

GOLDEN GATE
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CONSERVANCY

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SUMMER

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2008



park
adventures

COMPASS POINTS

Help Guide the Parks' Future at June Workshops

We are midway through a multi-year process to create the new parkwide General Management Plan that will guide decision-making for the Golden Gate National Parks through the next 20 years. We invite you to come to a workshop in June to see the three new visions that are under consideration. They are based on the concepts: "Connecting People with the Park," "Preserving and Enjoying Coastal Ecosystems," and "Focusing on National Treasures." Come give us your input! To find the workshop nearest to you, visit www.nps.gov/goga/parkmgmt/planning.htm or call us at 561-4930. Also visit our website for details on how to receive e-mail updates. Your participation in this process makes a difference!

Rare-Plant Surveys Take Stock of Parks' Biodiversity

The Golden Gate National Parks provide protection to a diverse array of plants and animals, some of which are found nowhere else in the world. To assess the status of our park's many rare and endangered plants, extensive field surveys and data collection will be conducted in 2008 by the Natural Resources Division of the National Park Service, in partnership with the Chicago Botanic Garden's Conservation Land Management Mentoring Program and the California Academy of Sciences. Through a nationwide competitive process, our Natural Resources Division won the privilege of hosting a botanist intern for this project. Results will determine best practices for the monitoring and management of our park's most imperiled plant species.

Fun, Learning Abound at Crissy Field Center Summer Camps

There's still time to sign up the kids for Crissy Field Center's summer day camps! Designed for young people entering grades K–8, the camps combine invaluable ecological lessons with outdoor adventures and experiences. Through hands-on activities in the Center's innovative learning labs and field outings throughout the Golden Gate National Parks, kids develop and deepen their connections to the environment. The one- and two-week sessions run from 6/23 to 8/15. For information on sessions still open, call 561-7765. Full details on camps can be found at www.crissyfield.org.

SPECIAL EVENT FOR PARKS CONSERVANCY MEMBERS

POINT BONITA LIGHTHOUSE SUNSET TOUR

Join us on a special "members only" tour of one of the parks' most special places! Long-time Parks Conservancy member and volunteer Tom Delebo will lead us on a sunset stroll to the historic lighthouse at Point Bonita and help us see the Bay Area in a new light. Crashing waves below, the glimmering city just beyond the Golden Gate Bridge, and the expanse of the Pacific ... come experience this amazing place!

Event date and time:

Saturday, July 26, 6:30 PM

Registration deadline:

Thursday, June 26

Location:

Meet at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center

Fee: Free

Limited to 40 participants

How to sign up

There are two simple ways to sign up for this members' event. (To register for all other events, please refer to the descriptions on the pages entitled "Park Events.")

Call our Membership Manager, Morgan Cosby, at (415) 561-3060.


E-mail us at: membership@parksconservancy.org.

For paid events, credit card information is required upon registration. We will bill you after registration is confirmed.

Tell us your full name, telephone number, e-mail

address, number of guests, and your membership number.

Confirmation and directions will be e-mailed to you after the registration deadline. For events with limited space, we will select participants at random after the registration deadline. Please note that registration is not first-come, first-served because newsletter delivery times vary.

The member event is designated by  in the calendar pages.

Questions or comments on our publication? Please e-mail editor@parksconservancy.org.

MAKE 2008 A BIG YEAR FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES IN YOUR NATIONAL PARKS

By Brent Plater
Director, GGNRA Big Year

MORE THAN YOSEMITE. MORE THAN YELLOWSTONE. More than Sequoia & Kings Canyon. More than all of them—combined. The Golden Gate National Parks serve as refuge to more threatened and endangered species than any national park in continental North America.

This startling statistic is cause for at least some celebration, in that we are fortunate to have such vital parklands in public ownership. It is sobering as well. The tenuous status of so many Bay Area species suggests we may need to reflect upon our relationship with these landscapes.

The GGNRA (Golden Gate National Recreation Area) Endangered Species Big Year is a race against time to see and save each of the 33 endangered species found in our local national park. It is a yearlong, free competition designed to encourage exploration of diverse habitats and landscapes while empowering people to take actions that will help these species recover.



The San Francisco garter snake, one of the most endangered reptiles in North America, can be found at Golden Gate National Parks sites in San Mateo County.

We have scheduled dozens of trips throughout the Golden Gate National Parks to see these rare species, including northern spotted owls, mission blue butterflies, and the Raven's manzanita, one of the loneliest species on the planet: there is only one left in the entire world, found right here in San Francisco.

