekend!

GATHERING OF WINGS

BANQUET & SILENT AUCTION

Sierra Nevada Brewing Company - Big Room

1075 East 20th Street, Chico CA

Saturday, January 28th

5:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Featured Speaker: Walt Anderson

Master Naturalist and Author of Inland Island: The Sutter Buttes

We invite you to join Walt Anderson as he weaves words and images into a compelling story of the Sutter Buttes – a unique geological formation that he likens to an island of upland in a sea of lowland, much of which has been converted to agriculture.

Sacred Range to the local Indian tribes, the landscape of the Sutter Buttes today remains surprisingly intact, its stories still there for the telling. This is an engaging sense-of-place story, a connection with landscape that many of us can only begin to imagine.

Walt will be available to sign his book from 5:30 to 7 pm in the Mezzanine Room, prior to the dinner.

Silent Auction & Live Auction!

At 5:30 pm on Saturday, January 28th, the vibrant Silent Auction returns to the Mezzanine Room of Sierra Nevada Brewery. New this year will be our live auction featuring floats trips, catered lunches, and one-on-one expert birding tours.

The Silent Auction will include a variety of exquisite items including works of art from each of the artists participating in the Wildlife Art Exhibit at the Chico Art Center. Enjoy the evening bidding on these excellent pieces as you help support the Snow Goose Festival. **Your support directly affects our ability to ensure that the Snow Goose Festival remains a part of the North State's premier birding events.**

Dinner by Sierra Nevada Brewing Company

Beer & Wine (No Host)

Cost per person: \$35

\$20 for youth (17 years and younger) and students with ID

WINE & WILDLIFE

WELCOME RECEPTION & ART EXHIBIT

Wine & Wildlife Welcome Reception

Friday, January 27

Chico Art Center

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

450 Orange Street, Chico, CA

Get wild at the Snow Goose Festival's Wine & Wildlife Welcoming Reception & Art Exhibit at the Chico Art Center. The festival, now in its seventh year, brings educational and artistic recognition to waterfowl and wildlife of the great Sacramento Valley and Pacific Flyway.

Celebrate with us and see wonderful works of art exhibited by many talented wildlife and landscape artists from our region. Bring a friend and meet fellow festival participants, presenters, field trip leaders and artists as you sample a spectacular array of foods that are grown and produced in the fertile Sacramento Valley – prepared by local culinary crafters and professionals. The evening venue includes live music, a no host bar and special presentations throughout the gallery and newly refurbished rail car.

Tickets: \$10 per person (registration required)

Hors d'oeuvres and No Host Bar



Art Exhibit

Wednesday - Sunday, January 25-29,

Chico Art Center

Gallery Open: 12:30 pm - 4 pm

450 Orange Street, Chico, CA

This year the Chico Art Center is contributing to our growing event by providing a 5-day art exhibit. A select group of regional wildlife artists have been invited to exhibit their works for this special affair, including Rex Burress, Judy Carter, Glen Cowan, Sue Denega, Garnetta Finnegan, Mike Killian, Tina McAllister, Tanya Mead-Mullin, Charlie Osborn, Robert Benton Race, Rene Reyes, Mick Schwartz, Jackson Shedd, Gordon Stennet and others. On Saturday, artists' selected pieces will be auctioned at the Gathering of Wings Banquet & Silent Auction at Sierra Nevada's Big Room.

Special Book Signing at the Friday Wine & Wildlife Reception

Local artist and author Jackson Shedd will be showing his art and signing his book at the Chico Art Center during the Snow Goose Festival's Wine & Wildlife Welcome Reception and Art Exhibit. His recently published field guide "Amphibians and Reptiles of Bidwell Park" covers all 29 species found throughout Lower and Upper Bidwell Park. Color plates hand-painted by the author illustrate each species in great detail. The original paintings will be on display as well.

Friday, January 27th Field Trips

Owl Prowl

Fri. 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

(Meet at the Chico Creek Nature Center)

This family-gearred field trip offers a unique glimpse into the amazing nocturnal world of owls. Scott has been leading the ever-popular Owl Prowls into Bidwell Park for the Chico Creek Nature Center (CCNC) since 1986. The Prowl, a leisurely hike into Bidwell Park, will start and end at the CCNC. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. The Owl Prowl will definitely be a night to remember!

Field Trip Leader: Scott Toricelli

Saturday, January 28th Field Trips

■ Sacramento Valley Wetlands and Wintering Waterbirds

Sat. 6:45 am - 3 pm

Enjoy great birding opportunities as you travel the back-roads out of Chico through flooded agricultural land as well as the managed wetlands of state and federal wildlife areas. We'll start with a visit to the viewing platform at the Llano Seco Unit of the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and from there we will meander across the valley to the Sacramento NWR - birding along the way. Finally, we'll wrap-up the trip with a visit to the California Department of Fish and Game's (CDFG) Gray Lodge Wildlife Area. Along with helping you to identify numerous avian species, Jay will discuss the importance of wetland management and ecology to the thousands of wintering birds that depend on this habitat for survival. We hope to generate a list of over 80 bird species on this trip. Expect to see a wide variety of waterfowl (including snow geese), raptors and many other wetland species. A "honker meal" including sandwich, chips, cookie, and drink can be purchased for \$5.00 the morning of this tour.

Field Trip Leader: Jay Bogiatto

■ Refuge to Refuge

Sat. 7 am - 5 pm

Visit two premier Sacramento Valley wildlife areas. Our first destination will be the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sacramento NWR near Willows. We'll make a stop at the visitor center, drive the auto tour route and visit the viewing platform. Next, we will travel to the CDFG Gray Lodge Wildlife Area - birding along the way. Plan to see huge flocks of snow geese, American wigeon, northern pintail, mallard, green winged teal and perhaps a blue winged teal and Eurasian wigeon. We should also see white-faced ibis, sandhill cranes and a variety of raptors. A "honker meal" including sandwich, chips, cookie, and drink can be purchased for \$5.00 the morning of this tour.

Field Trip Leader: Skip Augur

■ Dye Creek Preserve

Sat. 7:30 am - 1 pm

Visit The Nature Conservancy's rugged, expansive Dye Creek Preserve in the Lassen Foothills region of eastern Tehama County. We will discuss land management efforts and tour the scenic Dye Creek Canyon or a streamside restoration site along the lower flood plain, depending on weather conditions. You can expect to see birds common to oak woodland such as the acorn woodpecker, oak titmouse and California quail. Bring lunch and water.

