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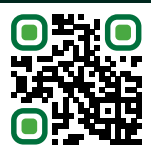
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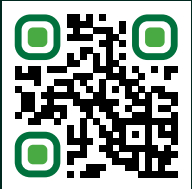
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In honor of your legacy commitment, you're invited to join fellow Legacy Club members to experience some of the beautiful places you're helping to protect. Hosted by TNC experts, these trips offer an inside look at how your support is building a healthier, more resilient future.

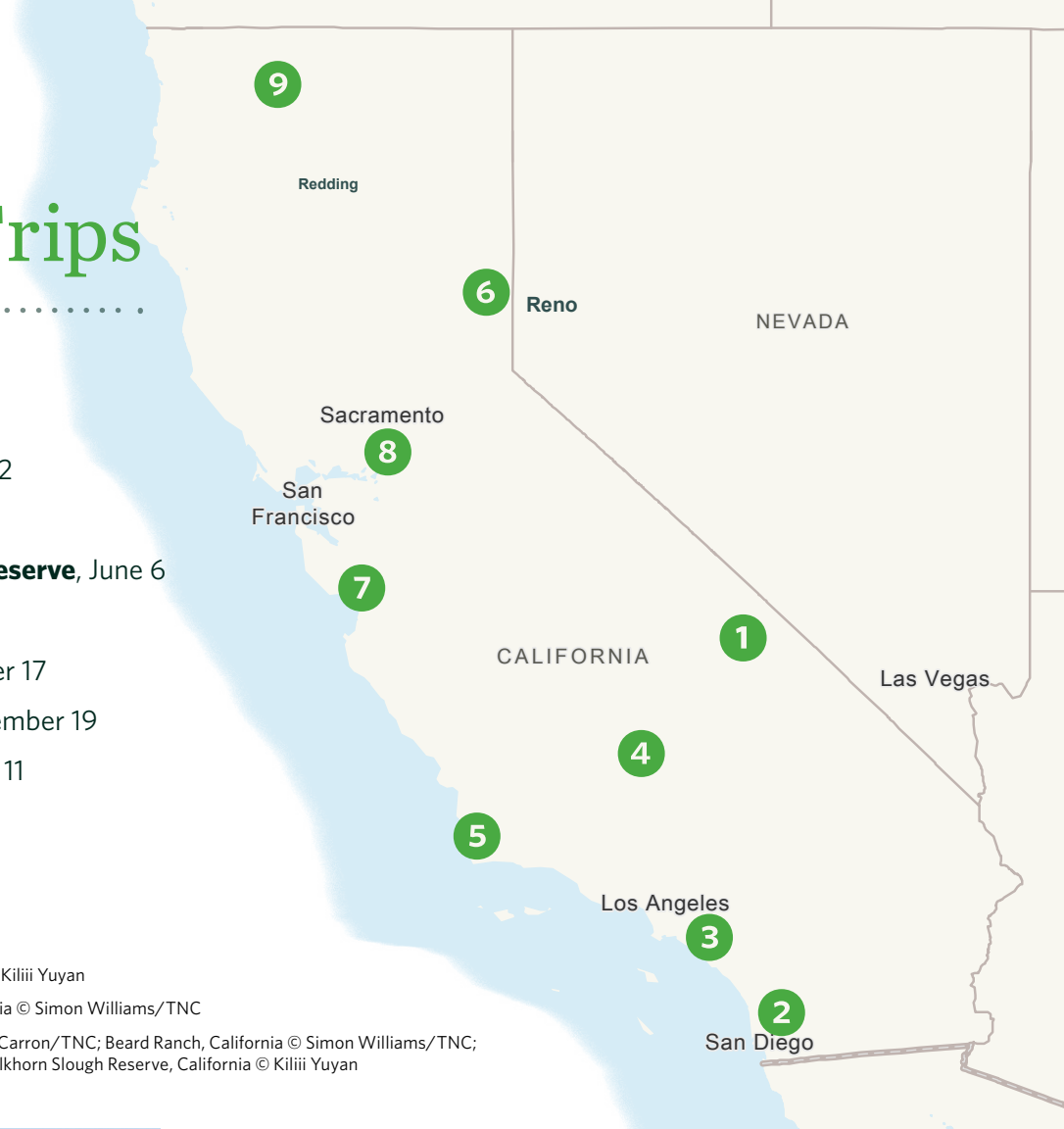
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**Space is limited, so sign up as soon as possible.** Registration is limited to one trip per member and a guest. More information can be found on the registration page. Contact [caLegacy@tnc.org](mailto:caLegacy@tnc.org) or (415) 363-4224 with questions.