There are also 33 specific actions people can take to help each of the species, such as restoring habitat in the park, calling on public officials to bolster environ-

Upcoming Big Year Events

For updates on Big Year activities and other ways to enjoy and enhance your parks this summer, visit www.parksconservancy.org. For full details on the Big Year project, visit www.ggnrabigyear.org.

mental safeguards, and taking personal steps to reduce our individual impacts on the park's resources. At the end of the year, the person who sees and helps the most species will be declared the winner of the GGNRA Endangered Species Big Year.

The competition is under way, but you can still catch up: the species that had been present in January and February will return to the parks in December, giving you another chance to see and save these species.

Throughout the year, we encourage participants to reflect upon the humility, compassion, and hope embodied in the legal protections for this landscape and the endangered species that call the Golden Gate National Parks home.

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THURSDAY

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AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

National Trails Day
FORT FUNSTON
Cleanup Day 9:30 AM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Nike Missile Site Open House 12:30–3:30 PM
Cats of the Marin Headlands 6:30–9:30 PM
PRESIDIO
Crissy Field Aviation Walk 10 AM–NOON
The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM
Letterman Legacy 1–2 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS
Battery Townsley Open House NOON–4 PM
MILAGRA RIDGE
Of Bombs and Butterflies 11 AM–2 PM
OCEAN BEACH
World Ocean Day 10 AM–NOON
PRESIDIO
The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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PRESIDIO
From Post to Park
 1–3 PM

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PRESIDIO
National Cemetery Walk
 10 AM–NOON

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Fantastic Friday 10 AM–NOON

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FORT POINT
Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON
MARIN HEADLANDS
Oakwood Valley Woods and Hills 10 AM–1 PM
PRESIDIO
Walk with Juan Bautista De Anza 10 AM–NOON
Climate Connection 1–2 PM

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PRESIDIO
Pedaling the Presidio 10 AM–NOON
MARIN HEADLANDS
Lighthouses of the Bay Area
 11 AM–NOON, 1:30–2:30 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS
Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse
 8–10 PM
PRESIDIO
Clarkia Flowers at Inspiration Point
 NOON–1 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS
Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse
 8–10 PM
MUIR WOODS
Muir Woods by Moonlight
 7:30–9:30 PM

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PRESIDIO
Pacific Union Presents Concerts at the Presidio
 7:30 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Fantastic Friday 10 AM–NOON
MUIR WOODS
Summer Solstice 6–9 PM
PRESIDIO
Pacific Union Presents Concerts at the Presidio 7:30 PM

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PRESIDIO
Crissy Field Cleanup Day 9 AM
Ecological Restoration of the Waterfront
 10 AM–NOON
MUIR WOODS
Tidepooling at Slide Ranch 8–10 AM

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LANDS END
Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 10–11 AM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Trees of Kirby Cove 11 AM–1 PM
MORI POINT
Mori Point Meander 1–4 PM
PRESIDIO
A Walk in the Presidio Forest 1–4 PM

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PRESIDIO
National Cemetery Walk
 10 AM–NOON

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Fantastic Friday 10 AM–NOON
PRESIDIO
Pasados del Presidio
 11 AM–9 PM

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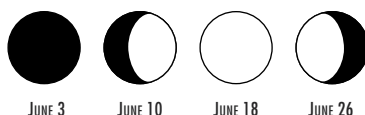
FORT POINT
Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON

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PRESIDIO
Mystery Hike 1–3 PM
MUIR WOODS
Ladybug Hike 9:30 AM–NOON

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JUNE 3

JUNE 10

JUNE 18

JUNE 26

HOW TO USE PARK ADVENTURES

Park Adventures features walks, talks, volunteer opportunities, and other programs offered by the National Park Service, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and the Presidio Trust. All programs are free (except where a fee is requested) and open to the public. The monthly calendar pages list programs by park site, date, and time. Program descriptions follow the calendar pages, are organized by park site, and include full contact and registration information. Program locations, dates, and times are subject to change without notice; please call ahead to verify information.

