

Special Celebration of Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee's 50th anniversary – April 6, 2024



We are excited to invite all members and supporters to a full morning of special activities at the Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area (DTRNA) on April 6, 2024 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee (DTPC). Please see the list of activity choices below. **All activities are free, but we request that you register using the attached form by Friday, March 29.**

DTPC 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Saturday, April 6, 2024 Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area (DTRNA)

Your choices of activities include:

Macro Photography Workshop (talk from 8:00 a.m. to about 9:00 a.m. / instructor will be available for questions and trail time until 11:30 a.m.)

Volunteer Work Party (9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)

Naturalist-led tours of the DTRNA nature trails (available starting at 9:00 a.m.)

Driving tour to northeast DTRNA (view of Koehn Dry Lake) (time TBD based on RSVP's)

Complimentary Picnic Lunch (11:30 a.m.)

If you plan to join us for lunch, please bring your own folding chair as onsite seating is limited.

FEATURED ACTIVITY: Free Workshop on Macro Photography – Presented by Internationally Renowned Nature Photographer Tom Aistle

Do you wish you could take better closeups of the beautiful blooms and interesting insects you see in the great outdoors? The DTPC's 50th anniversary celebration on Saturday, April 6 will include a hands-on macro photography workshop with nature photographer Tom Aistle, starting at 8:00 a.m. at the DTRNA. The workshop will begin with a short talk, including tips on lighting, exposure, and composition. Tom will also have a variety of equipment on hand to demonstrate some of the many options available to get great results no matter your budget. The talk and equipment demo will be followed by time on the trails, looking for photo subjects. Tom will be available all morning to answer questions and offer advice. The workshop is open to all ages and experience levels, from smartphone users to people with DSLR or mirrorless cameras. Tom will provide everyone with a printed list of resources (including a link to a shared Google Doc) that they can access after the workshop.

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**DESERT TORTOISE PRESERVE COMMITTEE, INC.
50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS ON APRIL 6, 2024
EVENT REGISTRATION FORM – PLEASE RETURN BY MARCH 29, 2024**

<p>DTPC 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION</p> <p>APRIL 6, 2024</p>	<p><u>PLEASE CHECK EACH ACTIVITY YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Macro photography workshop (starts at 8:00 a.m.) ○ Volunteer work party (9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) ○ Naturalist-led walking tours (available starting at 9:00 a.m.) ○ Driving tour to northeast DTRNA / Koehn Dry Lake (timing and transportation to be arranged based on number of RSVP's) – PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A 4-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE AND WOULD BE WILLING TO DRIVE OTHERS ○ Complimentary picnic lunch (11:30 a.m.) – PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FOLDING CHAIR(S)!
<p>LOCATION:</p> <p>DESERT TORTOISE RESEARCH NATURAL AREA (DTRNA)</p>	<p><u>DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS:</u></p> <p>From CA-58 (California City Blvd exit): Take California City Blvd. North until you reach the first traffic light. Best Western will be on your left as you approach the light. Continue straight and travel 1.3 miles until you reach a fork in the road at the large gazebo. Turn left onto Randsburg-Mojave Rd. Follow this dirt road for approximately 4 miles until you reach the entrance to the Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area.</p> <p>From California City proper: Take California City Blvd. East until you reach the edge of the golf course. Best Western will be on your right as you approach the light. Turn left and travel 1.3 miles until you reach a fork in the road at the large gazebo. Turn left onto Randsburg-Mojave Rd. Follow this dirt road for about 4 miles until you reach the entrance of the Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area.</p>

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