March 25, 2017, 10 am
Three CNPS Chapters Joint Hike
Stebbins Cold Canyon Reserve

The UC Davis Stebbins Cold Canyon Reserve, set in a steep canyon of the northern California Coast Range, showcases the impressive landscapes, human history, and plant and animal communities of the inland coast range. The reserve has a mix of undisturbed habitats, including grasslands, blue oak woodland, chaparral shrublands, riparian woodland, and a seasonal stream.

There are several options here, a moderate 1 mile hike to the old Homestead, or a 5 mile (with a 3 mile extension) loop up Cold Canyon and then along Blue Ridge with spectacular views of Lake Berryessa and the surrounding area. These are strenuous hikes with an elevation gain of 1500 feet.

The area is recovering from the July 2015 Wragg fire, so we should see some fire followers. With the assistance of donors and volunteers, UC Davis has repaired most of the trail damage. The reserve still has a long way to go, and soils, plants and wildlife are still fragile. “We ask everyone to tread lightly, stay on trails, and pack out all waste. Be on the lookout for research project infrastructure, the sign that scientists are making the most of the fire to learn about its effects on our regional ecosystems.”

Bring LOTS of water, lunch, hat, sunscreen. Ticks, and poison oak present. NO DOGS allowed at Stebbins Preserve—it is a research area. We will meet at the parking lot of the reserve at 10 am.

**RSVP by March 23** to Maggie Ingalls so we know to expect you, and to make carpool arrangements.
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