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SUNDAY

MONDAY


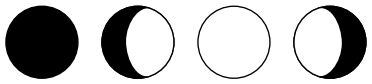
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MARIN HEADLANDS Beginning Birding 9:30–11:30 AM Battery Townsley Open House NOON–4 PM PRESIDIO Ridge to Bridge Ride 10 AM–1 PM SWEENEY RIDGE Sweeney Ridge Saunter 11 AM–2 PM			PRESIDIO From Post to Park 1–3 PM		CRISSY FIELD CENTER Fantastic Friday 10 AM–NOON MARIN HEADLANDS Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse 8–10 PM MUIR WOODS Muir Woods by Moonlight 7:30–9:30 PM	MARIN HEADLANDS Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse 8–10 PM PRESIDIO Crissy Field Cleanup Day 9 AM Ecological Restoration of the Waterfront 10 AM–NOON
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MARIN HEADLANDS Bridge in Fog 1–4 PM Lighthouses of the Bay Area 11 AM–NOON, 1:30–2:30 PM MILAGRA RIDGE Swords to Plowshares on Milagra Ridge 1–3 PM PRESIDIO On the Trail of the Buffalo Soldiers 1–3 PM				PRESIDIO National Cemetery Walk 10 AM–NOON	CRISSY FIELD CENTER Fantastic Friday 10 AM–NOON	FORT POINT Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON PRESIDIO The Presidio Rocks 10 AM–NOON MARIN HEADLANDS Point Bonita Lighthouse Sunset Tour 6:30 PM 
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LANDS END Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 11 AM–NOON						 JULY 2 JULY 10 JULY 18 JULY 25
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AUGUST

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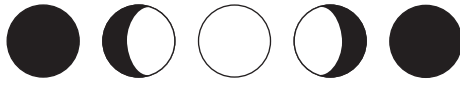
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CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Fantastic Friday
 10 AM—NOON

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FORT FUNSTON
 Cleanup Day 9:30 AM
MARIN HEADLANDS
 Nike Missile Site Open House 12:30—3:30 PM
PRESIDIO
 Aloha Festival 10 AM—5 PM
 Walk with Juan Bautista De Anza 10 AM—NOON
 The Last Gun 11 AM—3 PM

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PRESIDIO
 Aloha Festival 10 AM—5 PM
 The Last Gun 11 AM—3 PM

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PRESIDIO
 National Cemetery Walk
 10 AM—NOON

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Fantastic Friday
 10 AM—NOON

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FORT POINT
 Pier Crabbing 10 AM—NOON
PRESIDIO
 Presidio Birdlife 9:30—11:30 AM

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MARIN HEADLANDS
 Battery Townsley Open House NOON—4 PM
 Lighthouses of the Bay Area
 11 AM—NOON, 1:30—2:30 PM
PRESIDIO
 Wings Over Crissy Field 10 AM—NOON

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Fantastic Friday
 10 AM—NOON
MARIN HEADLANDS
 Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse
 7:30—9:30 PM

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FORT POINT
 Civil War Days 10 AM—5 PM
MARIN HEADLANDS
 Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse 7:30—9:30 PM
MUIR WOODS
 Muir Woods by Moonlight 7—9 PM
PRESIDIO
 Crissy Field Cleanup Day 9 AM
 Ecological Restoration of the Waterfront 10 AM—NOON
 First Flight to Hawaii 1—2:30 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS
 Beginning Birding 9:30—11:30 AM
MILAGRA RIDGE
 Of Bombs and Butterflies 11 AM—2 PM
PRESIDIO
 Pedaling the Presidio 10 AM—NOON

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PRESIDIO
 From Post to Park
 1—3 PM

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PRESIDIO
 National Cemetery Walk
 10 AM—NOON

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FORT POINT
 Pier Crabbing 10 AM—NOON
MARIN HEADLANDS
 Trees of Kirby Cove 11 AM—1 PM

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LANDS END
 Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 11 AM—NOON
MARIN HEADLANDS
 Rambling Round Rodeo Cove 11 AM—1 PM
PRESIDIO
 Patriotism and Prejudice 1—3 PM
SWEENEY RIDGEE
 From Sheldance to Sweeney Ridge NOON—4 PM

