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## CRITTER CREEK WILDLIFE STATION WINTER OPEN HOUSE

**SATURDAY, Dec. 11th, 2021**  
**11:00 AM until 2:00 PM**  
**Masks are required indoors**




**Gate will close at 1:30 pm** to allow you enough time to tour. The Open House will be unguided, so the pace is leisurely offering more opportunities to take pictures (all have put on their best winter coats). Our volunteers will be on hand to answer your questions and to share stories about some of our permanent residents. Visit our gift shop where you'll find unusual handcrafted gifts for the holidays. Relieve the stress of the season with a visit to the foothills with family. We have a picnic area, so bring a lunch, or the country store next door has refreshments. Admission is by donation. **Call (559) 338-2415** for information or look online at [www.crittercreek.org](http://www.crittercreek.org)




## PERMANENT RESIDENT: Bobcat: Billy

After leaving Mariposa, Beth saw what looked like a dead bobcat in the road. She pulled over to check on it and found it still breathing. She does environmental work for the National Wildlife Federation. She collected it up, called us and transported it to our vet. The bobcat was pretty banged up and had taken a pretty harsh blow to the head.

Once we got him to Critter Creek, he started to come back to life. He was eating and drinking and trying to move around a little. After a week or so, it became apparent that he had difficulty with his left front leg. We took him back to the vet and had his leg X-rayed. There was a bad separation between his paw and ankle severing the nerves to his paw, so he had no feeling in that paw. We hoped he would learn to adapt to the numbness, but the vet warned us that he might start chewing it. Five days later, he was starting in on it. After much discussion, we had the vet amputate the leg above the elbow. After several weeks of close confinement, he started to move around even successfully jumping on top of his den box. By then we had an enclosure ready for him to move into. He is getting comfortable with people looking in on him and he definitely likes the free meals.

Beth continues to check on Billy updates. She does fundraising for National Wildlife Federation. She immediately set up a GoFundMe account for Billy's care. The goal began as a modest 2,500, but in the end, she raised nearly 10,000—more than enough to pay for the veterinarian bills and his new enclosure. We want to thank her for caring enough to pull off the road to check on an unconscious bobcat



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## Critter Creek Wildlife Station Holds First Open House since 2019

Critter Creek's Fall Open House was successful. Everyone was cooperative about wearing masks and enjoyed the day. Many showed up to see the alligators eat. The baby squirrel feeding was also popular.