Field Trip Leader: Peter Hujik

■ Foothill Birding and Mist Net Demonstration

Sat. 7:30 am - 1 pm

Join Jackson for a trip to the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve where we'll descend into the Big Chico Creek Canyon for foothill woodland birding. This is a great habitat for wintering raptors, sparrows, and other passerines. This outing will also include checking mist nets at a bird banding site where federally licensed bird bander, Dawn Garcia, and volunteers have nets set up to band birds, take various measurements, record data and then release the birds. Bring lunch and water.

Field Trip Leaders: Jackson Shedd and Dawn Garcia

Birding at Dog Island Park

Sat. 8 am - 10 am

(Meet at the Sacramento River Discovery Center in Red Bluff)
Dog Island Park, in Red Bluff, has one of the finest stands of mature riparian cottonwood forest remaining along the Sacramento River. This easy walking trip will search for resident and winter-visiting birds common to the riparian ecosystem. Expect woodpeckers, oak titmouse, white-breasted nuthatch, and a variety of wrens, thrushes, sparrows, and finches, along with a surprise or two. Wear shoes suitable for damp conditions.

Field Trip Leader: Bruce Deuel

■ USFWS Llano Seco & Beginning Birding

Sat. 8 am - noon

The Llano Seco Unit of the Sacramento River NWR offers sensational views from an elevated viewing platform. This trip is designed for the beginning to intermediate birder (advanced birders are also welcome) as this is an ideal location for viewing a large variety of species all in one location! Learn interesting facts about the birds as well as helpful hints on identification. You can expect to see a variety of wintering waterfowl, sandhill cranes, raptors (last year several bald eagles were seen), along with many other species. Just a short drive outside of Chico, this is definitely a birding hot spot! (This trip is also offered on Sunday.)

Field Trip Leader: Shelly Kirn

■ Vina Plains to Pine Creek & The River

Sat. 8 am - 12:30 pm

Visit The Nature Conservancy's Vina Plains Preserve and learn about the rare plants and animals of California's vernal pool ecosystems. You will also discover why vernal pool landscapes are so important to migratory waterfowl and shorebirds. Next, travel to the Pine Creek Unit of Sacramento River NWR where you will see riparian habitat restoration and learn why it is important for the survival of Chinook salmon, migratory songbirds and endangered species.

Field Trip Leaders: Joe Silveira and Dawit Zeleke

■ Sutter Buttes – Dean Ranch

Sat. 8 am - 4 pm

We'll drive almost into the center of the Sutter Buttes to see the historic Dean Ranch. A three-mile gentle hillside walk will reveal the Buttes' volcanic origins, Native American artifacts and a hundred year old working cattle ranch. This hike will focus primarily on bird watching so be sure to bring your binoculars. Enjoy a leisurely trip back into a time gone by. Bring lunch and water.

Field Trip Leader: Peter Sands

■ Sutter Buttes - Peace Valley

Sat. 8 am - 4 pm

Explore California State Park's newly acquired property, Peace Valley, in the Sutter Buttes. It will be like stepping back in time as you learn about the Valley's natural and cultural history. We will visit a Native American site used for grinding acorns. As we traverse this incredible Valley we will learn the interesting geological processes that formed it. This is an undeveloped area so wear comfortable walking shoes or boots. Bring lunch and water.

Field Trip Leader: Tim Davis

■ Feather River Region & Nature Trail

Sat. 8:30 am - noon

This trip begins with a car caravan to Oroville's Old Bath House Nature Center near the Table Mountain Bridge at Montgomery and Bridge Streets. We'll leave our vehicles here and begin a nice leisurely hike. As we meander along the banks of the Feather River we'll keep a keen eye out for some of the area's abundant wildlife, which includes mergansers, goldeneye, bufflehead, osprey, eagle, river otter and even lingering salmon.

Field Trip Leader: Rex Burress

■ Rancho Esquon

Sat. 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Just a short drive outside Durham, along the roadways bordering Rancho Esquon multitudes of snow geese, white-fronted geese and sandhill cranes can usually be seen right from your vehicle! Bald eagles are occasionally spotted perched in the snags along the agricultural wetlands. Upon arrival at Rancho Esquon we will visit the viewing platform, which offers a spectacular view of the surrounding wetlands and their habitats. We will also be visiting the egg hatching facility as we learn about the diverse undertakings of this complex rice ranch. (This trip is duplicated Saturday afternoon).

Field Trip Leader: Phil Johnson

■ Gray Lodge Wildlife Area

Sat. 8:45 am - 2 pm

Enjoy great birding opportunities as you travel the back-roads from Chico to the CDFG Gray Lodge Wildlife Area. At Gray Lodge you will join naturalist Lori Dieter for a short hike filled with wildlife viewing and an introduction to the northern Sacramento Valley's past. Birds likely to be seen include a wide variety of waterfowl (including snow geese), raptors, egrets, herons, belted kingfishers and many other wetland species. Bring lunch and water. (This trip is also offered on Sunday).

Field Trip Leader: Lori Dieter

Beginning Birding for Kids

Sat. 9 am - 10:15 am

(Meet at the Chico Creek Nature Center)

What a wondrous thing to view the world of birds through a child's eyes! This workshop/field trip will focus on the basics of birding. The workshop covers basic bird anatomy and basic identification techniques. At the Chico Creek Nature Center each child will view, up close, actual examples of some of Bidwell Park's avian residents. We will then venture further into Bidwell Park to practice our new skills

on the wild birds of the park. Bring field guides and binoculars if you have them. Some binoculars will be available to loan if needed. Ages 7 to 12.

Field Trip Leader: Michelle Ocken

■ Beginning Birdwatching with Field Trip at the Genetic Resource Center

Sat. 9 am - 11:30 am

This workshop/field trip combination takes place in the beautiful setting of the U.S. Forest Service's Genetic Resource Center (GRC) located on the outskirts of Chico. After a brief overview of the significance and importance of the GRC the birding session will begin. It's been said, "The best birdwatcher is another bird." Learn the hows and whys of bird watching. Whether it's watching hummingbirds in your own back yard or penguins in Antarctica, bird watching is your lifetime ticket to the theater of nature. This presentation is a combination of classroom study and fieldwork - making it a must for anyone wanting to learn more about birding. After our workshop we'll put our newly acquired birding skills to the test. Bring binoculars if you have them!

