



Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 8:00 AM

Valley Center BioBlitz

At the Valley Center Library

Please join us for a special event celebrating the natural biodiversity of Valley Center sponsored by the Valley Center Trails Association.

A BioBlitz is a period of time set aside to document the life in a given area. We have obtained special permission to hike through 43 acres of pristine, private property in Valley Center. Along the way we will document the plants and animals we find using iNaturalist, a citizen science app designed to be used by anyone. No previous experience necessary, but download the app onto your iPhone or Android ahead of time. The hike is 1-2 miles. It starts at the top of a hill and progresses down to a riparian ravine. What goes down, must come up, so walking sticks may be helpful! Bring sun protection and wear sturdy boots or hiking shoes. Dogs are not allowed.

What do you need to bring? A curious mind and a smartphone or GPS enabled camera. **Download the app onto your iPhone or Android ahead of time (remember your password!).**

We have invited some special guests to help identify species we find. Naturalists on the website will begin identifying entries almost immediately after they are uploaded. All entries onto the iNat app from 2/3/17 - 2/11/17 will be included in this year's BioBlitz count. So if you can't make it to the official event, you can participate in your own BioBlitz anywhere in Valley Center or Pauma Valley. Hope to see you there for a morning of adventure, learning and to remind us all why we call Valley Center home! All are welcome and no pre-registration required.

8:00am Meet at the Valley Center Library for orientation to the iNaturalist App. Bring your smart phone or GPS-enabled camera. Please remember to download iNat app ahead of time.

9:30am Car pool will leave the Library to the private property for a 1-2 hour BioBlitz.

Heavy rain during 24 hours before event or steady rain one hour in advance of start time cancels event.

Cancellation will be posted on VCTA Facebook page.

Questions? Email: Sonja Lindberg at sonjadvm@gmail.com

Valley Center Trails Assn., Inc., PO Box 605, Valley Center, CA 92082; www.vctrails.org; a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the creation of non-motorized trails and pathways in Valley Center.