The Davis Botanical Society Presents

The Napa Palisades

NOTE DATE CHANGE

Sunday, April 19, 2015, 8 am to 6 pm

Trip leaders: Susan Harrison, Dick O’Donnell

The Napa Palisades is a rugged region of young volcanic rocks between Napa Valley and Pope Valley. It is one of the wildest and most botanically rich landscapes within 1.5 hours drive of Davis. The scenery includes dramatic pinnacles of andesitic tuff embedded in a near-pristine landscape of chaparral and woodland, with some serpentine exposures along the eastern edge of the area. Botanical riches include a number of rare species restricted to the Sonoma Volcanics as well as some serpentine endemics that “stray” onto the volcanic rocks. (Registered participants will receive some background materials on the botany and geology.)

Access is by an old mercury mining road now called the Oat Hill Mine Trail that extends from Calistoga to Aetna Springs. Although much of the land this trail traverses is private, the Land Trust of Napa County and the new Napa County Parks District have worked to provide an access easement and to expand hiking opportunities with new side trails and land acquisitions.

Details: Carpooling is critical since trailhead parking is limited. High-clearance, rugged vehicles are preferable, though not essential, for the last 1/2 mile of the drive. Meet at the parking lot across from Arboretum headquarters at 8:00 am. Rendezvous at the Pope Valley Store, corner of Pope Valley Road and Howell Mt Road, at 9:30. From there we consolidate into fewer vehicles for the last part of the drive. Wear sturdy shoes comfortable for hiking. Bring lunch, snacks, hat, sunscreen, and water. We will enter at the trailhead at the end of Aetna Springs Road, off of Pope Valley Road, a total drive of approximately 2 hours. We will hike slowly, discussing the plants and rocks that we encounter. Please note that there are no restroom facilities at the site.

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 13, 2015.

Napa Palisades Field Trip Registration Form. Please make your check payable to “UC Regents” and mail to the UC Davis Center for Plant Diversity, Plant Sciences Mail Stop 7, One Shields Ave., UC Davis, Davis, CA 95616. Please fill out the form below and return with your check.

Name(s):_________________________________________________________ Amount enclosed:______________

Address:_________________________________________________________ Phone:_________________ Email____________________

Can you drive a car? If so, how many passengers can you take? ________________________________