Field Trip Leaders: Roger Lederer and Gary Norcross

Explore the Sacramento River Discovery Center and the Red Bluff Recreation Area

Sat. 9 am - 11:30 am

(Meet at the Sacramento River Discovery Center in Red Bluff) Student interns from the Red Bluff High School Regional Occupation Program (ROP) will share highlights of their accomplishments throughout the year. We'll have the opportunity to view their extensive re-vegetation projects and native grass plots as well as see how they are handling invasive plant removal. We'll also have the opportunity to learn about their bird nest box projects. Then after a brief overview of the Sacramento River Discovery Center's numerous educational programs, native plant garden and visitor center, we'll venture outside to view the Red Bluff Diversion Dam and stroll into oak woodlands, wetlands, riparian and grassland habitats. By keeping a

watchful eye open during these explorations we may see an assortment of birds and other wildlife that call this area home.

Field Trip Leaders: Ben Hughes, Matt Pritchard and Red Bluff High School ROP Student Interns

■ Book Family Farm

Sat. 9 am - noon

The Book Family Farm is nestled in-between hundreds of acres of rice fields and has a lovely meandering creek running along side it. With it's rice fields, the creek and the crops, the Book Family Farm has become a sanctuary to large numbers of wildlife. Sandhill cranes are frequent winter visitors and beaver enjoy living in the creek.

Field Trip Leader: Dan McKnight

Herbivores and Sustainable Landscapes

Sat. 9 am - 3 pm

(Meet at the Sacramento River Discovery Center in Red Bluff)

Discover how we have moved from debt in the ranching business to developing profitability, maintaining quality of life, improving biodiversity and increasing biological capital at the same time. You will experience and participate in a project showing how 65 of our neighbors, representing 40,000 acres, are moving to a long-term sustainable solution to manage our "catastrophic fire" problem in brush and timber land using 600 meat goats and hair sheep. You will be introduced to a "decision-making model" based on quality of life, profitability and environmental enhancement. Wear warm clothing, sturdy shoes and rain gear. Bring lunch and water. If weather permits we will be traveling to our herbivore headquarters.

Field Trip Leader: Bill Burrows

Sacramento River Management Area

Sat. 10 am - 2 pm

(Meet at the Sacramento River Discovery Center in Red Bluff)

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management is offering a hiking tour of lands under its protection in a special management unit known as the Sacramento River Bend Outstanding Natural Area. Located to the northeast of Red Bluff, this area is currently under consideration for designation as a National Recreation Area. We'll see a variety of upland habitats as well as spectacular scenic vistas of the Sacramento River and surrounding watershed lands. Wildlife viewing opportunities include wetland, upland and neo-tropical birds as well as deer and other mammals. This will be a moderate hike with half of it off trail on uneven ground. Bring lunch and water.

Field Trip Leader: Kelly Williams

■ Birding In Paradise!

Sat. 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Yes, see the birds of Paradise! Follow Gaylord as you walk the lower Paradise bike path to view oak woodland birds. We should see spotted towhees along with red-breasted sapsuckers, downy, Nuttall's and acorn woodpeckers. We'll then travel on up the hill to DeSabra Reservoir where sightings of bald eagles, wood ducks, Canada geese, nuthatches, chickadees and mergansers are common.

Field Trip Leaders: Gaylord Grams and Harlin Perryman

■ Lundberg Family Farms

Sat. 1 pm - 4 pm

Tour the farm famous for its specialty rice products and for attracting wildlife to its organic fields. Witness first-hand how valley farm practices and ecological farming in particular, can benefit migratory and non-migratory bird populations of the Pacific Flyway.

Field Trip Leader: Jessica Lundberg

■ Birding in Bidwell Park

Sat. 1 pm - 4 pm

In the middle of “Sherwood Forest” with its majestic oaks and towering sycamores, you will find the wonderful birds of Bidwell Park, the “Jewel of Chico”. This trip will start at One-Mile where we will explore the lush habitat of acorn woodpeckers, various warblers and other birds found in Lower Park. We will then proceed to the riparian corridor of Upper Park and the Yahi Trail, where we’re likely to find brown creeper, white breasted nuthatch, various song birds, green herons and many other winter residents.

Field Trip Leader: Michelle Ocken

■ Del Rio Wildland Preserve

Sat. 1 pm - 4:30 pm

After a short drive, we will visit the River Partners’ Del Rio Wildland Preserve, which was planted in 2003 with native grasses, riparian trees and shrubs. We will park at the edge of the preserve and walk about 2 miles for the duration of the tour. We should see most of the upland birds characteristic of the Sacramento Valley at this time of year.

Field Trip Leader: Tom Griggs

■ Rancho Esquon

Sat. 1 pm - 4:30 pm

Just a short drive outside Durham, along the roadways bordering Rancho Esquon, multitudes of snow geese, white-fronted geese and sandhill cranes can usually be seen right from your vehicle! Bald eagles are occasionally spotted perched in the snags along the agricultural wetlands. Upon arrival at Rancho Esquon we will visit the viewing platform, which offers a spectacular view of the surrounding wetlands and their inhabitants. We will also be visiting the egg hatching facility as we learn about the diverse undertakings of this complex rice ranch. (This is a repeat of the Saturday morning field trip for those who missed it!)

Field Trip Leader: Herman Gray

Saturday, January 28th Presentations/Workshops

■ All About Bats

Sat. 9 am - 10:30 am

They are one of the most beneficial, yet most misunderstood animals in the world. Learn more about the habits, habitats and species of bats that reside within the unique ecosystems of California’s valleys and forests. (You may wish to then build a bat box at the Bat Box Building workshop immediately following this presentation.)

Presenter: Linda Angerer

■ Amazing Migrations

Sat. 9 am - 10:30 am

In this workshop we’ll explore the amazing phenomenon of animal migration. We’ll begin by reviewing some of the most spectacular migrations in the animal kingdom. Then we’ll deal with some of the hows and whys of migration, such as: Why do some, but not all, species migrate? What are the costs vs. the benefits of migration? What distances do animals migrate? How do migrating animals find their way to their destination? Attend this session to learn more about one of nature’s most fascinating topics!

