

Clear Lake Tour

Sacramento Archeological Society was pleased to offer a “prehistory tour” of the Clear Lake area on May 4 through 6, 2016. Dan and John Foster organized the tour. We were honored to have Dino Beltran, Dr. John Parker, Deborah McLear-Gary and Deanna Commons (Archaeological Conservancy) lead portions of the tour.

On the evening of day one presentations were given by the leaders.

- Welcome by Dan and John Foster
- Overview of Lake County Archaeology by John Parker
- Anderson Marsh by Dino Beltran
- Local Obsidian by Deborah McLear-Gary
- Borax Lake Site by Deanna Commons

On May 5th Deanna Commons led the group of over 30 to the Borax Lake Site. We walked through the old walnut orchard to the lake. Deanna showed the group the excavation site. Next John Parker showed the group two Borax Lake Obsidian source sites. In the afternoon John Parker and Dino Beltran lead the group around Anderson Marsh State Park. We were shown the excavation site, rock art and occupation sites. That evening John Parker hosted the group at his beautiful home.



Deanna Commons at Borax Lake Site
Photo by Jan Johansen, 5/5/2016



Gerrit Fenenga, Dan Foster & SAS Group at Borax Lake Site
Photo by Jan Johansen, 5/5/2016



John Parker at Borax Lake Obsidian source site
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John Parker & SAS Group at Anderson Marsh
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John Parker pointing out cupules
Photo by Jan Johansen, 5/5/2016

On Friday, May 6 our first stop was the Mount Konoki Obsidian site. Along the road we observed pieces of this obsidian. Dan Foster and Gerrit Fenenga presented the Fetzer House Pit Village Site to us. Finally as a highlight to the tour Dan took us to the Keystone Petroglyph Rock to observe its outstanding rock art. The tour was a fabulous glimpse into this area of ancient inhabitation. We thank the leaders and guides for such a fine tour.



SAS Group at Fetzer House Pit Village
Photo by Jan Johansen, 5/6/2016



Dan Foster with midden at Fetzer House Pit Village
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Keystone Petroglyph Rock
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