It's Snake Season

It's that time of year, so keep an eye out for snakes while hiking around the Cache Creek Nature Preserve

Know Your Snakes

Species found in Yolo County

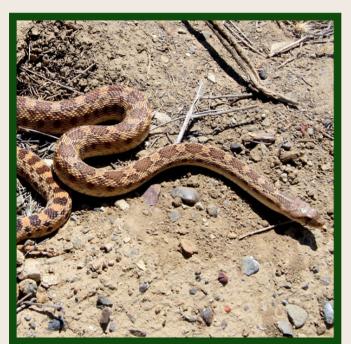


Northern Pacific Rattlesnake

Crotalus oreganus oreganus

Venomous

Head: triangular, larger than neck Body: thick, dull non-glossy, blotched pattern giving way to dark tail rings at rear Tail: blunt with one or more rattles



Pacific Gopher Snake

Pituophis catenifer catenifer

Non-venomous

Head: slightly wider than neck

Body: slender glossy

Tail: pointed

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Valley Garter Snake

Thamnophis sirtalis fitchi

Non-venomous

Head: slightly wider than neck

Body: slender slaty, black, or brownish in color, broad dorsal strip, series of red dots

down its right and left side

Tail: pointed

Stay Safe!

Tips to avoid encounters:

- Be alert when on the trail
- Don't step into areas where you cannot see the ground, such as in tall grass
- Check around stumps and logs before sitting down to rest

If you encounter a snake on the trail remember:

- **5** TOP immediately if you see a snake
- N EVER attempt to catch, disturb or kill ANY snake
- **LWAYS** report snake sightings to others on the trail
- K EEP your distance If anyone is bitten, it is an **E MERGENCY** call 911

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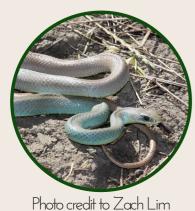
Not commonly seen at the Preserve



Giant Garter Snake

Thamnophis gigas

Threatened Species



Western Yellow-bellied Racer Coluber constrictor mormon



California Kingsnake Lampropeltis californiae



Northwestern Ring-necked Snake Diadophis punctatus occidentalis

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