Presenter: David Vanicek

■ Bat Box Building

Sat. 10:30 am - noon

After learning All About Bats (at this morning’s earlier workshop) join Bob as he helps you construct your very own bat box to take home, put up and attract these amazing creatures to your property. Learn the best location to place your box as well as interesting facts on the benefits of providing these roosting spots. (\$5 for materials)

Presenter: Bob Guzman

Children's Raptor Program

Sat. 10:30 am - noon

(Meet at the Chico Creek Nature Center)

Kids! This exciting program will begin at the Chico Creek Nature Center's (CCNC) non-releasable living animal museum in Bidwell Park. Learn exactly what a raptor is and other fun facts about raptors that are residing at the CCNC and Bidwell Park. The program will include a short hike into the Park where we will look for evidence of raptor activity. Kids will also build and paint a wooden birdhouse (snap-together kit) that they can take home! Small children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

Presenter: CCNC Staff

■ **Introduction to Slow Foods**

Sat. 11 am – 12:30 pm

Northern California's unique climate allows the creation of wonderful foods that, far too often, are overlooked. A group of local farmers and ranchers have formed a Slow Food Group to celebrate and promote the unique and wonderful food that our area produces. Speakers from the Slow Food Group will discuss how their individual operations evoke the uniqueness of our climate into their products. They understand that the health of the landscape directly affects the health of wildlife and humans. Big Bluff Ranch in Red Bluff produces grass-fed beef and lamb. Pacific Sun Olive Oil in Gerber produces a distinct northern California olive oil. Pedrozo Dairy in Orland produces cheese that is hand-crafted from grass-fed animals.

Presenters: Tyler Dawley and Dan Flynn

■ **Armchair Tour of Black Butte Lake**

Sat. 11 am - 12:30 pm

Situated on the west side of the upper Sacramento Valley in an oak woodland savannah, U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Black Butte Lake is surrounded by beautiful dark volcanic buttes. Relax and take in a slide show of the lake's 40 miles of shoreline, 3 nature trails and strik-

ing landscape. See and touch natural artifacts and evidence of the area's wildlife including snake skins, bobcat and mountain lion skulls, and beaver and otter pelts.

Presenter: Mary Ann Deeming

■ **Attracting Birds & Butterflies to Your Garden**

Sat. 1 pm to 2:30 pm

Did you know that you can increase the winged population right outside your door with a garden habitat as small as 100 square feet? Discover the "wildlife approach" to garden design with creative and fundamental principles for "naturescaping" your yard, along with essentials and added perks that attract winged wildlife. This fun seminar is filled with down-to-earth basics, including a slide presentation beautifully photographed by photographer Rick Wetherbee, and a hands-on project to create your own butterfly window box garden! (The \$10 workshop cost includes a materials fee for a window box planter and native plants.)

Presenter: Kris Wetherbee

■ **A Celebration of Wild... Here (California) and There (Alaska)**

Sat. 1 pm - 2:30 pm

HERE – a visual celebration of migration! The Delta, Butte Sink, Lower Klamath Basin, Bosque Del Apache are all places of Winter Wild. Ron gives us a peak into the wonder of it all. It is special because it is here and it is now.

THERE – a change of pace and place puts us in southeastern Alaska. "The Alaska You Might Have Missed" gives us a comfortable alternative to something between a cruise ship and a kayak exploration of Alaska. With a thousand islands and ten thousand miles of edge this is truly the last 'best wild place' remaining on earth. Hundreds of whales, thousands of bear (and even more eagles) make this an incredible journey you don't want to miss!

Presenters: Ron Sanford and Ronn Patterson

■ Basic Nature & Wildlife Photography Workshop

Sat. 3 pm - 5 pm

This workshop is an introduction to nature and wildlife photography, particularly bird photography. Topics include equipment recommendations including 35 mm film and digital cameras, lenses and associated accessories, in addition to discussions on exposure, lighting, composition techniques, the use of photography blinds and the ethics of nature photography. Recommended photography locations will also be presented during a slide show. A myriad of equipment will be on display including film and digital cameras, photography blinds, camera support devices, flash projection setups and remote control units. This workshop compliments Steve's Photography field trip on Sunday at the Sacramento NWR. (See page ?? for details)

Presenter: Steve Emmons

Gathering of Wings Banquet, Silent Auction & Book Signing

Sat. 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Dinner at Sierra Nevada Brewing Company - Big Room

1075 East 20th Street Chico, CA

Cost \$35 per person, \$20 for youth (17 and younger) and students with ID

The always-popular Saturday evening banquet & fabulous silent auction returns. Great food, conversations and enjoyment are guaranteed.

This year, we will have a book signing by Walt Anderson of his Inland Island: The Sutter Buttes at 5:30 pm. He will also be doing his presentation after dinner about the magnificent Sutter Buttes. In addition Walt will lead a field trip to the Sutter Buttes on Sunday. (See page 4 for more information.)

Sunday, January 29th Field Trips

■ Oxidation Ponds and Indian Fishery

Sun. 7:30 am - noon

Just a few miles from downtown Chico, these local oxidation ponds are favorite birding spots for locals. You'll walk on the levees behind the City of Chico Sewage Treatment Plant and find many species of local and migrating waterfowl and other birds and mammals. Then stop at Indian Fishery Day Use Area of the Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park and take a 1/2 mile guided nature trail. The trail winds through an oak woodland forest adjacent to an oxbow lake. Woodpeckers abound along with woodland and aquatic birds. In addition you may see river otter, beaver and pond turtles.

Field Trip Leader: Mike Fisher

■ Bird the Shores of Black Butte Lake

Sun. 7:30 am - 2 pm

Situated on the west side of the upper Sacramento Valley, U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Black Butte Lake is surrounded by beautiful dark volcanic buttes. Come explore the many inlets this lake has to offer and see pied-billed grebes, common mergansers, American wigeon, green-winged teal, Clark's and western grebes. Stop along the roads and see wild turkeys, bluebirds, red-tailed hawks and turkey vultures. Lewis's woodpeckers, and golden and bald eagles winter in this area, too. Bring lunch and water. **Field Trip Leader: Phil Johnson**

Birding Lake Red Bluff Recreation Area and Environs

Sun. 7:45 am - 3 pm

(Meet at the Sacramento River Discovery Center in Red Bluff)
The Sacramento River Discovery Center will be the take off point for this exciting birding adventure. This trip is designed for the intermediate to advanced birder but beginning birders are welcome. We will visit the heron rookery (just getting started this time of year) and we will bird the recreation area's oak woodlands, riparian and upland habitats before venturing off towards the foothills. Two birds, unlikely to be seen on other trips, are the roadrunner and the beautiful Lewis's woodpecker. Last year's trip revealed a roadrunner, several golden eagles and a host of other species. Over 120 different species of birds have been sighted in this area throughout the year. Bring lunch and water.

