



Lake County Land Trust

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The 200 acre Wright Property near Lakeport is home to numerous species of birds and mammals. These American White Pelicans are among them.

Funding looking positive for the 200 acre Wright Property project in South Lakeport

Fundraising for the Lake County Land Trust's current project, purchase of the 200 acre Wright Property, a parcel located in the Big Valley Wetlands Project area, has been extremely successful. With the help of a \$40,000 matching grant offered by Bernie and Lynne Butcher and significant donations from other funders, the Land Trust is now ready to submit its grant request, with matching funds, to the California Wildlife Conservation Fund.

The Wright property, 200 acres located in South Lakeport, is the largest acquisition for the Big Valley Wetlands Project so far. Its near-shore and upland habitats with tules, mature Valley Oaks and cottonwood trees provide important nesting and feeding areas for a variety of water and land species including Western and Clark's Grebes, American White Pelicans, Double-crested Cormorants, Red-tailed and

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President's Message

By
Val
Nixon



As spring bursts and brings us the amazing first growth green colors and myriads of wild flowers, I am reminded of March 20th, the first day of Spring 2019. The clouds were high over the Asilomar Conference Grounds and the wind was cool, giving a hint at the coming rain.

Val Meyer Nixon It was the beginning of the California Council of Land Trust's Annual Conference. The following days were filled with field trips and success stories of other Land Trusts ranging in size from very large multi-million dollar budgets to much smaller ones. Ideas were exchanged on fund raising, partnerships and what's up and coming in California Laws and bond measures.

There were two things that stood out the most for me. The amount of young people, working for Land Trusts with optimism, new ideas and the ability to master technology and social media to accomplish the mission and goals of Land Trusts was refreshing and

gives great hope for the future. I was inspired and my previously held doubts about the love and value that Gen X'ers and Millennials have for the outdoors were laid to rest.

I also found that instead of being overwhelmed and humbled by these Land Trusts that have huge budgets, they were awed by what some of the smallest Land Trusts do with much less.

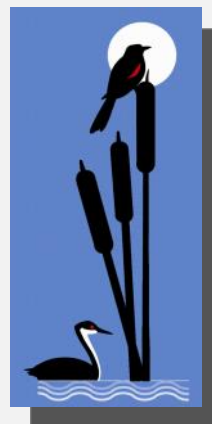
You, the supporters of The Lake County Land Trust, have made it possible for us to move forward with the purchase of the Wright Property. The large matching grants and the smallest donations of hard earned money will allow for the conservation and rehabilitation of another piece of beautiful wetlands and wildlife corridors in the Big Valley Wetlands Project.

Lake County's reputation as one of the poorest rural areas in California can be equally matched by the richness of beauty and a strong community that is willing to work together to ensure that we protect our National Geographic worthy scenery, heritage and wildlife abundance as we grow in population and prosperity.

Thank you,
Val Meyer Nixon

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The lives of Bernie and Lynne Butcher focus on creating positive change and ensuring protection of the natural world

By Roberta Lyons

Bernie Butcher first came to Lake County in 1962 with a college friend whose family had a summer house on the lake. He remembers thinking what a fabulous place this was and how could it possibly be so “unknown.” This initial introduction to Lake County stayed with him and many years later, resulted in his return, along with his wife Lynne.

Bernie and Lynne Butcher were married in 1971 after meeting in San Francisco where they both were working for the Bank of America. Through their careers, both in the financial industry and Lynne’s eventual work with an equipment leasing firm, the couple were world-wide travelers, including postings in Hong Kong and London, which gave them an appreciation of history, contemporary culture and hospitality on a global level.

After returning to San Francisco, they found their way to Clear Lake in the 1980s and built a summer home in the Oakmont Park area of the City of Clearlake. They appreciated Lake County’s scenic beauty and enjoyed its many outdoor activities.

Their interest in history and architecture and love for the beauty of this area led them to spend more time here and to build a home in the Buckingham area. Finally, in 2003, they took on the massive project of rebuilding the old Tallman Hotel in Upper Lake. In 2005 the Blue Wing Saloon and Restaurant opened with the hotel opening a year later.

