

Easter at Columbia State Historic Park

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Victorian Easter Parade and Egg Hunt at Columbia State Historic Park Photo: Leslie Davis

Children seeking treasures left by Thaddeus E. Hare, better known as the Easter Bunny, will be separated by age group to give youngsters a better shot at uncovering the multicolored eggs during the Victorian Easter Parade and Egg Hunt at Columbia State Historic Park. Victorian translates to Gold Rush in the Sierra foothills, so docents will don period garb to show off the town's blacksmith shop, antique bowling alley, restored hotels and other legacies from its mining-boom days. Participants sporting the fanciest Victorian hat and the best outfits in several categories, including pets, will earn prizes after the parade.

Vitals: 11 a.m. -5 p.m. Saturday (egg hunts at noon, 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., parade at 12:30 p.m.). Free. (209) 536-1672. www.visitcolumbiacalifornia.com.

- -- Earth Day, Mendocino style: Earth Day in Mendocino County becomes a weeklong Where the Earth Is First festival, including mini festivals at wineries and other venues throughout the county. Visitors can learn about being green through a car show, biodynamic farm tours, a seminar on frogs' role in the ecosystem and other activities. A Whale and Jazz Festival, outrigger and kayak rides, dog hikes, tours of the Mendocino Botanical Garden and a singer-songwriter showcase help to round out the events. Friday-April 26. See website for event times and prices. (866) 466-3636. www.visitmendocino.com/earth-day.
- -- Napa vineyards and vintners: Napa Valley's Stag's Leap District will celebrate its 25th anniversary with limited-seating library wine dinners, prepared by top local chefs, to open its annual Vineyard to Vintner Festival. On following days, winery open houses along the Silverado Trail, a seminar on the appellation's past and future, and a brunch hosted by Silverado Vineyards make for a full wine-immersion weekend. April 25-27. 6:30 p.m. Friday to 1 p.m. Sunday. \$175-\$300; multi-day packages available. (707) 255-1720. www.stagsleapdistrict.com/V2V.