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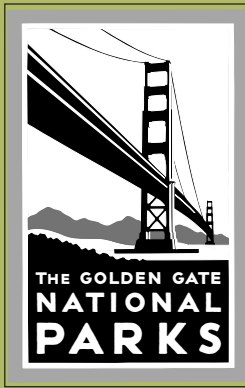
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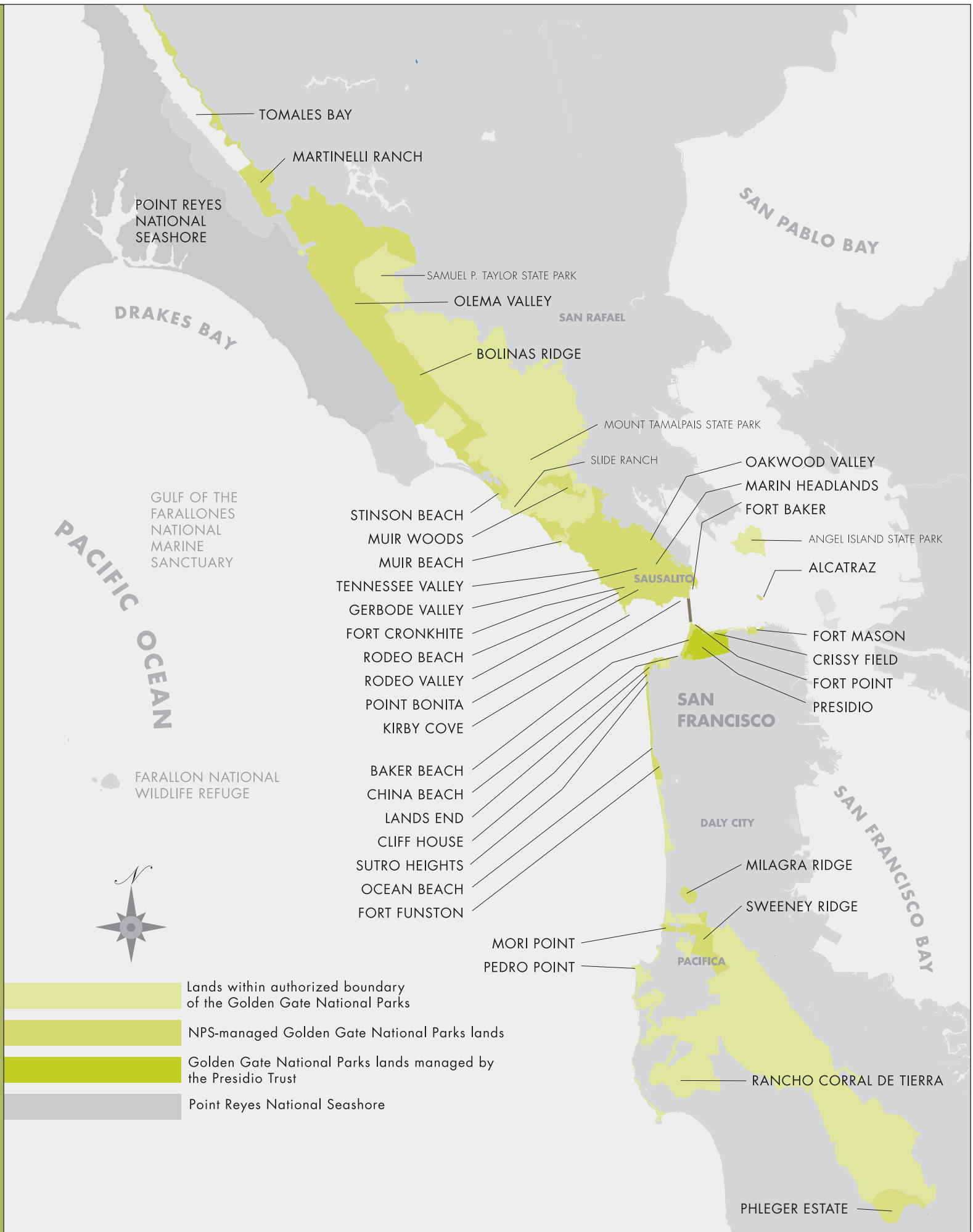
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Alcatraz Island
 Baker Beach
 Bolinas Ridge
 China Beach
 Cliff House
 Crissy Field
 Fort Baker
 Fort Cronkhite
 Fort Funston
 Fort Mason
 Fort Point
 Gerbode Valley
 Kirby Cove

Lands End
 Marin Headlands
 Martinelli Ranch
 Milagra Ridge
 Mori Point
 Muir Beach
 Muir Woods
 Oakwood Valley
 Ocean Beach
 Olema Valley
 Pedro Point
 Phleger Estate
 Point Bonita
 Presidio

Rancho Corral de Tierra
 Rodeo Beach
 Rodeo Valley
 Stinson Beach
 Sutro Heights
 Sweeney Ridge
 Tennessee Valley



PARK EVENTS

AT MULTIPLE SITES

ONGOING

Habitat Restoration Team

Sundays (9:30 AM—2:30 PM)

The Habitat Restoration Team, established in 1988, engages community members in the management and enhancement of our parks. Volunteers and staff meet weekly at scenic locations to restore the parks' native habitat by removing invasive plants, transplanting native plants, and seed collecting (spring through fall). Appropriate for adults and youth (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary; phone 561-4848 for locations, directions, and carpooling.