Since then the couple has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of entertainment and lodging at their facility as well as encouraging other businesses in town. But it isn’t strictly business for the Butchers. They both have a deep commitment to the community and to preserving what makes this such a special place, not just for them but for everyone who calls Lake County home.

What creates this desire to help others? For Bernie, who describes himself as a “lifelong environmentalist,” it is a natural desire to do something that lives beyond your own life, something that will benefit future generations. He sees land preservation fitting into this category. He also sees what he and Lynne are able to contribute as hopefully being a catalyst to help the wider community support the efforts of organizations like the Lake County Land Trust (LCLT).



Bernie and Lynne Butcher

The Butcher’s contribution of \$40,000 in matching funds to go towards the purchase of the Lake County Land Trust’s newest acquisition— the 200 acre Wright Property on the shores of Clear Lake— did prove to be just such a catalyst.

No sooner had the Butchers announced this challenge then numerous local folks stepped forward to contribute toward the \$120,000 fundraising goal. This, along with a grant from the California Wildlife Conservation Board, will allow LCLT to purchase the property. In February another major donor stepped forward with an “angel” contribution to finish out the campaign. The Land Trust is currently moving ahead with the purchase.

“If we’re going to make a contribution to either a micro or a macro cause, I can’t think of a better use of our money, our time and our effort than to pursue the protection of rural areas,” Bernie noted. “We have to encourage population growth in denser areas but protect rural areas and definitely put a stop to urban sprawl. If we don’t, we are going to lose the reason that people come here in the first place.”

Bernie and Lynne Butcher know that even though Lake County is still relatively “unknown,” it is only a matter of time before this place is discovered and starts to grow. They understand the importance of preserving and protecting the most unique and important habitats of this area and through their contributions have brought their desire for preservation one step closer to reality.



Community members and professional artists work together to set up the art trail on Rabbit Hill.



One of the sculptures erected on Rabbit Hill.



The group discusses placement of the display.

MAC-LCLT partnership culminates in Vertical Pathways at Rabbit Hill

Community members have been working alongside professional artists at Middletown Art Center (MAC) to create a collaborative art trail at the Lake County Land Trust's (LCLT) Rabbit Hill property.

Friday, May 17 an opening reception was held for the introduction of "Vertical Pathways". Artists, participants, LCLT representatives, and area residents gathered at the base of Rabbit Hill in Middletown to celebrate art and community, enjoy wine and appetizers, and check out the final art installation.

Through this endeavor, five art classes took place at MAC as part of the California Arts Council-funded "RESTORE" project, along with a few scoping field trips to Rabbit Hill for the purpose of se-

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"We want people who love art and who love Rabbit Hill to be able to come and celebrate the intersection of art and nature."

- Melissa Kinsel, Outreach Coordinator, Lake County Land Trust



LCLT Outreach Coordinator Melissa Kinsel organized the receptions for the art installation at Rabbit Hill.



A group of artists and friends check out the art installation on Rabbit Hill.



Middletown Art Center (MAC) director, Lisa Kaplan, explains the concept of the art installation on Rabbit Hill.



Folks gathered under the easy up on a cool Friday night to celebrate the opening of a unique art installation on Rabbit Hill, a Lake County Land Trust property in Middletown.



Former LCLT executive director and current board member, Catherine Koehler is an expert on plants growing in serpentine soils and takes a particular interest in the Land Trust's Rabbit Hill property.



Rabbit Hill was a favorite place for youngsters in the days it was owned by Huck and Skee Hamann. It still remains an attraction.



LCLT's Executive Director Tom Smythe visits with those attending the opening reception for the Rabbit Hill art installation.

Rodman Report

By Erica Lundquist



Brad Barnwell walks the Rodman Preserve property to check on the trails.



Hitch are part of the food web; looks like something enjoyed a fishy snack; maybe a raccoon?

It's been an interesting winter At the Rodman Preserve property

By Erica Lundquist

Nature walks at the Rodman Slough Preserve were held through the winter, but as rains continued and the lake level rose in February and early March, the trails near the slough went under water, and walks were cancelled.

