

## CHICO CREEK NATURE CENTER – Wildflower Adventure Hike (March-May)

**Focus:**

In this Upper Bidwell Park program, students will learn to identify some of our more common spring wildflowers, explore the seasonal variations in vernal pools, and (contingent on water) catch and release tadpoles, shrimp, and other pool inhabitants. We'll also look at some of the pollinator interactions in this special ecosystem. 90 min.

**Pre/Post-visit Activities:**

There's a great Investigating Vernal Pools curriculum online. While not specific to Bidwell Park, there are a lot of great activities there.

<http://www.sacsplash.org/elementary-curriculum-investigating-vernal-pools>

**Science Content Standards:**

Grade 2	Grade 3
<b>Life Sciences</b>	
2. Predictable life cycles a) offspring of their own kind f) flowers and fruits – reproduction	3. Structural adaptations a) Plant structures/functions
<b>Science Investigation Skills</b>	
4. f) Use magnifiers and microscopes to observe/draw features	5. Careful investigations a) Repeat observations to improve accuracy.

Grade 4	Grade 5
<b>Life Sciences</b>	
3. Living organisms depend on one another c) pollination	
<b>Science Investigation Skills</b>	
6. Ask meaningful questions, conduct careful investigations.	6. a) classify objects