Invasive Plant Patrol

Wednesdays (10 AM—2 PM)

The Invasive Plant Patrol hikes park trails to find new invasions of exotic plants, and removes infestations before they become uncontrolled. You'll learn to identify malicious and benign plants during these hikes that last about four hours. Appropriate for adults and youth (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary, and work dates are sometimes intermittent; phone 561-4848 to register.

National Trails Day 6/7

Come participate in the nation's largest celebration of trails and the outdoors! On June 7, thousands of trail enthusiasts across the country will come together to restore and maintain trails in their communities. We will have projects in Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties. Join the Trails Forever team and our partner organizations the American Hiking Society, REI, and Unilever for a fun and rewarding day on the trails of the Golden Gate National Parks! For information on times and sites, call 561-3068 or e-mail kkiefer@parksconservancy.org.

Site Stewardship

Saturdays (10 AM—1 PM)

The Site Stewardship Program works to restore habitat for threatened and endangered species at special restoration sites in Pacifica and the Marin Headlands. Learn about local ecology and natural history while improving habitat for the mission blue butterfly, San Francisco garter snake, San Bruno elfin, and California red-legged frog. Projects involve a combination of hands-on work and short natural history lessons. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 8 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18).

Meet at Fort Mason, Building 34S, San Francisco, at 9:15 AM; carpools to work sites are provided. Phone 561-3077 to RSVP and for more information.

Trail Crew Volunteers

First and third Saturdays, April to November only (9 AM—NOON); Presidio crew: second Tuesdays, April to November only (NOON—3 PM)

Join the Golden Gate National Parks' Trails Forever team to help repair and maintain trails, construct new routes, and protect sensitive natural habitat in the Presidio, and Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 14 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Phone 561-3068 for meeting locations and directions.

ALCATRAZ



Open daily (except for December 25 and January 1). Join ranger-led programs, use self-guiding brochures, and take the new and improved cellhouse audio tour to learn about this

historic island (transcripts of the cellhouse audio tour are available for hearing-impaired visitors). A captioned video introduction about Alcatraz history is shown every 30 minutes in the museum theater. Additional exhibits containing Alcatraz artifacts and other historic items are located in the new museum store in the basement level of the cellhouse. Phone 561-4900, 9 AM TO 4 PM, for program and general information.

The SEAT (shuttle) transport is available for wheelchair users and visitors physically unable to walk up the quarter-mile, 12 percent-grade hill to the cellhouse. Children under 14 must be escorted by an adult; service animals allowed.

Daily ferry service to Alcatraz originates at Pier 33, and the cellhouse audio tour can be purchased with ferry tickets. Visit www.alcatrazcruises.com or phone 981-ROCK for ticket reservations.

Note: Alcatraz tickets frequently sell out as much as one week in advance. Planning ahead is crucial, especially during the summer.

Visit the Alcatraz websites at www.nps.gov/alcatraz and www.parksconservancy.org.

Volunteer Vacations: Take a Trip, Make a Difference

Want a summer holiday that's more than collecting postcards? Roll up your sleeves for an American Hiking Society Volunteer Vacation in the Golden Gate National Parks! Beautiful locations, great people, rewarding work, and enduring memories are all part of the one-week vacation. The Parks Conservancy is helping organize volunteer activities in our parklands. It's a whole new way to experience the trails! For details on vacations to the national park in your backyard, call 561-3068.

For more information on volunteer trips to spectacular parks and diverse locations across the country, visit www.americanhiking.org/volunteervacation.aspx.

All phone numbers are area code (415) unless otherwise noted.

Indicates a program that is closed-captioned.

Indicates either full or partial wheelchair accessibility.