Field Trip Leader: David Dahnke

Photography at Sac Refuge

Sun. 8 am - noon

(Meet at the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge)
Join Assistant Refuge Manager Steve Emmons at the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge to practice some of the techniques discussed in his Saturday workshop. Depending on the weather and lighting conditions, we will concentrate on bird, scenic or close-up photography, so come prepared. Various techniques will be demonstrated including finding subjects, getting close, using blinds and long lens techniques. Technical subjects of exposure, lighting considerations, and flash will also be discussed. Participants should bring a film or digital camera body (with film or digital cards), wide angle, macro and telephoto (minimum 200mm with 1.4X teleconverter) lenses, tripod and flash (not mandatory but advised). Photographers using Nikon camera bodies will be able to use Steve's 500mm f/4 (manual focus) and 80-200mm f/4 (manual focus) and 80-200mm f/2.8 (auto focus) lenses, and 1.4 and 2x teleconverters and 1.4X and 2X teleconverters. Limited to 15 people.
Field Trip Leader: **Steve Emmons**

■ Sutter Buttes Hike – Mid-Mountain

Sun. 8 am - 4 pm

Take a 5 mile hike into the mysterious interior of the Sutter Buttes. Visit secluded locations that reveal the Buttes' geologic formation, Native American presence, old pioneer home sites, and a wild ecology typical of California's past. This hike is moderately brisk. Bring lunch and water.

Field Trip Leaders: Mike Hubbartt and Marty Steidlemayer

■ Sutter Buttes Hike – Summit Ascent

Sun. 8 am - 4 pm

Take a 5 mile hike into the mysterious interior of the Sutter Buttes. Visit secluded locations that reveal the Buttes' geologic formation, Native American presence, old pioneer home sites, and a wild ecology typical of California's past. The Summit Ascent, with a 1000 ft. elevation gain within a half-mile stretch, is quite strenuous. Bring lunch and water.

Field Trip Leaders: Mike Hubbartt and Marty Steidlemayer

■ Sutter Buttes Hike – with Walt Anderson

Sun. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

From Chico, we will carpool down the Great Valley toward the only real sense of relief in an otherwise flat landscape: the magnificent and anomalous Sutter Buttes. Walt pioneered access and interpretation in this privately owned mountain range. Penetrating into the heart of this castle of volcanic origins, we will hike through oak woodlands and climb ridges for expansive views (fog willing) and opportunities for an insider's view of the natural and cultural history of one of California's great landscapes.

Field Trip Leader: Walt Anderson

■ USFWS Llano Seco & Beginning Birding

Sun. 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

The Llano Seco Unit of the Sacramento River NWR offers sensational views from an elevated viewing platform. This trip is designed for the beginning to intermediate birder (advanced birders are also welcome) as this is an ideal location for viewing a large variety of species all in one location! Learn interesting facts about the birds as well as helpful hints on identification. You can expect to see a variety of wintering waterfowl, sandhill cranes, raptors (last year several bald eagles were seen), along with many other species. Just a short drive outside of Chico, this is definitely a birding hot spot! (This trip is also offered on Saturday.)

Field Trip Leader: Gaylord Grams

■ Kayaking the Forebay

Sun. 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Cruise the cold waters of Lake Oroville's North Forebay and get up close with the resident and wintering waterfowl. This is a leisurely 3-mile paddle and you must bring your own canoe or kayak to attend. You must also have a PFD (personal floatation device) for each person on your boat. Bring binoculars and warm clothing.

Field Trip Leader: Victor Herrick

■ Feather River's Bedrock Park

Sun. 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

The main attraction of this leisurely walk at Bedrock Park is the diving duck population that frequents this stretch of the Feather River in Oroville. Buffleheads, goldeneyes, ruddy ducks and common mergansers can be seen doing their courtship and bonding displays. The riparian habitat along the river supports many species of wintering songbirds and waterfowl as well as beaver, river otter, raccoons, muskrats and wild turkey.

Field Trip Leaders: John Grow and Leroy Hord

■ Bike & Bird with Chico Velo

Sun. 10 am - 2 pm

Join the Chico Velo Club for this 3 to 4 hour flat bike ride out to the Indian Fishery Day Use Area of Bidwell - Sacramento River State Park, with a return stop at the City of Chico Water Pollution Control Plant (Oxidation Ponds), both great birding spots. Riders should have a reliable and safe bicycle. Helmets will be required for all riders. Chico Velo will provide snacks during the trip. Please bring your own water.

Field Trip Leader: Ed McLaughlin

■ Gray Lodge Wildlife Area

Sun. 11:45 am - 4:30 pm

Enjoy great birding opportunities as you travel the back-roads from Chico to the CDFG Gray Lodge Wildlife Area. At Gray Lodge you will join naturalist Lori Dieter for a short hike filled with wildlife viewing and an introduction to the northern Sacramento Valley's past. Birds likely to be seen include a wide variety of waterfowl (including snow geese), raptors, egrets, herons, belted kingfishers and many other wetland species. Bring lunch and water. (This trip is also offered on Saturday.)

Field Trip Leader: Lori Dieter

■ Hiking Tour of Riparian Restoration Sites

Sun. 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Join Dan, from River Partners, for a walking tour between two riparian restoration sites along the Sacramento River. We will start at the Ord Bend Unit of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and end up at the California Department of Fish and Game's Jacinto Unit. The approximately 3 mile level hike offers great views of the Sacramento River and an opportunity to view winter wildlife. Come learn about river and restoration processes, opportunities for local community involvement and wildlife benefits as you get a close-up view of the dramatic transformation taking place on these sites. Good walking shoes are a must!

