

Canyon Keepers 2024 Meeting Schedule

Month	Date and Time	Location	Topic/Guest Speaker
July	07/1/2025 5:45 for light refreshments; 6:15 for meeting start 6:45 for main speaker	Canyon view Community Center 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn CA	<p>Title of Presentation: Tales From a Rogue Ranger</p> <p>Speaker: Rosanne McHenry</p> <p>Topic: The Auburn State Recreation Area Canyon Keepers will feature an exciting and engaging talk by local writer: Rosanne S. McHenry, Author of Tales From a Rogue Ranger and Trip Tales: From Family Camping to Life as a Ranger.</p> <p>Bio: Rosanne has worked as a National Park Ranger and a California State Park Ranger in many different locations over the years, including the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Mount Rainier National Park, Auburn State Recreation Area, Folsom Lake State Recreation Area, and Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, among others.</p> <p>Her time spent on camping trips with her family as a child gave her a tremendous love for the outdoors as well as a deep understanding of how important it is to protect our natural resources.</p> <p>Her recently released book – <i>Tales From a Rogue Ranger</i> – speaks to the comedy and tragedy of being a park ranger: a job that is nothing like you might imagine. Set against the stunning backdrop of California’s American River Canyon, this is an engaging and wildly unusual read about the untamed life of a woman ranger. From a miner riding a mule to river rescues and riots on the beach, these tales show the kaleidoscope of characters a park ranger encounters, giving the reader a fascinating look into a true ranger experience.</p> <p>McHenry appeared in numerous documentaries, articles and news stories about California while working as a State Park Ranger and traveling around the world promoting California State Parks. She is also the author of the book – <i>Trip Tales: From Family Camping to Life as a Ranger</i>.</p> <p>Rosanne McHenry lives in Auburn, California with her husband. Their home is next to the American River Canyon in the Sierra Nevada foothills.</p>

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June	06/03/2025 5:45 for light refreshments; 6:15 for meeting start 6:45 for main speaker	Canyon view Community Center 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn CA	<p>Title of Presentation: Auburn State Recreation Area: A window into the geologic and tectonic history of the Sierra Nevada Foothills.</p> <p>Speaker: Sarah Roeske</p> <p>Topic: Geologic history of Sierra Nevada foothills, with a focus on what the rocks in the ASRA tell us about that history. I will also discuss how the landscape of the area has changed over the many millions of years preserved in the rock record of our area.</p> <p>Bio: A trek through the canyons of the Auburn State Recreation Area provides us with many excellent examples of geologic processes, from major fault zones to underwater volcanic eruptions. Sarah received her PhD in geology from UC Santa Cruz (1988) and has been a Research Scientist at UC Davis since 1990. Her research focuses on the deformation history of major fault zones and how they relate to mountain-building events. Sarah studies these processes in Alaska, Argentina, and Auburn. She has supervised two M.S. and three undergraduate research projects studying various aspects of the Sierra foothills geology and continue to study the geologic history of the region between Auburn and Nevada City. Sarah and her husband moved to Newcastle in 1990 and have enjoyed exploring all features of the American River canyons since, mostly by hiking. They are very grateful to have access to this accidental wilderness and State Park.</p>
May	05/06/2025 5:45 for light refreshments; 6:15 for meeting start 6:45 for main speaker	Canyon view Community Center 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn CA	<p>Title of Presentation: Connecting to Nature through Conservation & Recreation</p> <p>Speaker: Erin Tarr</p> <p>Topic: BYLT mission and work. Highlights of projects. Community connections through art, events, and trails.</p> <p>Bio: I grew up in Iowa and was introduced to outdoor exploration and appreciation at an early age. Continued my journey west and got my bachelor's at Sac State before starting my career in conservation. During my talk, I would like to share BYLT mission and projects. Importance of land trusts in your community. How to engage with the work!</p>

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April	04/01/2025 5:45 for light refreshments; 6:15 for meeting start 6:45 for main speaker	Canyon view Community Center 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn CA	<p>Title of Presentation: ARD 101: All About the Auburn Recreation District</p> <p>Speaker: Kahl Muscott</p> <p>Topic: An overview of what ARD is, current and upcoming projects, upcoming events and programs</p> <p>Bio: Kahl has been with ARD since 2000 and has been the District Administrator since 2006. Kahl received a degree in Recreation Management from the University of Northern Colorado. During his time as Administrator he has seen lots of growth and changes at ARD and in the Auburn area. He has been an active member of the Rotary Club of Auburn since 2006, including being Club President in 2018/2019. He has lived in Folsom since 1998, where him and his family were heavily involved in youth competitive swimming. He greatly enjoys fly fishing when time permits.</p>
March	03/04/2025 5:45 for light refreshments; 6:15 for meeting start 6:45 for main	Canyon view Community Center 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn CA	<p>Title of Presentation: Friends Aiding Wildlife in Nature</p> <p>Speaker: Irene and Roger Smith – Organization Founders</p> <p>Topic: Obsolete Fencing Removal and Wildlife Protection</p> <p>Bio: Roger and Irene Smith, Founders of FAWN live in rural Placer County, California and have spent years in efforts to protect open space for the benefit to humans and wildlife alike. Together they have promoted preservation of open space and wildlife habitat through direct involvement with municipalities and agencies.</p>

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February	02/04/2025 5:45 for light refreshments; 6:15 for meeting start 6:45 for main speaker	Canyon view Community Center 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn CA	<p>Title of Presentation: American River Bike Patrol</p> <p>Speaker: John Poimiroo – Patrol Director</p> <p>Topic: The ARBP has been patrolling the American River Parkway since 2020 and officially Folsom Lake SRA since 2023. During that time, the ARBP has been named best bike patrol in the nation. Now the patrol is launching a Mountain Bike Unit that will soon be seen on Folsom Lake SRA and Auburn SRA trails. Patrollers will describe who they are, what they’ll be doing on State Parks MTB trails, the various services they provide and answer questions.</p> <p>Bio: John directs over 110 bike patrollers. He is also a ski patroller on Donner Summit. John may be joined by other members of his patrol. During his service as a bike patroller, he received American Red Cross and California State EMS awards for life saving and was named the ARBP’s Outstanding Patroller.</p>

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