



Hoot Owl Night Hike

Official SFBAC Trail Trekker
Cub Scout Site

2017 Schedule
*California Nursery
Historical Park*

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Schedule your Pack for a fantastic evening Hoot Owl Hike at the California Nursery Historical Park in the Niles area of Fremont! Fun and exciting for the whole family.

The California Nursery Hoot Owl hike is a SFBAC approved alternative to the Hoot Owl hike at Sycamore Grove and counts toward the Trail Trekker award.

If you want to schedule a Hoot Owl hike we have dates available most Fridays and Saturdays on a first come first serve basis. Contact Karen Anderson (kanderson@msnucleus.org) to check on date availability and to sign up.

Cost is 8\$ per person. We have a minimum of 20 people and a maximum of 50.

Tours are 1.5 to 2 hours long. (see details on back of this sheet).

Small flashlights are acceptable. Families welcomed. Not recommended for children under 5.

Note: Gate of Park closes so must be in the park before event, exit by electronic gate.

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Distance: 1 to 1 1/2 miles round trip

Time: Allow about 1 1/2 -2 hours for program and hike

Suggested Age: All elementary school cubs from Lions to Webelos (siblings and family members welcome) non scouts are welcomed

For map: <http://msnucleus.org/calnursery/location.html> Parking is at the end of Nursery Avenue to the left. Hike begins with a program in the historic Nursery Office to the north of the parking lot (follow signs).

Hike Setting, Historical and Natural Features

California Nursery Historical Park is a 20 acre park which is a remnant of the world famous California Nursery that was one of the most important nurseries in the western United States. The Park is home is hundreds of unique species of trees from all over the world. The park provides a home for owls and other raptors as well as many small mammals. The program will include a presentation on owls, a hike through the park including various "stop and learn" stations along the hike and a chance to examine owls pellets.

The California Nursery began in 1865 in San Jose. It moved to the Fremont location in 1880 and the nursery grounds originally covered 463 acres with 60 acres of research gardens where they tried out new varieties of plants. The City of Fremont acquired the 20 acre remnant of the original nursery in 1970. This property includes many important historic buildings including the Vallejo Adobe from the 1830s, and various nursery buildings from the 1880s to the 1910s. Trees from all over the world were imported to the nursery and dozens of Fremont Landmark trees are still intact and available to observe on the California Nursery Historical Park grounds. Due to the large number of older trees the Nursery has a large population of owls and other raptors that call it home. The hike will begin in the California Nursery office and end at the Vallejo Adobe and will include some historic background to the region as well as fun learning and experiencing twilight and early evening animals.