

## V8 Hawk Watch -Feb 24—RAY BROCK LEADS (-as usual)



Hawk Watch takes place every Saturday in January and February at Begent Ranch, 18528 Highland Valley Rd., which overlooks the Ramona Grasslands County Preserve. It is free and open to the public, and takes place rain or shine.

Suggested arrival time is 9:30 a.m., with the event starting at 10 a.m. Guests are advised to wear layered clothing and sturdy shoes for uneven terrain, and bring binoculars and folding chairs if you have them. Masks are recommended outdoors and required in the indoor gift shop. Free parking, coffee and donuts – and hot dogs will be available for purchase.

Hawk Watch is an informative educational Biologists Talk and Q&A with falconry or ambassador raptors for you to see up close and personal! The seated program lasts approximately 1.5 to 2 hours (restrooms available) and is followed by an option for additional roadside observations of wild raptors and other wildlife including a Bald Eagle nest where you'll drive your own car less than 2 miles on paved roads and come and go at your leisure. Biologists and local expert volunteer observers will help you spot and identify birds and show them to you through our high-powered professional telescopes.

In the event of rain, we will still have the educational program inside the barn but the usual falconry flight displays will not occur in the barn. There is no hiking portion of Hawk Watch, but we recommend wearing sturdy shoes for uneven terrain and going on your own to the nearby Ramona Grassland Preserve hiking trail after the program. Hawk Watch is wheelchair accessible and we recommend using one if walking on uneven terrain could be a safety hazard for you. We hope you can make it!



**We will meet at the Mission Valley Macy's/Broken Yoke parking lot for 8:30 departure to Ramona, February 24**  
**Hwy 8 to 67     67 to Highland Valley Rd.**  
**Left only on Highland Valley Rd.**  
**To 18528 Highland Valley Rd. Begent Ranch**  
**(Hawk Watch)**

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