With a break in the weather on March 23, Brad Barnwell and I puddle-jumped our way through the low-lying trails to discover unexpected visitors, Clear Lake Hitch, stranded in the upper end of the slough. The Hitch are a large minnow found only in the Clear Lake basin. In spring they run up the creeks around the lake to spawn. There is a citizen science monitoring effort to document the hitch runs because the population of these fish has declined significantly over past decades, and hitch are now listed as threatened by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

On that sunny March day tiny, red Azolla ferns covered the ground. These are floating plants, and their presence showed the water line from the preceding days. We saw the first partially consumed fish and wondered if a clever raccoon had been able to grab it and dropped it. Then we noticed more fish, and eventually counted 19 stranded hitch, some partly consumed, and some apparently whole and untouched.



A surprising find was 19 dead Hitch that came on to the property because of the high lake level.

We wondered how they got there. They seemed to be in or near a swale where water collected and flowed from nearby gentle hills into the slough.

Peter Windrem, life-long Lake County resident, organizer of the citizen effort to monitor hitch populations, and Chair of a local group dedicated to their preservation and restoration, confirmed that hitch of-

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ten follow tiny streams, and even go into grassy meadows, as long there is shallow, flowing water. He has seldom seen them stranded, however. Hitch spawn in gravel beds, and so their presence in the slough by the Nature Preserve could be considered a wrong turn as that habitat is not available past the slough.

Peter reported that these fish were part of widespread runs in the north end of the lake- Scotts and Middle Creeks and the feeder creeks to these two main tributaries to Clear Lake. Early and lengthy spawning runs occurred in these two creeks and Adobe Creek in Big Valley, and a later run occurred in Kelsey Creek. Hitch were observed several miles farther up Scotts Creek than they have been seen for many years because high flows allowed the fish to go above man-made and natural barriers.

Native Grass Project

An on-going project at Rodman Preserve is the encouragement and planting of the numerous native California bunch grasses that are found at the preserve. Through continuous weeding around established patches of the grasses, especially a large grouping of *Stipa Pulchra*, (California Purple Needle grass, the State of California's official grass) and the planting of other bunch grasses like *Bromus Carinatus* and *Elymus Glaucaus*, from seeds taken from the established grasses at the preserve, a native grass and forbe prairie is slowly being re-established.

Guided nature walks at the Rodman Preserve will resume on 25th, and will continue on the second and fourth Saturday of the month throughout the summer. Come out to see this wild and diverse corner of Lake County.

You never know what surprises you will find!

Executive Director's Message By Tom Smythe

This is an exciting time for the Land Trust. We have completed the capital campaign for the Wright Property in record time thanks to the many contributions



Tom Smythe

from Land Trust supporters, including matching funds provided by the Butchers and a very generous contribution from long-time Lakeport resident Stacy Schummer. This support for protecting Lake County's beauty and assets is overwhelming. We are working with the California Wildlife Conservation Board to complete this purchase.

We are nearing completion of the updated Land Trust's Conservation Priority Plan (CPP). As with the 2007 CPP, the Big Valley Wetlands is the Land Trust's highest conservation priority. Protecting the Melo and Wright properties and supporting parallel wetland conservation easements has advanced the Big Valley Wetlands project enormously in the last 12 years.

We are also making significant progress in updating our property management plans and conservation easement inspection protocols to national standards.

We appreciate all your support in helping protect and preserve Lake County's natural resources.

Donate to LCLT while shopping on Amazon.com

Although we always encourage shopping at our local businesses first, if you do shop online using Amazon.com, you can designate part of the purchase price of your items to the Lake County Land Trust.

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Go to www.smile.amazon.com and sign in to your Amazon account (or create an account if you don't have one). Then, if you have not already done so, you will be given an opportunity to choose a charity: just type "Lake County Land Trust," into the search box, and select our organization and proceed to your normal shopping. During your shopping items eligible for the donation program will be noted on the item description page. Whenever you place an order with amazon.com, go to www.smile.amazon.com first, and help support the Land Trust.

