

**CRITTER CREEK WILDLIFE STATION
SPRING OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020
11:00 AM until 2:00 PM**

Enjoy the wildflower display on your way to Critter Creek. The Open House will be unguided, so the pace is leisurely offering more opportunities to take pictures. Our volunteers will be on hand to answer questions. Visit our gift shop. A picnic area is available so bring a lunch.

Call (559) 338-2415 for information or look online at www.crittercreek.org for a map.

- Gate will close at 1:30 pm to allow you enough time to tour.
- Entrance is by donation and tour takes 1 ½ hours.
- Our field parking is free.
- Country Store has refreshments for sale next door.

CIRCLE OF SUPPORTERS
MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Make checks payable to:
Animals for Education

Mail to:
Critter Creek Wildlife Station
36710 Sand Creek Road
Squaw Valley, CA 93675

Membership Categories	Annual Dues
Student.....	\$ 15
Senior.....	\$ 15
Individual.....	\$ 25
Family.....	\$ 50
Sponsor.....	\$ 100
Patron.....	\$ 250
Corporate or Life	\$ 1000

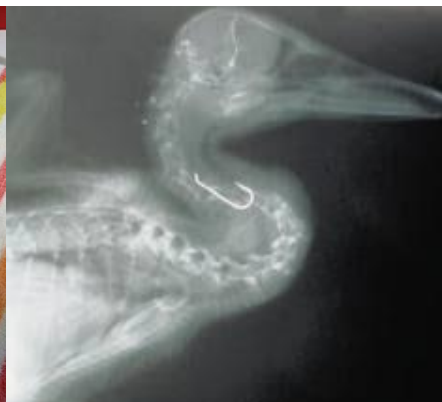
Members receive our quarterly newsletter
Visit CritterCreek.org to see back issues of the Chronicle

Need to Keep Public Parks Clean

Too often, we get calls about water fowl caught in fishing line, injured by a fishing hook, or strangled by a plastic six pack holder. The problem usually originates from a local public park like Mooney Grove or Plaza Park in Visalia, Bravo Lake in Woodlake, Woodward Park or Roeding Park in Fresno, or Lost Lake and Avocado Lake outside of Fresno and many other parks.

Fishing line is by far the worst. It does not deteriorate and so eventually completely severs the limb it is wrapped around. Often it isn't just the fishing line but a hook and lure combined. If the duck, goose, or gull swallows the hook then the problems intensify. Sometimes the hook has to be pushed out of the neck so it can be cut off and the other piece removed from inside of the neck.

If the birds are still able to fly or swim, it is very difficult to catch them to remove the garbage and treat the wound. Prevention is the key. If you go fishing at one of these parks or take kids to see the ducks, and you see debris that can injure wildlife, help out and collect it up and dispose of it in the trash.



Spring has Sprung

We are beginning to get in baby bunnies and squirrels along with our first baby barn owls found in a raisin grate on the move from Kerman to Traver. It looks like a busy spring lies ahead.

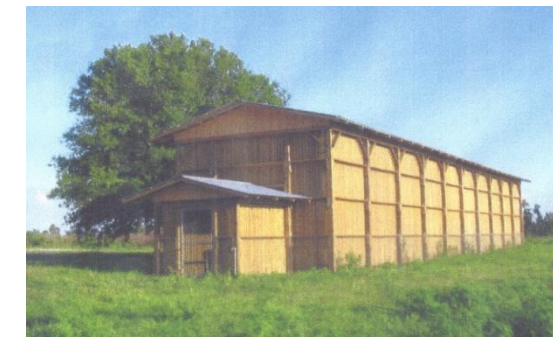


Work Has Started on New Projects

It was over five years ago that we first had a shed built to house our gift shop. It has thrived over those years and so we were able to double its size. We are currently working on finishing the inside of the new "wing". We have had so many donations of hand-made gifts, that we were forced to set tables up to display them. We now hope to be able to house all of the items in the expanded room. Please come and see the opening of the gift shop during our Spring Open House on Saturday, April 18th 11:00am to 2:00pm.



We also have received funding to build our new 100' flight cage that will be used for both peregrine and prairie falcons. We want to thank the Glide Foundation for their support. They contributed nearly half of the monies we needed for materials. The rest of the funding came from contributions from our Circle of Supporters. This project has been years in the making. The falcons need so much room to practice and recondition their wings to perform the aerobatics necessary for their hunting techniques. This project will take some time since it is all volunteer work to erect it. But standby, we have an amazing group of volunteers who are able to accomplish amazing projects.



An Artist's Rendition



Winter Open House Rained On

Our December Open House was cold and rainy, but our intrepid volunteers showed up and stood by their stations throughout the ordeal answering questions from those visitors brave enough to tour. I want to thank the following helpers: Carol Sharp, Kaydence, Margaret Chedotte, John Chedotte, Eric Chedotte, Nancy McCall, Matt Maddock, Serena Sun, Tiffany Lloyd, Eric Thompson, Josh, Stuart Greer, Bruce Lowe, Michelle Lowe, Shannon Escobido, Kathy Bolen, Andy Jewett, Mary Beth Bourne, Olivia, Sherry Lizardo, Rene Spillman, Janna, Frank Renteria, Bob White, Tim Hughes, Stephanie Doria-Kelly, Mikey and anyone I inadvertently left out. You are best!