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COVER Snowy plover, Elkhorn Slough Reserve, California © Kiliiii Yuyan

BACK COVER Jack and Laura Dangermond Preserve, California © Simon Williams/TNC

INSIDE (FROM TOP) Amargosa River Valley, California © Chip Carron/TNC; Beard Ranch, California © Simon Williams/TNC; Independence Lake, California © Simon Williams/TNC; Elkhorn Slough Reserve, California © Kiliiii Yuyan

## Amargosa River

(Inyo County, CA)

**Saturday, March 8**

Explore China Ranch Date Farm—a surprising oasis in the lower Amargosa River watershed where TNC holds a 217-acre easement. Located in the heart of the Mojave Desert, the ranch is home to the Amargosa River pupfish and the endangered Least Bell's Vireo. Learn how TNC and partners are working to protect the Amargosa River while preserving critical habitat in the face of mounting development pressure.

➔ **Activity:** Moderate hike, 3 miles, and visit to Shoshone Village

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## Proctor Valley

(San Diego County, CA)

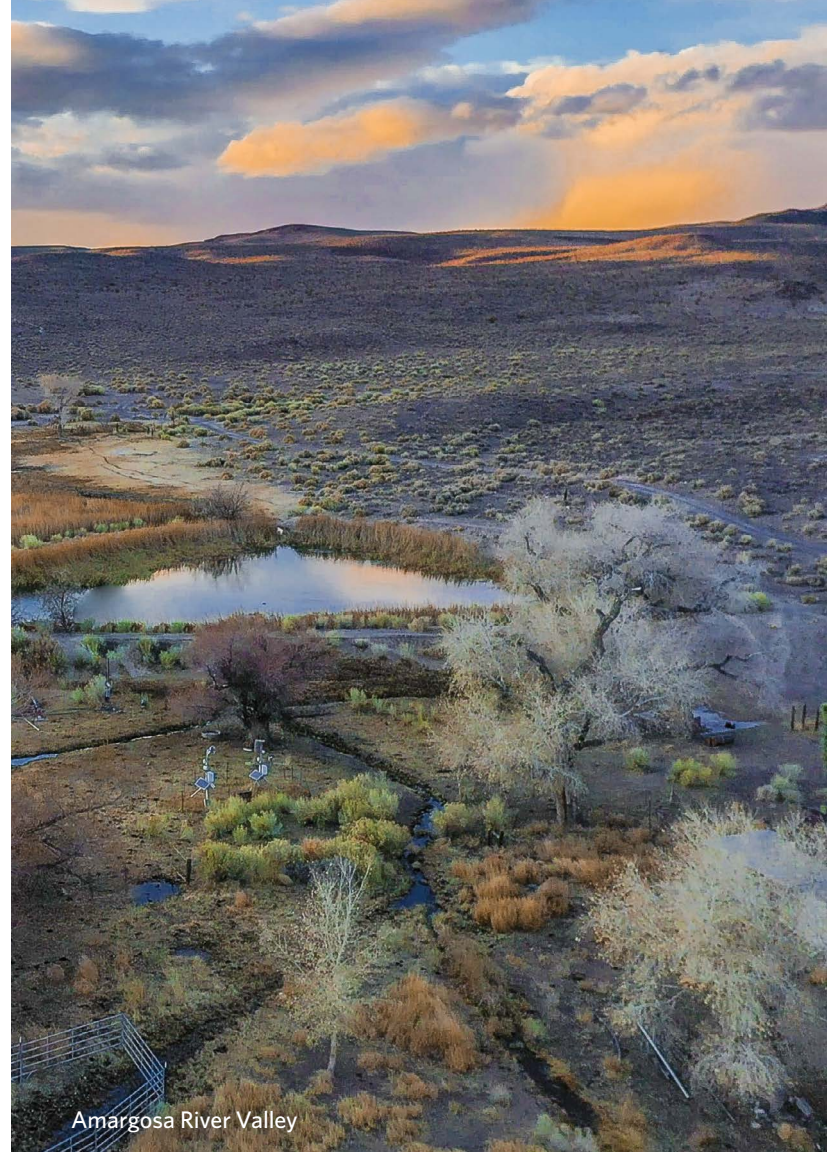
**Thursday, March 20**

**TWO OPTIONS**

**8 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-5 p.m.**

Celebrate the permanent protection of this nearly 1,300-acre property and how it ensures room to roam for Southern California wildlife. Acquired by TNC in 2024, it sits at the heart of more than 60,000 protected acres. The land was transferred to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and is now part of the Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve. On our tour, learn how we're partnering to create a critical wildlife linkage across the state's Inner Coast Range.