STATE OF THE LAND TRUST COFFEE



Lake County Land Trust President, Val Nixon, is reviewing the proposed new acquisition for Land Trust supporters gathered for the annual State of the Land Trust Coffee. Every year the Lake County Land Trust holds a State of the Land Trust Coffee where Land Trust supporters at the “White Pelican,” (\$100) level and above gather to visit with one another, meet the Land Trust board learn about the latest projects. The 2019 event, on March 30, featured discussion of the Land Trust’s latest acquisition effort, the Wright property near south Lakeport. The property is 200 acres that hosts substantial shoreline along Clear Lake as well as open grassland and oak woodland.



Broc and Sharron Zoller checked out the map of preserved Land Trust lands at the 2019 State of the Land Trust Coffee.



Carol and Bill Lincoln, vice president of the Land Trust; David Velasquez and Heather Conlin and Richmond Kelly enjoyed chatting on the back porch.



Melissa Kinsell chatting with former supervisor and Land Trust supporter, Jim Steele.



Long time land trust supporters, Jim and Becky Hiss and Roger Bakke at the March 30 Lake County Land Trust State of the Land Trust coffee event held at the Rodman Preserve near Upper Lake.



Joyce and Russ Porterfield visit with Land Trust board member and secretary, Erica Lundquist.



Land Trust Outreach Coordinator, Melissa Kinsel visits with Sheila and Don Gatton who enjoyed the morning of the State of the Land Trust Coffee in March.

ART & NATURE

Art and Nature event at Rodman Preserve Brought visitors young and old

Art & Nature Day at the Rodman Preserve was held this year on May 5. It was a chance for the Lake County Land Trust (LCLT) to showcase the Rodman Preserve and Nature Center to Lake County residents both young and old. The focus was on school-aged children and families. The event was a partnership between the LCLT and the Lake County Rural Arts Initiative (LCRAI) who displayed photos that were submitted for the LCRAI photography contest. The school age winners of the photo contest were announced.

The event was also held as part of the Take It Outside California program which is sponsored by the California Council of Land Trusts.

The Land Trust offered guided hikes, a tent with microscopes, and a nature-centered art station. Lake County Vector Control was on hand with their display; Scott Serena entertained with guitar and banjo music.

Many thanks to the numerous volunteers from both LCLT & LCRAI who helped make the day a success.



A good crowd gathered on the porch to watch the awarding of prizes for photographs as part of the Lake County Rural Arts Alliance nature photography contest that featured young photographers from local schools.

See more photos next pages

ART & NATURE PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS



Grade 9-12 1st place winner was Seth Mix; his brother Zachery accepted the award for Seth from Martha Mincer and Connie Lemen.



Caterina Barriga accepts her 1st place award for grades 6 – 8 from Martha Mincer of the Lake County Rural Arts Initiative.



K-5 1st place winner was Zachary Mix for his photo of Canada geese.



Local artist Ben Van Steenburgh III was on hand at Art and Nature Day to delight kids and adults with his temporary tattoos done with colored markers. Ben volunteers his talents to the Land Trust often and he is greatly appreciated.



The nature photography gang heading out for the walk led by LCLT volunteer, Ruth Stierna.



On the trail during the photography walk at the Rodman Preserve during the Art and Nature Day held on May 5.



Harry Lyons, retired professor of biology from Woodland Community College Lake County Campus helped youngsters view items through the microscopes. Middletown's Bella Theoret found it fascinating.



A “nature art,” table was a fun feature and enjoyed by kids and families alike.



Janine Sprecher, Kelseyville and Karen Lescher, Middletown, enjoyed the photography walk on Art and Nature Day at the Rodman Preserve.

Join us for the annual
**Lake County
Land Trust
Spring
Celebration**



**Please join the
Lake County Land Trust
Sunday, June 9,
3 -5 pm, for our
Spring Celebration**

Hosted by Lynne and Bernie Butcher
in the courtyard of the **Blue Wing
Saloon Restaurant and Tallman
Hotel** in Upper Lake.

Enjoy wine, hors d'oeuvres and live
music by David Neft.

Tickets are \$50 per person with
all funds going to support the
Lake County Land Trust

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Looking forward to seeing you!



