2025 Lake County Weed Tours

The Lake County Weed Management Area is delighted to announce two spring tours in 2025 to showcase invasive weed control efforts in Lake County. These events are FREE and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend one or both tours.

Thursday May 8, 9 am – noon. Aquatic Weed Tour at Clear Lake State Park

Join staff from Lake County Land Trust and the Resource Conservation District as we dive into the world of aquatic plants and wetland weeds of Clear Lake and Lake County! Aquatic and wetland plant specimens and examples will be presented to facilitate hands-on learning and education. We will also learn about recent invasive plant management efforts at Clear Lake State Park and other efforts with partnerships from Tribal EcoRestoration Alliance (TERA) and tribal partners at Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians. **Parking:** Free for Weed Tour attendees, inform the front kiosk staff you are here for the event. Meet at the pavillion across from the Visitor Center (First left turn off from the main road).



Friday May 9, 9 am – noon. Weeds and Wildflowers at the McLaughlin Reserve

Join staff from the University of California McLaughlin Reserve to learn how invasive plants, especially annual grasses, have reduced native wildflower displays in Lake County and view areas of the reserve where wildflowers have been restored by removing these invasive species. We will consider the roles of prescribed fire, cattle grazing, herbicides, mowing, and hand pulling as tools to control weeds and restore wildflowers. We are expecting robust wildflower displays in May this year so bring your camera! **Parking:** Meet at the McLaughlin Reserve Headquarters at 26775 Morgan Valley Rd, and we will carpool for our field tour, which will involve walking about a quarter mile on gentle terrain.



For both tours please bring hats, sunscreen, lunch or a snack, drinking water, and your questions about plants and the lake. Please wear sturdy shoes that are free of seeds and mud, and bring gloves if you want some hands-on weed removal experience. This event is sponsored by the Lake County Department of Agriculture and the Lake County Resource Conservation District. No reservations are required. Please contact the Agriculture Department at (707) 263-0217 if you have any questions.