Field Trip Leader: Dan Efseaff

■ **Wing-It to the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge**

Sun. 12:30 pm - 5 pm

The “winging-it” part of this trip is where the fun starts! En route to the Refuge expect to veer off the beaten path a bit as your leader gravitates to where the birds are. When you arrive at the Refuge visitor center we’ll view the diorama and pick-up a wildlife checklist. Then you are off to a leisurely adventure around the auto tour loop that offers excellent viewing opportunities without leaving the car! An informative radio program can be tuned in while on the tour, and you can stop and stretch at two areas for a closer look at the thousands of waterfowl that winter on this Refuge.

Field Trip Leader: Michael Denega

■ **Birds, Plants and Indian Shelter**

Sun. 1 pm - 4 pm

Join us for a fun family hike to Upper Bidwell Park! On our way to the Indian Shelter, we will pause to appreciate wildlife and Indian uses of the plants we find along the way. Take in the wonderful view of the canyon from the Indian Shelter. It is a three-mile round-trip hike so wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

Field Trip Leaders: Jim Dempsey and Wes Dempsey

Sunday, January 30th Presentations/Workshops

■ **Raptor Identification**

Sun. 9 am - 10 am

Enjoy a PowerPoint slide presentation featuring raptors of the northern Sacramento Valley. Field identification, characteristics, unique habits, fascinating facts and curious myths about these beautiful birds of prey will be discussed. Learn why birds of prey have been revered in history and folklore for thousands of years.

Presenter: Andy Wahl

■ **Birds of Bidwell Park**

Sun. 9 am - 10 am

Enjoy a virtual field trip through the seasons of Bidwell Park, with a discussion of the interesting facts about the common but fascinating feathered denizens of the “Jewel of Chico”. A rural park in an urban setting, Bidwell Park offers an amazing diversity of birds throughout the year. It is the perfect place for both the experienced and novice birdwatcher to learn about and enjoy the birds so near and dear to us.

Presenter: Roger Lederer

■ **Falconry: The World’s Oldest Field Sport**

Sun. 10:30 am - noon

Falconry has been a part of history for more than 4,000 years. Beginning as a means of hunting wild game, it has been the sport of kings and the icon of a complex social cast system. View an exciting presentation of falconry being practiced in the field. Participants will see live birds and the equipment used in modern and historic falconry.

Presenter: Andy Wahl

■ **The Wide Wonderful World of Birds**

Sun. 11 am - noon

“It is not only fine feathers that make fine birds”, Aesop. Enjoy this introduction to the wide, wonderful world of birds. Roger will examine the characteristics, variety, and behavior of birds and their relationship to humankind. He will cover everything you always wanted to know about birds but were afraid to ask!

Presenter: Roger Lederer

■ **Armchair Tour of Feather River Canyon Wildlife**

Sun. 11 am - noon

Enjoy glimpses of the spectacular scenery and abundant wildlife found within the Feather River Canyon without ever leaving the comfort of your chair. Experience the beautiful colors and patterns of nature that Rex has captured on film. This presentation is sure to entice you into visiting the Feather River Canyon.

Presenter: Rex Burress

■ **Build Your Own Bamboo Birdbath & More**

Sun. 1 pm - 2:30 pm

Learn how to build a simple yet stylish birdbath that's lightweight and portable enough to locate virtually anywhere in your yard – and carry it home with you that day! You'll also discover the essentials and benefits of providing simple water sources for winged wildlife. And to make this bird attracting experience complete, we'll finish with an expert demonstration on how to create a custom container garden for attracting hummingbirds. (The \$10 cost for this workshop includes a materials fee for your birdbath project.)

Presenter: Kris Wetherbee

BIOGRAPHY OF LEADERS AND PRESENTERS

Linda Angerer is a U.S. Forest Service Wildlife Biologist and currently the Bat Coordinator for California's National Forests.

Skip Augur is publicity and webmaster of the White-Tailed Kite, the local Altacal Audubon Society's newsletter.

Anne Bianchi is the educational outreach coordinator for the Tehama County Resource Conservation District. For fifteen years she has led inspiring educational and docent tours at the Nature Conservancy's Dye Creek Preserve.

Jay Bogiatto is Station Manager at CSU, Chico's Eagle Lake Field Station, Director of the Biology Department's Vertebrate Museum and teaches ornithology, waterfowl biology and zoology at CSU, Chico.

Steve Brightwell is Assistant Manager at the California Department of Fish and Game Feather River Fish Hatchery.

Rex Burress, a long time naturalist, wildlife artist, outdoor photographer and nature writer is retired from the Lake Merritt Refuge in Oakland.

Bill Burrows is a local rancher, Certified Educator for Holistic Management, and Coordinator for Sunflower Coordinated Resource Management Plan. California ranching has been a "way of life" for the Burrows' family since 1848.

David Dahnke has been a birding enthusiast for over twenty years. He has sighted over 450 species of birds.

Tim Davis has served as a State Park Ranger at several parks throughout California for over thirty years. His current work location is the Bidwell – Sacramento River State Park just outside of Chico.

Tyler Dawley of Big Bluff Ranch grew up on the family ranch where it was understood that the health of the landscape directly affects the health of humans. Big Bluff Ranch's grass-fed meat is the translation of a healthy landscape into healthy food.

Mary Ann Deeming works for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She has been a Park Ranger at Black Butte Lake for over twenty years.

Jim Dempsey works in resource management for California State Parks and is an active member of the California Native Plant Society.

Wes Dempsey is an Emeritus Professor of Biology at California State University Chico. Wes has led hikes in the area for many years.

Michael Denega is a dynamic researcher and instructor at Folsom Lake College and Independent Learning Center. He has spent considerable time as a researcher and wildlife photographer in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge with the Federal Migratory Bird Program.

Bruce Deuel has been a biologist for the California Department of Fish and Game for 32 years, and an avid birder for 45 years. He's recorded over 1500 species in 7 countries on 4 continents, and is currently a member of the Central Valley Bird Club Board of Directors.

Lori Dieter is the Naturalist at the California Department of Fish and Game Gray Lodge Wildlife Area. Graduating with a degree in Natural Resources and Parks Management, ecology has been a life-long interest. Her enthusiasm for wetlands and waterfowl is highly contagious.

Dan Efseaff is a Restoration Ecologist for River Partners whose main focus is on the implementation of river conservation projects.