Cathy Koehler, board member and native bunch grass expert worked with McLaughlin Reserve interns Simon Haggerty, Dana O'Malley and Rachel Aine to weed out invasive weeds around an re-established patch of Bromus Carinatus bunch grass.



Mario Uribe of Cobb working on clearing out around the California poppies.



The Elymus Glaucus (Blue Wild Rye) patch in the yard at Rodman Preserve.

SAVE DATE

Take advantage of CWA's AgVenture Lite to learn about Clear Lake from UC advisor Greg Giusti

On June 13, from 5:30 - 8 p.m. at the Soper Reese Theatre in Lakeport, Lake County California Women in Agriculture (LCCWA) and the Lake County Winegrape Growers will be sponsoring an AgVenture Lite evening event "What we know about Clear Lake," presented by Greg Giusti.

Giusti, is an Emeritus Advisor for the UC Cooperative Extension. He is an avid fisherman and will talk about Clear Lake, one of America's oldest fresh-

water lakes and an important tourism asset for Lake County

Tickets are \$15 per person (plus convenience fee) in advance, with limited number of tickets at the door for \$20.

Tickets are anticipated to sell out, so purchase tickets soon at: <http://bit.ly/agventure-lite>. For more information call Terry Dereniuk at (707) 337-2871.

Become a member of The Lake County Land Trust Membership Benefits include:

Golden Eagle: \$1,000+

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Blue Heron: \$100-\$499

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- Please increase my membership support with the below contribution
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2018 Financial Statement

REVENUES:

General Donations:

Fundraisers and community events	27,011.00
General Membership contributions	72,382.53
Wright Capital Campaign	21,240.00
Stewardship Support Fund	0.00
Bequests	0.00
Other Revenue Sources:	8.50

TOTAL REVENUES: 120,642.03

EXPENDITURES:

Lands and Conservation Work:

Land Stewardship and Conservation	6,845.45
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General Operations:

Fundraisers and Community Events	10,308.79
Membership Support and Development	7,900.77
Administration (wages & professional services)	72,101.70
Regional Partnerships and Associations	
Dues	2,764.00
Conferences and Professional Development	1,904.97
Program Support (office expenses, insurance, etc.)	8,160.84

Capital Expenditures

Wright Acquisition	17,502.75
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES: 127,489.27

NET GAIN: -6,847.24

MONETARY ASSETS:

Big Valley Wetlands/Melo Property Acquisition Fund	17,628.97
Wright Acquisition Fund	3,737.25
Grants & Board Designated Funds (committed to specific projects)	62,335.12
Operating Reserves (unrestricted)	20,733.04

TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS AT CLOSE OF 2018 104,434.38

MAC-LCLT partnership

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lecting a site and creating a collective vision. About 15 participants discussed how best to pay homage to this still-recovering piece of land that was impacted in the Valley Fire of 2015.

The installation, is a visual sculpture trail comprised of "totem" like wood workings that are inspired, in part, by the hope of adding some architecture for use by the nesting and pollinating creatures that live at Rabbit Hill. It was also inspired by the flutes that the former residents of Rabbit Hill, "Huck" and "Skee" Hamann used to teach neighborhood children how to make and play. The Hamanns donated their land—affectionately known as "Rabbit Hill"—to the Audubon Society prior to the inception of the Lake County Land Trust, who the land was transferred to in the 1990s.

Five sculpture classes focused on woodworking and additive cement were offered as part of this collaborative process, with artists Marcus Maria Jung, Emily Schiebel and Lisa Kaplan at the helm of this site specific project.

The goal of this particular project was to create a sense of place and restoration at Rabbit Hill. The installation aims to create an overall sense of harmony and contrast with the landscape, working with an undulating, serpentine line to bring awareness of the topography, natural elements, and history of the land that it will appear to both protect and enhance. The art was informed by both Louise Bourgeois's sculptural works and Andy Goldsworthy's "Serpentine Fence".

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Very occasionally, we will also send "email blasts" about special Land Trust events—we promise this will not amount

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Red-shouldered Hawks, Prairie Falcon, Golden-crowned Sparrow, California Quail, wild turkeys, fox, coyote and many other animals. Tules that line much of the shoreline provide a filtration system important to the water quality of Clear Lake. The property's value (natural, ecological, educational and scenic) cannot be over-stated.

