

# Pepperwood Preserve

Pepperwood is a 3,117-acre nature preserve located in northeastern Sonoma County, owned and operated by the Pepperwood Foundation with a focus on research, education and preservation. The Foundation works cooperatively with Santa Rosa Junior College to coordinate educational programs at the preserve. The preserve varies in elevation from 240 to 1,560 feet and has a complex geological structure, making it an ideal location for field classes. For more information, go to [www.pepperwoodpreserve.org](http://www.pepperwoodpreserve.org)

## PREVIEW OF PEPPERWOOD FREE ACTIVITIES

This series of hikes, lectures and workshops will introduce you to Pepperwood. With its stunning landscape and rich biodiversity, the Pepperwood Preserve is home to more than 100 species of birds, 27 species of reptiles and amphibians and 25 species of mammals as well as more than 600 species of native ferns, wildflowers and trees. For the hikes, participants should be in good health and able to hike over hilly terrain; the hikes will last approximately four hours. Bring binoculars, cameras, field guides, water and a snack. Dress in layers and wear sturdy hiking shoes.

These events are free; however, reservations are required and space is limited to 25 participants for most events. If you cannot stay for the entire event, please don't register; these activities fill quickly and there is often a waiting list. Registration begins approximately 30 days prior to the date that the event will take place. Registration for our free activities is through Brown Paper Tickets. To register for one of these events, please note the URL listed for each activity, or call 1-800-838-3006. Please note that requests are limited to 2 spaces per event for all free events except the family overnight. Larger parties wishing to attend the other free events will need to make multiple requests.

For more information on these events, go to the Pepperwood website [www.pepperwoodpreserve.org](http://www.pepperwoodpreserve.org)

### Free Pepperwood Hike

These hikes, led by Pepperwood staff and/or stewards, are open to the public. All hikes leave from the barn at 9:00am and last until 1pm. Participants must stay with the group until the end of the hike. Bring appropriate clothing, sturdy shoes, water and a snack. Families are welcome. Advanced registration NOT required.

Saturday, June 5, 2010, 9am – 1pm

### Sunflower Power

Peter Warner, botanical consultant to the Pepperwood Preserve, will introduce participants to the amazing species diversity within the sunflower, daisy or composite flowering plant family (Asteraceae). Using diagrams and authentic organic material, learn to identify the characteristic structures of the composites, distinguish among the many sunflower "tribes" and Jepson Manual groups and recognize some of the more common local species. Meet at the Dwight Center. Registration begins May 5, 2010; to make a reservation go to [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/103582](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/103582)

Saturday, June 5, 9am to 5pm

### Overnight Adventure at Pepperwood

With over 3,000 acres of wild land, Pepperwood Preserve is difficult to explore in just a few hours. Join Pepperwood's Assistant Preserve Manager, Beth Sabo in off trail explorations on this one night backpacking adventure. This will be a great primer for backpackers gearing up for the summer season. You must be in good physical shape, provide and carry your own backpacking gear, and hike strenuous routes for up to 6 miles each day. Meet at the barn. Registration begins May 5, 2010; to make a reservation go to [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/100088](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/100088).

Saturday, June 5, 2pm through Sunday, June 6, 2pm

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES BEING OFFERED AT PEPPERWOOD

### New! Wings in the Night: A Celebration of Bats

Maggi Hooper, educator and wildlife rehabilitator with the California Bat Conservation Fund, will discuss the tremendous diversity of bats and the many myths and misconceptions about these ecologically beneficial mammals. After showing some live, tame indigenous bats, Maggi will take us into the field to observe wild bats foraging at dusk. Participants should meet at the Dwight Center. Please wear sturdy hiking shoes and dress appropriately for nighttime temperatures and bring a flashlight.