PARK EVENTS

Volunteer in the Alcatraz Historic Gardens

Wednesdays and Fridays (8:30 AM—12:30 PM)

Volunteers will be introduced to the stories of the gardens and have the opportunity to visit some areas not accessible to the public. As an added bonus, garden volunteers arrive on Alcatraz before other visitors, allowing them to experience the island during its most tranquil time. Volunteer on the Rock on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Training, tools, and transportation to and from Alcatraz are provided. This is not a drop-in program; volunteers must be able to help for a minimum of one to three months. For information and an application, visit www.parksconservancy.org.

ONGOING

Alcatraz— Escape from Reality

This video presentation explores the connections between Alcatraz and Hollywood.

Alcatraz Historic Gardens

Fridays (9:30 AM, book the 9 AM ferry); Sundays (2:30 PM); May 23 to Sept. 23

Join a docent-led tour for an introduction to this often-overlooked aspect of the island's past. Thanks to the Alcatraz Historic Garden Project, the softer side of the Rock is being uncovered and shared.

Planted in the late 1800s, the gardens of Alcatraz were first tended by soldiers and later by prisoners, guards, and guards' families. Unfortunately, the gardens were largely forgotten when the prison shut down in 1963, and the climate and lack of water took their toll.

In 2003 the Garden Conservancy, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and National Park Service began a project to reclaim the gardens. Today, the gardens are a type of botanical museum—old roses gone wild, gnarled fruit trees, brilliant seasonal bulbs and plants from around the world. Volunteers currently work alongside garden restoration specialists to help revitalize this historic treasure.

Groups should call 561-3062 to arrange for tours tailored for them.

We Hold the Rock

In 1969, a group of Native Americans began a highly publicized, 19-month occupation of Alcatraz Island. This marked the beginning of a modern Indian movement of America's indigenous people. This award-winning permanent exhibit features photographs, music, video clips, and contemporary interviews with former occupiers.

Ranger-led programs are offered daily. Ask at the dock-level ranger station for times, locations, and program topics, which include:

- Alcatraz Is Indian Land
- Escapes
- Fortress Alcatraz
- The Natural Side of the Rock
- 200 Years on the Rock
- US Penitentiary Alcatraz Island

Alcatraz Night Tour

Feel a chill run down your spine as you venture into dark corners of this old island prison! Limited to just a few hundred visitors, the Alcatraz Night Tour programs include special topics, tours, and activities not offered during daytime hours. For more information, visit www.parksconservancy.org.

Buy boat tickets well in advance, as they sell out quickly. For tickets, visit www.alcatrazcruises.com or phone 981-ROCK for ticket reservations. For program information, phone 561-4926.

Alcatraz Kidz Tourz

Looking for something fun, unusual, and educational to do with your family? Join us for special family-oriented programs that include a guided tour from the dock to the prison, an audio tour of the cellhouse, and a special program designed for kids. For more detailed information, visit www.parksconservancy.org.

Buy boat tickets well in advance, as they sell out quickly. For tickets, visit www.alcatrazcruises.com or phone 981-ROCK for ticket reservations. For program information, phone 561-4926.

CLIFF HOUSE

Enjoy views of the Pacific Ocean and Seal Rocks from the public outdoor terraces of the Cliff House. The Cliff House Restaurant is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner; phone 386-3330 for reservations. The Camera Obscura on the lower terrace is open seven days a week,

weather permitting; phone 750-0415 for more information. Visit the Cliff House website at www.nps.gov/goga/clho.htm.

CRISSY FIELD CENTER



Crissy Field Center, located at 603 Mason St. (at Halleck) in the Presidio, is open daily, 9 AM—5 PM. Operated cooperatively by the National Park Service and the Golden Gate National

Parks Conservancy, the Center is dedicated to viewing the environment through multicultural perspectives in partnership with communities. The Center offers a variety of educational programs, including weekend workshops for youth and families, summer camps, and seasonal events.

Most programs are fee-based and suitable for all ages unless otherwise noted.

For a complete quarterly catalog, and registration and scholarship information, call 561-7752 or visit our website www.crisseyfield.org.

PARK EVENTS

A partial listing follows. All Crissy Field Center programs require reservations. Pre-registration is recommended for the weekend workshops, but drop-ins are welcome on a space-available basis. Phone 561-7752 to register. Seasonal events offered on a drop-in basis, unless otherwise noted. All programs meet at the Crissy Field Center, with exceptions indicated.



ONGOING Crissy Field Mystery Trail Challenge

Available every day, 9 AM—4 PM
Recommended for families and groups with children ages 5—10.

