

Take a Journey Back in Time

Ardenwood Historic Farm & Train - Friday, April 26th, 2019 \$20

Ardenwood Historic Farm
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Checkin: 9:00 am
Depart: 9:30 am
Lunch: 11:00 am to Noon
Return: about 4:00 pm

This is their peak season for wildflowers, birds, gardening and planting. A trip by train takes us around every area including the milk House, Cook's House, Walnut Orchard, Pastures with sheep & cattle, a Tankhouse now a "Water Museum", Ohlone Indian Site, Blacksmith Shop with an equipment shed, Tractor shed with antique tractors, Haybarn with equipment & tack, Aviary, Gazebo and more. Each place has been re-created and are operated as they were in 1850.

A visit here is a journey back to the time of the 1850s Patterson Ranch--a prosperous, 19th-century country estate with a beautiful Victorian mansion and elaborate Victorian Gardens.

The farm still grows the same kind of produce that was grown in the region in the last 100 years, utilizing agricultural practices from the 1870s to the present, demonstrating the transition from horse-powered to horsepower farming. The staff and volunteers, attired in Victorian clothing, guide guests through the Victorian house, demonstrate farm chores, and explain what life was like in the early 1900s.

The railroad at Ardenwood recreates a nearby branch line of the South Pacific Coast Railroad. Using only horse-drawn rail cars, the Centerville branch carried both freight and passengers between farming communities between 1882 and 1909.

Ardenwood Historic Farm is a refuge for birds that feed, roost, nest or just pass through. Over 99 species have been spotted around the park's orchards, gardens, fields and groves - we'll watch for red-shouldered hawks and western bluebirds to Nuttall's woodpeckers and Allen's hummingbirds.

Patterson House: Home to three generations of the Patterson family. It began as George Patterson's bachelor farmhouse built in 1857. The house was expanded with a Queen Anne addition in 1889 as the family's place in East Bay society grew.