

Pepperwood's Learning Landscape Program

All expeditions are scheduled by arrangement and availability of trails and instructors.

Pepperwood Overview Hike

Get a basic overview of Pepperwood and our ecosystems. Take a hike looking for signs of animals, and plants. Visit research sites and learn about the projects that we host.

Time: 2 ½ hours

Ages: 6 and up

Cost: \$250

Reptile Round Up

Join Pepperwood's educator Jesse Robinson in a fun, hands-on experience learning about the reptiles of Pepperwood. You'll visit with a live reptile and then head out into the field to search for the reptilian residents of our preserve. Liz it up!

Time: 3 hours

Ages: 6 and up

Cost: \$275

Animal Signs Exploration

How do you know animals have been here? Learn about Pepperwood's wildlife tracking project using motion sensing cameras then head out onto the trail to look for animals, listen for their sounds, and use tracks and scat to discover where they've been.

Time: 3 hours,

Ages: 6 and up

Cost: \$275

Plants, Trees, and Ecosystems

What types of trees and plants grow at Pepperwood? How are they adapted to our particular climate? Learn about Pepperwood's plant communities while hiking the hills and having hands-on explorations of leaves, lichens, and others.

Time: 3 hours

Ages: 6 and up

Cost: \$275

Night Hike

How do animals of the night adapt to life in the darkness? Discover the secrets of night life at Pepperwood on this moonlight walk. Perhaps we'll meet owls, bats, or jackrabbits – or hear the call of coyotes as we explore the world of the night creatures!

Time: 2 ½ hours

Ages: 8 and up

Cost: \$275

The Skies over Pepperwood

Join astronomer Bing Quock as you learn about what's happening in the sky this time of year. Then, weather permitting, visit Pepperwood's telescope to observe the night sky. See stars and planets closer than you ever have before!

Time: 2 ½ hours

Ages: 7 and up

Cost: \$325

Poetry on the Trail

Let Pepperwood spark your creativity and discover the poems and stories hidden in the landscape. Join poet-ecologist Arthur Dawson as we explore Pepperwood, pausing to play and experiment with creative techniques using the natural world as a door to our imaginations. We'll walk, brainstorm, write, and have fun sharing our wild minds.

Time: 3 hours

Ages: 7 and up

Cost: \$325

Native American Hikes

These hikes explore the Native American cultural ecology of Pepperwood and the North Bay region. Each hike is unique and is designed specifically for the group. Cultural Resources Coordinator Ben Benson offers an interactive discussion of the traditional relationship to the land of the Pomo, Miwok, and Wappo Indian cultures as the central theme of these hikes. These are adult-based educational opportunities for high-school, college, and adult continuing learners.

Time: 3 hours

Ages: 14 and up

Cost: \$325