Calling all seaside sleuths! Grab a magnifying glass and get down to the Warming Hut, near the fishing pier at the western end of Crissy Field.

Once there, you'll find a booklet that directs you down the Mystery Trail in search of the first clue. There are nine secret plaques altogether, hidden along a one-mile waterfront trail—can you find them all? A prize awaits you if you can! Free. For groups of 20 or more, please call 561-7765 to register and to ensure that adequate supplies are available.

Crissy Field Summer Camp 6/23—8/15 (8:30 AM—4 PM)

Experience the Golden Gate National Parks in a new way, every day, at Crissy Field Center Summer Camp. Our one- and two-week day camps are designed to give children (grades K—8) in-depth experiences in our urban environment and local national park. Through a rich combination of outdoor investigation, field outings, and fun hands-on projects, campers learn about important ecological concepts and issues. Crissy Field Center's state-of-the-art learning environments, Science Lab, Arts Workshop, and Media Lab, serve as home base for these summer adventures.

Campers get the best of both worlds as they investigate the outdoors and then roll up their sleeves in the Center's labs to create, imagine, and experiment. Exciting new camps are offered each session. For more information please call 561-7765 or visit www.crissyfield.org.

Fantastic Fridays

Fridays, 6/13—8/15, no program 7/4 (10 AM—NOON)

Crissy Field is a magical and safe place for toddlers to explore the outdoors with their five senses and to develop a lasting appreciation for living things. This summer we'll explore your national park through fun hands-on activities and games designed to engage your toddler with nature. \$10 per child. Visit www.crissyfield.org for dates and details. Drop-in okay, pre-registration suggested; register at www.crissyfield.org or e-mail cfcregistrationinfo@parksconservancy.org or by fax 561-7695.

Internet for Older Adults

Fridays, 8/22—December (1:10—4 PM)

Dr. R. Wood Massi leads this survey of the concepts and techniques of

the Internet in an unhurried environment. Learn how to access and surf the Web, use e-mail, conduct research on the Internet, and create web pages. Emphasis will be placed on learning about the unique environment at Crissy Field and environmental-issue websites. Prerequisite: basic computer literacy (e.g. ability to save a file). Free. The Crissy Field Center is proud to be a partner site for the Older Adults Department of City College. The Older Adults Department offers classes for anyone 55 years or older. Classes are open for enrollment at any time during the semester, as long as the class is not already full. For more information, call R. Wood Massi, Older Adult Department Chair, at 920-6021.

FORT FUNSTON

ONGOING

Cleanup Day

6/7, 7/5, 8/2 (9:30 AM)
Bring dogs, friends, and family to help keep Fort Funston clean for everyone; held in conjunction with Fort Funston Dogwalkers. Bring gloves; trash bags are provided. Volunteers meet on the first Saturday morning of the month in the parking lot. For more information, phone Fort Funston Dogs at 468-1262.

Fort Funston Nursery and Stewardship/Fort Funston Green Team

Saturdays (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

The Fort Funston Nursery, one of five native plant nurseries in the park, grows 25,000 plants per year. Green Team volunteers participate in seed collection, propagation, transplanting, pruning, weeding, and outplanting. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP is requested; phone 239-4247 for information, registration, and directions.

FORT MASON

ONGOING

Fort Mason Gardeners

Tuesdays (9 AM—NOON)



Work with National Park Service gardeners—and enjoy views of the Golden Gate Bridge from Fort Mason, home to Golden Gate National Recreation Area headquarters.

Appropriate for adults and youth

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(chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meet in front of Building 112 (near Phil Burton statue). Phone 561-4199 for more information and to RSVP.

FORT POINT

During the retrofit of the Golden Gate Bridge, the Fort will be open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only, from 10 AM to 5 PM.

Phone 556-1693 to verify access hours. For more information, visit the Fort Point website at www.nps.gov/fopo.

ONGOING

"Building the Golden Gate Bridge"

Video made by Bethlehem Steel on the construction of this national engineering landmark.

Cannon Loading Demonstrations

Discover how soldiers were taught to load and fire a Napoleon 12-pounder cannon as part of a typical Civil War artillery drill.

"Fort Point, Guardian of the Golden Gate"

Award-winning, 30-minute video program about the history of Fort Point from 1776 through World War

II. Shown throughout the day.

The Fort Point staff offers a variety of programs; a schedule is posted at the Fort's entrance.