➔ **Hike:** Moderately strenuous, 4 miles



Amargosa River Valley



Beard Ranch

## **Irvine Ranch Open Space**

*(Orange County, CA)*

**Wednesday, April 2**

A birder's paradise, Baker Canyon at the historic Irvine Ranch is home to many native species, including acorn woodpeckers, red-tailed hawks, California gnatcatchers and lazuli buntings. Join us for a morning hike past sycamore woodlands and flower-lined streams as we learn about the work TNC is doing in this area. Hear about projects to monitor the coastal cactus wren and enhance its cactus scrub habitat—and how these efforts support landscape connectivity for wildlife across the state.

→ **Hike:** Moderate, 3-4 miles

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## **Beard Ranch, Frank and Joan Randall**

**Tehachapi Preserve**

*(Kern County, CA)*

**Thursday, April 24**

Hike through Central Valley grasslands, ponderosa pine forested mountaintops and a variety of other ecosystems that create a network of essential habitats for iconic animals like California condors and mountain lions. Learn how this critical wildlife corridor connects the Coast Range to the Sierra Nevada and why TNC is working to safeguard it for the future.

→ **Hike:** Easy, 1-2 miles, or a more strenuous option

## Jack and Laura Dangermond Preserve

*(Santa Barbara County, CA)*

Friday, June 6

### TWO OPTIONS

9 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-4 p.m.

Visit a vast coastal preserve and active cattle ranch at Point Conception—an ecologically significant transition zone between Northern and Southern California. During our exclusive access tour, you'll learn how this magnificent 24,364-acre property connects a network of protected areas covering more than 125,000 acres of important, climate-resilient habitat and hear about our plans for its future.

→ **Hike:** Easy, 1 mile

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## Independence Lake

*(Nevada County, CA)*

Friday, August 22

Nestled in the heart of the Sierra Nevada at an elevation of 7,000 feet, Independence Lake is a critical source of fresh water for Reno—Nevada's second-largest metropolitan area. Experience the splendor of this pristine alpine setting, where TNC is using conservation strategies such as forest thinning and controlled burns to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, preserve water quality, and protect fish and wildlife habitat.

→ **Hike:** Moderate, 2-4 miles



Independence Lake



Elkhorn Slough Reserve

## Elkhorn Slough Reserve

(Monterey County, CA)

Friday, October 17

### TWO OPTIONS

10:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. or 12:30-2:45 p.m.

This 7-mile-long backwater estuary provides critical habitat for more than 100 species of fish, an abundance of waterfowl and shorebirds, and California's densest concentration of southern sea otters. Explore the reserve on a pontoon boat and learn firsthand about TNC's role in protecting Elkhorn Slough and current efforts to conserve coastal habitats in the face of climate change.

→ **Activity:** 1.5-hour naturalist-guided cruise

**Cost:** \$35 per person

## Cosumnes River Preserve

(Sacramento County, CA)

Wednesday, November 19

A major stop on the Pacific Flyway, this more-than-50,000-acre preserve hosts over 250 species of birds, including sandhill cranes. As the last free-flowing river on the Sierra Nevada's western slope, the Cosumnes provides beneficial flooding that makes it a conservation priority. Come see TNC's agricultural water management and habitat restoration strategies in action. The trip culminates with a sunset viewing of sandhill cranes.

→ **Hike:** Easy, 1 mile; wheelchair accessible



## Miners Creek Ranch

(Siskiyou County, CA)

Thursday, December 11

This 389-acre property in the Klamath River watershed was acquired by TNC in 2023 and is one of the best places to see spawning coho salmon in Northern California. During our tour, we hope to see coho in the Scott River on the final leg of their life cycle to lay their eggs after a 200-plus-mile journey back from the ocean. Learn how TNC is working to permanently restore flows and habitat in California's rivers for salmon and other wildlife, including beavers, birds, deer, mountain lions and bears.

→ **Hike:** Easy, 1 mile on uneven terrain with a more strenuous option