Las Posadas State Experimental Forest is located on the slopes of Howell Mountain in the Inner Coast Ranges near the town of Angwin in Napa County, and it contains the upper watershed of Moore Creek. Within its property boundaries are an amazing diversity of vegetation and soil types. On a four-mile loop hike, one can visit coast redwood forest (some of the most inland stands), ponderosa pine forest, serpentine chaparral, serpentine wet meadow, and blue oak woodland, to name a few habitats, and soils ranging from sedimentary to metamorphic to volcanic. Easily visited on volcanic soils on the loop in late April are several rare plants, including Cobb Mountain lupine (*Lupinus sericatus*), nodding harmonia (*Harmonia nutans*), and Napa false indigo (*Amorpha californica* var. *napensis*). A longer hike will take us into serpentine chaparral and wet meadow.

Details: We will carpool. Meet at the parking lot (lot 46) across from the Arboretum headquarters at 8:00 am (cars can be left at lot 46 without charge). Wear shoes comfortable for walking. Although we will be walking only ca. four miles, some of it is off trail, and there will be an elevation loss and then gain of 600 ft. Bring lunch, snacks, hat, sunscreen, and water (and be prepared to carry your supplies for the day). We will hike slowly, discussing the herbs, trees, shrubs, and rare plants that we encounter. We will eat lunch along the way.

Cost: $15.00 Davis Botanical Society members; $20.00 for non-members. Please contribute gas money if you ride in another’s car! Please indicate on this form if you can provide transportation.

Reservations made at the time payment is received: Call (530) 752 1091 (email eadean@ucdavis.edu) for more information. Please reserve a space by April 22.