*Presenter Maggi Hooper: Maggi is an educator and wildlife rehabilitator with the California Bat Conservation Fund.*

9256 1 Sat., June 19, 6-10pm  
Pepperwood Preserve, 3450 Franz Valley Road, Santa Rosa  
FEE: \$45

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### Edible and Medicinal Plants of Pepperwood

Have you ever tasted a roasted bay nut or sauteed milk thistle greens? Come explore the world of edible and medicinal plants found at Pepperwood preserve and throughout Sonoma County. We will discover the native and naturalized plants of the area that have been gathered by humans for hundreds to thousands of years. We will spend time in the classroom with a slide presentation and fresh plants and then head out on the trails near the Bechtel House. *Bring lunch, water and field guides (if you have them) and wear appropriate apparel for outdoor trails. Class will meet at the Bechtel House.*

**Presenter Autumn Summers:** Autumn is a teacher and program coordinator for the California School of Herbal Studies.

9084 Sun., June 20, 9am-3pm  
Pepperwood Preserve, 3450 Franz Valley Road SR  
FEE: \$45

### Wildlife of Pepperwood at Dusk and Dawn

Join us for an exciting overnight experience of Sonoma County's natural terrestrial and aquatic nightlife with an emphasis on mammals and owls. We will go on fascinating evening and morning hikes and be introduced to nocturnal wildlife at Pepperwood Preserve. There will be a slide presentation, informative lectures, and time for viewing the sunset and sunrise. *You must be in good health and have adequate agility and stamina to hike short to moderate distances in both the dark and low light conditions. A supply list indicating what to wear and what to bring will be mailed upon registration (or emailed to online registrants when an email address is provided). Please call (707) 527-4372 if not received. Meet at the Bechtel House.*

**Presenters Gregory Damron and Julie Byrne:** As resident land steward and Outreach Director for Pepperwood Preserve, Greg has observed and studied the preserve's wildlife and habitat for more than 20 years. Julie is a credentialed biology teacher and wildlife biologist with a degree in wildlife biology.

9086 Sat., June 26, 6-11pm & Sun., July 27, 4-8am  
Pepperwood Preserve, 3450 Franz Valley Road, SR  
FEE: \$80 (includes \$7 of materials)

## CREDIT CLASS OFFERED AT PEPPERWOOD

### ART 114: LANDSCAPE PAINTING

Landscape painting in oil or acrylic paint. Students will work in the studio and outdoors and will supply their own materials. 1.5 units. Taught by Marsha Connell. *Apply and register for the class online through the credit program, [www.santarosa.edu](http://www.santarosa.edu)*

Section #8081 MTWTh, 8am-12:30pm  
June 21-July 8 (no class 7/5)

*Note: class meets in Room 790, Analy Hall on June 21. All other class sessions will meet at the Bechtel House at Pepperwood.*

### Drawing Summer Flowers at Pepperwood

Enjoy the lovely views from Bechtel House at Pepperwood Preserve while drawing summer flowers in colored pencil. We will explore a variety of colored pencil techniques and color theory and learn how to blend, burnish, and create new colors. We will focus on seasonal flowers (sunflowers, roses) and if weather permits we will lunch outside and take a short hike. All drawing levels welcome. Bring your lunch and water. *Supply list is mailed upon registration (or emailed to online registrants when an email address is provided). Please call (707) 527-4372 if not received.*

**Presenter Nina Antze:** Nina is an artist, quiltmaker and teacher. She has a degree in Fine Arts and a certificate in Botanical Illustration from the NY Botanical Gardens.

9083 1 Sat., June 26, 9am-3pm  
Pepperwood Preserve, 3450 Franz Valley Road, SR  
FEE: \$55

## Just for Kids!

### Kids Summer Camp at Pepperwood Preserve

Learn about nature and the environment in this four-day program at Pepperwood. We will visit the redwood forest and look for ferns and salamanders; hike through the oak woodland and explore oak galls and acorn woodpeckers; go to a vernal pond and look for aquatic insects and frogs; and hike along a grassland trail searching for reptiles and mammal tracks. Each day involves an art activity, a hands-on science activity, about 2-3 hours of easy hiking, and an opportunity to learn to identify local flora and fauna. *This class is open to children between the ages of 9-12. Participants should be able to hike up to 2-3 hours each day. Bring a bag lunch and water. Parents must drop off children at 9am and pick them up at 2pm at the Dwight Center at the Pepperwood Preserve.*

**Presenter Margaret Boeger:** Margaret, the School Groups Program Manager at Pepperwood, has worked in the field of environmental education for 11 years..

9085 Mon.through Thu., June 14-17, 9am-2pm  
Pepperwood Preserve  
3450 Franz Valley Road, Santa Rosa  
FEE: \$129 (includes \$30 of materials)

*Please register using the College for Kids application. (see page \_\_\_) Online registration is not allowed because a parent or guardian's signature is required.*