Steve Emmons is an Assistant Refuge Manager for the Sacramento and Delevan National Wildlife Refuges (Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Willows, CA) since 1996.

Mike Fisher is the current Co-Vice President of the local Altacal Audubon Chapter. He is an avid birder and volunteer bird bander at the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve.

Dan Flynn of Pacific Sun Olive Oil helps to produce award winning locally made olive oil.

Dawn Garcia has worked professionally as a wildlife biologist in Washington State. She has had her federal bird banding license for 12 years and has initiated a variety of studies with songbirds and various owl species.

Gaylord Grams is an avid local birder and Field Trip Coordinator for the Altacal Chapter of the Audubon Society.

Herman Gray is a retired physician. While traveling the world in his profession, he has enjoyed viewing many bird species. He is also an active Gray Lodge Wildlife Area docent.

Tom Griggs has designed and implemented riparian restoration projects along the Sacramento River for the past 18 years. He works for River Partners and is a plant ecologist by training. He knows where to find birds and other wildlife on the river floodplain.

John Grow actively involves himself in the Oroville Wildlife Area Wood Duck Program. He also conducts interpretive programs for the State Parks at Lake Oroville.

Bob Guzman serves on the Snow Goose Festival Steering Committee and is actively involved in the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Wood Duck Program.

Victor Herrick is a State Park Ranger at Lake Oroville. He enjoys Natural History, including birding, angling, hunting and herpetology.

Leroy Hord, local birder, is actively involved in the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Wood Duck Program.

Mike Hubbartt is a Middle Mountain Foundation board member actively involved in the preservation of the integrity of the Sutter Buttes for over twenty-three years.

Ben Hughes is a Shasta College history instructor and member of the Sacramento River Discovery Center Board of Directors.

Peter Hujik is the Program Manager for The Nature Conservancy's Dye Creek Preserve. He has led ecological restoration efforts in the Lassen Foothills region since 1996.

Phil Johnson is the President of the Altacal Audubon Society member and coordinator of both the Oroville and Chico Christmas Bird Counts.

Shelly Kirn is a dynamic instructor of field biology, zoology and plant science at CSU, Chico.

Randy Landis has been a practicing falconer for 30 years. He is involved in raptor breeding, rehabilitation and conservation.

Roger Lederer is Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences at CSU, Chico. He has taught ornithology, his specialty, and ecology courses, as well as, worked with environmental organizations and schools.

Jessica Lundberg is from a famous rice family will personally greet and lead the tour of her family's processing facilities and adjacent farmland.

Dan McKnight is part owner of the Book Family Farm.

Ed McLaughlin has been the manager of the Chico Velo Cycling Club for the past 25 years.

Gary Norcross is the Orchard Manager of the U.S. Forest Service Genetic Resource Center since 1975.

Michelle Ocken is a senior at CSU, Chico studying wildlife biology. She is president and founder of the Chico State Birding Club and a member of the local Audubon Society. She is also the animal caretaker at the CCNC.

Ronn Patterson for over 30 years, has been a naturalist by profession, a marine biologist by training, a student of whales by practice and research, a professional photographer by habit, a teacher by inclination and a writer by requirement.

Harlin Perryman is an avid birder and has birded all around the country and the world. He has been an Audubon member since 1998.

Matt Pritchard is the ROP Natural Resource Program teacher at Red Bluff High School and also the instructor for the Student Intern Program at the Sacramento River Discovery Center.

Peter Sands is one of the landowners of the Dean Ranch in the Sutter Buttes. He is a naturalist for the Middle Mountain Foundation and an enthusiastic ornithologist. He has been the compiler of the Peace Valley Christmas bird count for the past 22 years.

Ron Sanford has been a professional photographer for over thirty years. Along with his wife, Nancy he has traveled the world taking photos for hundreds of calendars and magazines, including National Geographic, Audubon, National Wildlife and others.

Jackson Shedd is an avid birder and past President of the Altacal Audubon Society. Jackson is also a local wildlife artist and author of Amphibians and Reptiles of Bidwell Park.

Joe Silveira is a Wildlife Biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service since 1990 and is currently stationed at Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

Marty Steidlemayer is a Sutter Buttes landowner and rancher. Marty has an intimate knowledge of the Sutter Buttes landscapes.

Scott Toricelli is an environmental educator for over twenty-five years. He currently teaches for the Chico Unified School District.

David Vanicek has a BS and MS in Fish and Wildlife Biology and his Ph.D. in Wildlife Resources. He taught 35 years at CSU, Sacramento. He retired in 2002 and now resides in Paradise.

Andy Wahl is a master falconer for thirteen years. Andy currently teaches biology at Chico Junior High School.

Kris Wetherbee is an expert organic gardener, wildlife enthusiast, naturalist, and author of *Attracting Birds, Butterflies & Other Winged Wonders to Your Backyard*. She writes frequently in the areas of gardening, nature, food and outdoor living and has been published in magazines such as *Sunset*, *Audubon*, and *Organic Gardening*. To find out more visit www.kriswetherbee.com.

Kelly Williams is a Natural Resource Specialist for the Bureau of Land Management. He has been in the North Valley area for over twenty years.

Dawit Zeleke is a Land Manager and Restoration Specialist for The Nature Conservancy.

We would also like to recognize the participation of Chico Creek Nature Center staff and Red Bluff High School Regional Occupation Program student interns.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Walt Anderson is a professor and the chairman of the Environmental Studies Program at innovative Prescott College, where he teaches such things as Interpreting Nature through Art & Photography, Natural History and Ecology of the Southwest, Wildlife Management, and Wetland Ecology & Management. Walt is an accomplished artist and photographer and considers his true calling to be that of the naturalist. He pioneered the program of access and interpretation in the unique Sutter Buttes of California. His book, Inland Island: The Sutter Buttes, will be available for signing during the banquet. It is a delightful celebration of the geology, plants, and animals of a very special place. Walt believes that experiential education, drawing upon what he calls “informed imagination,” is an important tool for the celebration and conservation of the diversity of the world’s natural heritage.

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In addition to those mentioned, many individuals have helped to plan and create this year's festival. The Steering Committee would like to sincerely thank all those who have had a hand in this year's programming and events, especially our many field trip and workshop leaders.

