



We are very excited to announce the first Bushy Lake Volunteer Opportunities - Spring 2022!

Volunteer Opportunities for Bushy Lake Eco-Cultural Restoration Project

Bushy Lake is an Eco Cultural Restoration Project in Sacramento, CA (adjacent to Cal Expo) that was initiated in 2015. Eco-cultural restoration is a core component of our project and includes planting culturally-important, native plant species. We hypothesize that thousands of years of Traditional Resource Management by the Nissenan, Mewuk, and Maidu tribes has created a fire resilient landscape. On June 6, 2021 a wildfire burned over 100 acres, roughly 60%, of the entire Bushy Lake area, including the entire six-acre restoration project area. Although initially devastating, we have been able to test our hypothesis. We are excited to determine that the native plants are coming back after the fire in many areas, providing habitat for the diverse wildlife species that call Bushy Lake home and demonstrating the fire resiliency of these plants.

We are now replanting areas without revegetation, and need your help. With the help of generous donors*, local organizations+, and volunteers like you, we will be replanting the site with native, culturally significant species. Activities will include weeding invasive species, preparing the soil for native species, planting native seedlings, and watering seedlings to enhance planting success.

Visit our website for more information! BushyLake.com

When are the Volunteer Days?

The volunteer days will be held on the first three Saturdays of February from 10:30am-2:30pm: February 5th, 12th, and 19th.

What Should I Wear and Bring?

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| Hat | Gloves (We will provide gloves, however you can bring your own if preferred) |
| Mask (Extra disposable masks will be provided if needed) | Sunscreen |
| Layered tops (eg. to allow you to remove a jacket as you warm up) | Water |

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| Long pants | Snacks / Lunch |
| Close-toed shoes | A portable chair if preferred |

Safety Procedures

- COVID-19 safety measures will include wearing a mask (Extra disposable masks will be provided if needed) and maintaining our distance.
- Proper shoe and clothing apparel (described above) will address risks of uneven grounds, ticks, and sunburns.
- Volunteers will always have another person working near them for safety or in the case of an emergency.
- We will ask volunteers to fill out a liability release form to recognize the risks described above

Where are we meeting?

Bushy Lake is located adjacent to and outside of Cal Expo. The easiest way to get here is to put the Cal Expo RV Park into your navigation system: **Cal Expo RV Park, 1600 Exposition Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95815**. It is located at the south end of Ethan Way, and the nearest intersection is between Ethan Way and Hurley Way. There will be a right-sided parking lot where you can park your car. From here, we will walk southwest, through a gate, and follow the dirt pathway (beneath the levee). When the pathway branches in 3 directions, we will take the leftmost path to reach the *in situ* restoration site.

We are grateful for funding awarded by the California Conservation Board enabling us to develop a Conceptual Restoration Plan for Bushy Lake. We are also grateful for the CSU Bushy Lake President's Circle Restoration Fund, to help us monitor and restore Bushy Lake after the June 6th wildfire. Thank you also to Sierra Club Sacramento, and individual donors Annalena Bronson, Kent Lacin, and Janis Heple.

To be informed of future volunteer opportunities, message us through our website (<https://www.bushylake.com/contact-us>), email us (BushyLake.CA@gmail.com), or check our [EventBrite](#) events page.