The purchase of the Wright property will greatly contribute to the number one priority of the LCLT, as we seek to protect the largest remaining area of unprotected wetland habitats adjacent to Clear Lake.

Five major streams run through The Big Valley Wetlands area: Cole, Kelsey, Hill, Adobe, and Manning Creeks, providing a total of 25% of the drainage for the Clear Lake Watershed. Manning Creek runs along the western edge of the Wright property.

The Big Valley Wetlands is also home to the Clear Lake hitch, a fish which is not found anywhere else but Clear Lake. It is on the California Endangered Species Act's Threatened Species list, and is currently being considered for placement on the Endangered Species list by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Please consider all of these issues when making your contributions to the Lake County Land Trust.

LEAVING A LEGACY

What better legacy is there to leave than your commitment to protecting Lake County's natural resources for future generations? Whether you are taking those first important steps toward planning your estate or are in the process of updating your estate plan, please consider a donation to the Lake County Land Trust. To discuss how you can name the Trust in your will or estate plan call the Land Trust's Executive Director, Tom Smythe at (707) 262-0707.



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2018-19 Calendar of Events

The Lake County Land Trust shares a common goal with many organizations in the County, the State and the Country, that of preserving and enhancing our environment and educating the public about the wonders of nature. Through our newsletter we are able to publicize other events, both locally and some out-of-county that we believe will interest our members. The public is cordially invited to all of the events listed here.

Second and Fourth Saturdays of the Month – Walks at the Rodman Preserve, flagship property of the Lake County Land Trust, will be held the second and fourth Saturdays of the month as long as weather permits. Continuous heavy rains will cancel the walks for the season as the trails get too soggy. Walks start at 9 a.m. September through May, and 8 a.m. June through August with participants to meet at the Rodman Preserve Nature Education Center at 6350 Westlake Road (the corner of Westlake and the Nice-Lucerne Cutoff). No dogs please and moderate to heavy rains will cancel. Please do not mistake the County Rodman Slough Park for the Land Trust's Rodman Preserve. To get to the Preserve turn left on Westlake Road after exiting the highway onto the Nice-Lucerne Cut-off. If you reach the bridge going over the slough, you have gone too far and missed the preserve entrance. Call Erica Lundquist at (707) 245-8384 for information.

June 9 – Sunday – Lake County Land Trust Spring celebration Fundraiser. Please join the Lake County Land Trust from 3 – 5 p.m. at the Blue wing Restaurant and Tallman Hotel garden in Upper Lake. Enjoy wine, hors d'oeuvres and live music in the company of other friends of the Land Trust. Tickets are \$50 per person with all funds going to support the Land Trust. Reservations are required. Go to www.lakecountylandtrust.org for details and to purchase your ticket or call 262-0707 for more info.

June 14 – Friday – The Sierra Club's Lake Group is co-sponsoring a Lakeport screening of the documentary "Wilder than Wild: Fire, Forests and the Future." This acclaimed film reveals how fire suppression and Climate change have exposed our forests and wildland-urban landscapes to large, high severity wildfire, while greenhouse gasses released from these fires contribute to global warming. [Free admission is available by registering through Brown Paper Tickets](#) and light refreshments will be available at the concession counter.

July 13 – Saturday – Anderson Marsh Interpretive Association nature walk at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park. This easy walk should last about two hours. Free parking for participants. Go to www.andersonmarsh.org for more information or call (707) 995.2658.

Oct. 19 – Saturday – Lake County Land Trust Annual Dinner at The Lodge at Blue Lakes. Save the Date! Delicious dinner, good fellowship, silent auction, live music and guest speaker.

Who We Are

The Lake County Land Trust is a local, 501 (c) (3) charitable nonprofit organization directly involved in protecting important land resources. These include: wetlands, wildlife habitats, parks, forests, watersheds, riparian stream corridors, lakeside areas, and trails. The trust is also concerned with property that has unique scenic, cultural, agricultural, educational, or historical value.

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