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SPRING WILDFLOWER RANCH TOURS BEGIN

CLEARLAKE OAKS, CA — The Eleven Roses Ranch Spring Wildflower Tours will begin in April and continue through the month of May. The tours showcase the annual bloom of magnificent spring wildflowers in Lake County.

The ranch tours are offered each spring and feature a mule-drawn wagon ride followed by an authentic chuckwagon barbecue complemented by Lake County wines. Attendees take a step back in time and enjoy the history of life from the 1800s to the present as narrated by Eleven Roses Ranch Owner Anne Garner as she guides the tour across the ranch that has been in her family since 1883. The tours have been featured on Bay Area Backroads, California Heartland, the BBC and in Via Magazine.

Belle and Blue, the beautiful white mules that draw the wagon, are friendly and each have unique personalities all their own. Photo opportunities abound as the wildflowers explode this time of year against the rich textures of the rugged mountains and valley floor. Guests can look for a myriad of birds as well as deer, squirrels, rabbits, wild turkeys, and even an occasional bear.

Reservations are required for the Wildflower Tours as they sell out quickly. Tickets are \$60 per person, \$50 for seniors, and \$40 for children ages five to 12. Children under five years of age are free when accompanied by an adult or senior. Eleven Roses Ranch is located at 5456 New Long Valley Road, Clearlake Oaks. For more information, call (707) 998-4471 or visit www.elevenrosesranch.com

Located in beautiful Northern California, Lake County is just two hours by car from the San Francisco Bay Area, the Sacramento Valley, and the Pacific Coast. Lake County is home to Clear Lake, the largest natural freshwater lake in California and possibly the oldest lake on the continent. Visitors to Lake County experience the state's cleanest air basin, spectacular scenic beauty, fine wines, and unsurpassed recreational opportunities — from hiking, biking, golf, and off-road adventures to boating, fishing, kayaking, birding, and even rockhounding. The local area code is 707. For visitor information, contact the Lake County Visitor Information Center at (800) 525-3743 or www.lakecounty.com

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