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**ESTERO AMERICANO PRESERVE CNPS HIKE
SATURDAY JUNE 6TH, 10AM – 2PM**



Join SLT staff and members of the California Native Plant Society for a scenic hike and picnic lunch at Sonoma Land Trust's Estero Americano Preserve. Our botanical foray will traverse the coastal prairie hills bordering the Estero Americano, a tidal estuary that forms the Sonoma-Marin border. Bring your binoculars and a camera for the spectacular views and soaring raptors along the way. For more information or to sign up, please call 544-5614 ext. 2 or email: shanti@sonomalandtrust.org.

Come explore Sonoma Land Trust's Estero Americano Preserve, Saturday June 6, 10am-2pm. Our botanical foray.

The Estero Americano Preserve is scenic and biologically diverse 127-acre property that was acquired in 1997 and 2001 in partnership with the California State Coastal Conservancy and the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District. The Preserve was protected with the purposes of protecting the coastal estuary, upland environments and other sensitive resources, allowing for restoration of habitat areas, and providing limited public access.

The Estero Americano is part of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and is one of the most important biological areas on the entire Northern California Coast. The Estero Americano is a key coastal area for numerous plant and animal species of concern. The Estero Americano Preserve contains a variety of diverse habitat types, including: coastal prairie, perennial grasslands, northern coastal scrub, freshwater seep, and coastal brackish marsh.

The Sonoma Land Trust develops long-term land-protection strategies for the varied regions of the county, acquires conservation easements and properties of special significance; manages preserves; works on land stewardship and restoration projects; and provides opportunities for hikes, environmental education and restoration activities. Since 1976, the Sonoma Land Trust has protected more than 19,000 acres of beautiful, productive and environmentally significant land. For more information, please go to: www.sonomalandtrust.org.