

**Davis Botanical Society Presents**  
**A field trip to D.L. Bliss State Park**

**Saturday, July 14, 2018, 7:30 am to 7 pm**

**Trip leader: Ellen Dean**

D.L. Bliss State Park is located just north of Emerald Bay on the west side of Lake Tahoe. The park is a mosaic of wet meadow, riparian, forest, and lakeshore habitats, as well as boulder field outcrops. Dr. Ellen Dean, Curator of the UC Davis Center for Plant Diversity, and Assistant Curator Daniel McNair surveyed the park in 2016 to map the vegetation types and unusual vascular plants, resulting in a plant list of 320 vascular plant species. The park has six different orchid species, including twayblade (*Listera convallarioides*), sierra bog orchid (*Platanthera dilatata* var. *leucostachys*), and bog orchid (*Platanthera sparsiflora*), which grow in alder thickets along streams in the park. It also has a rich diversity of hemiparasitic Ericaceae, including four species of wintergreen (*Pyrola*). There is an unusual forb field in conifer understory in the southern reaches of the park with a very rich diversity of herbs, including broad leaved lupine (*Lupinus latifolius* var. *columbianus*), primrose monkey flower (*Mimulus primuloides*) and Rainier pleated gentian (*Gentiana calycosa*). Join us for a trip to explore these habitats, among others, as we visit multiple sites in the park.

**Details:** Trip is limited to 14 participants. Due to extremely limited roadside parking along Highway 89, we will be renting two eight-passenger vans for the day. We will meet in the parking lot across from the Arboretum headquarters at UC Davis (lot 46) at 7:30 a.m. and we will return between 6:30 and 7 pm. Wear shoes comfortable for walking that CAN GET WET (viewing some of the streamside orchids may require walking in damp areas). Bring lunch, snacks (enough for a long day), hat, sunscreen, and water. We will not be walking extremely long distances, but the walking is often off-trail on uneven surfaces that require good balance. Bathroom facilities are extremely limited at some stops (just a warning).

**Cost:** \$25 per person (check made out to UC Regents). *Only open to members of the Davis Botanical Society and one guest. This is not a free trip, because we have to rent vans and pay to enter parts of the park. New members are welcome!* Make your reservations using the form below. Please reserve by July 4, 2018. Please fill out the form below and mail to Ellen Dean, UC Davis Center for Plant Diversity, Plant Sciences Mail Stop 7, One Shields Ave, Davis, CA 95616. Contact Ellen for more information or confirmation of your spot: [eadean@ucdavis.edu](mailto:eadean@ucdavis.edu)

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**D.L. Bliss field trip reservation form:**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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