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FOR BIRD WATCHERS:

To make your trip more enjoyable for yourself and others, we ask you to please use these following etiquette tips:

- Wear clothing suitable for the weather and area you'll be hiking in. It's practical to layer clothing to accommodate fluctuations in temperature. Wear comfortable shoes that have a good grip and are waterproof when necessary. You may want to take sunscreen, a hat or rain gear.
- Bring binoculars or a scope for a better viewing experience.
- Bring water on long outings to stay hydrated.
- Bring a Field Guide if you are interested in learning more about the birds you see. If you are a beginning birder, look for a guide that specializes in birds of northern California.
- Be courteous to other explorers. Stay with your group and pay attention to your trip leader. Walk quietly and slowly. Do not disrupt animals or their habitats. Turn off cell phones or other electronic devices. If you are taking children with you, explain to them proper etiquette before the trip.
- Tune up your senses and listen carefully. Scan the horizon and tree canopies. Look to the ground for prints, feathers and other traces of wildlife. Please remove litter and leave natural items where they belong. This will keep it enjoyable for others when they visit.

Maps and Directions

Location Directions: Unless otherwise noted in program descriptions, all field trip and workshops begin at the **Chico Masonic Family Center (CFMC) at 1110 W. East Avenue.**

Directions: From U.S. Hwy 99, take the East Avenue exit. (This is two exits north of the East 1st Avenue exit.) Turn west on East Avenue. CFMC is approximately 1.5 miles from the Hwy 99 exit, on the right (north) side of East Avenue.

If coming from Nord Avenue on Hwy 32, turn east at the W. East Avenue stoplight. The CFMC is on the left, approximately .2 miles from the Hwy 32 & East Avenue intersection.

Sacramento River Discovery Center

1000 Sale Lane, Red Bluff
(530) 527-1196

Directions: North on U.S. Hwy 99 to Red Bluff turn into Antelope Blvd. (Hwy 36). Follow road for 2.2 miles and turn left on Sale Lane. Continue to the end of the road where you will see the Center.

From Interstate 5, take Antelope Blvd. Exit and turn east. Then turn right on Sale Lane and continue down the road where you will see the Center.

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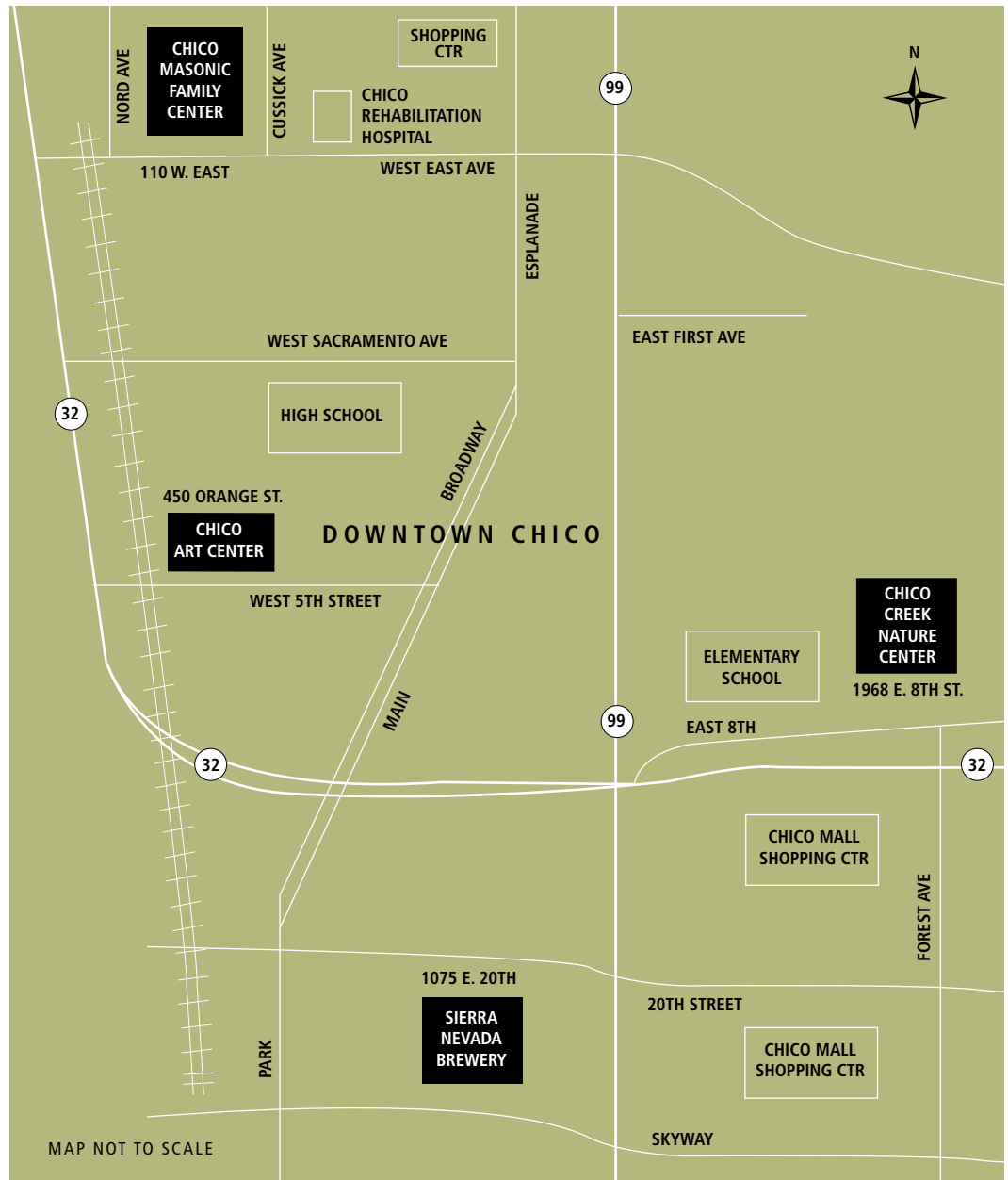
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Take Interstate 5 south to exit 601 (Road 57). Turn left onto Road 57. At the stop sign, turn right onto County Road 99 W / Old Highway 99. In 4.4 miles turn left at Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge.

Directions: From Sacramento

Take Interstate 5 north to exit 595 (Road 68). Turn right onto Road 68. At the stop sign, turn left onto County Road 99 W / Old Highway 99. In 1.5 miles turn right at Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge.

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