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Pier Crabbing 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23 (10 AM—NOON)

Learn about crabbing in the San Francisco Bay. We'll discuss equipment, bait, and rules, then you can try your luck with our nets. Reservations required; call 556-1693.



Civil War Days 8/16 (10 AM—5 PM)

The American Civil War Association will bring the past to life at Fort Point with military music and colorful uniforms. Talks and activities are scheduled throughout the day.

LANDS END

ONGOING

Lands End Stewardship

Thursdays and Saturdays (1—4 PM)

Become a Lands End Steward and help restore unique coastal habitat and enhance the trail systems along Lands End. Appropriate for adults, families, and youth ages 14 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary; phone 385-3065 for more information.

PROGRAMS

Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate

6/22 (10—11 AM), 7/27 (11 AM—NOON), 8/24 (11 AM—NOON)

On a moderate hike, see and learn about ships that perished on the rocky cliffs of the Golden Gate. Meet docent Rich Harned at the USS San Francisco Memorial parking lot on El Camino del Mar just north of 48th

and Point Lobos avenues. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

MARIN HEADLANDS



The Marin Headlands Visitor Center, once an army chapel, is open daily, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, and is a great place to begin your park explorations, relax after a hike, or enjoy our award-

winning exhibits. Be sure to check out The Greening Gallery, inside the Visitor Center, which showcases work from local artists.

Park visitors with limited mobility can now navigate the sands of Rodeo Beach by using a sand wheelchair (purchased with the help of a Whale Tale Grant from the California Coastal Commission).

The chair is available free of charge, and can be checked out daily, 10 AM to 3 PM, at the Marine Mammal Visitor Center at Rodeo Beach. Unless otherwise noted, all programs require reservations. For general information and to make reservations, phone 331-1540. Visit www.nps.gov/goga/marin-headlands.htm.

ONGOING

Battery Townsley Open House

6/8, 7/13, 8/10 (NOON—4 PM)

Open the second Sunday of each month. Battery Townsley at Fort Cronkhite was San Francisco's most extensive—and most secret—World War II military fortification. From 1940 to 1948, it mounted two massive battleship guns and housed more than 100 soldiers in an extensive network of underground tunnels; during the Cold War, it was used as an underground research facility. Long closed to public access, Battery Townsley has been refurbished and the public is invited to visit and explore this labyrinthine fortification. Battery Townsley is reached via a moderately strenuous hike up the Coastal Trail about a half-mile north of the Rodeo Beach parking lot. For further assistance to the site, call 331-1540.

Marin Headlands Nursery

Wednesdays (1—4 PM); Saturdays (9 AM—NOON)

Come grow with us at the Marin Headlands Native Plant Nursery! Each year, we grow over 30,000 plants to restore habitats within the Marin Headlands. The dedication

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and support of our volunteers are vital in the effort to grow plants, collect seeds, maintain the nursery facility, and much more. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 11 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP requested; phone 332-5193 for information.

Nike Missile Site Open House

6/7, 7/5, 8/2 (12:30–3:30 PM)
Open the first Saturday of each month, and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons. Unique in the National Park Service, this restored Cold War anti-aircraft missile site has stories to tell. Leashed pets are welcome. For updated visiting hours or tours, phone 331-1453. Buildings above ground are accessible. ♿

Visit www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm.

Point Bonita Lighthouse

Open Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays (12:30–3:30 PM)
Meet Point Bonita docents along the lighthouse trail. This hidden, historic setting offers breathtaking views and many stories. The half-



mile trail is steep in places.

For more information, phone 331-1540. Visit the website at www.nps.gov/goga/pobo.htm.

Tennessee Valley Native Plant Nursery and Stewardship

Tuesdays (10 AM–NOON, 1–4 PM)

The Tennessee Valley Nursery grows plants for more than a dozen restoration sites in the park, from Olema to the Marin Headlands. Help improve native habitat by removing invasive plants, outplanting, transplanting seedlings, pruning, and seed collecting. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 15 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP is requested; phone 331-0732 for information.

PROGRAMS

Beginning Birding 7/13, 8/17

(9:30–11:30 AM)

Enjoy an easy 0.75-mile walk along Rodeo Lagoon with docent Jane Haley to learn about the birds that visit the lagoon for the summer. Bring binoculars and field guides. Appropriate for ages 8 and up. Meet at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. Reservations required; phone 331-1540.

Bridge in Fog 7/20 (1–4 PM)

Picture the Golden Gate Bridge swathed in fog, with only its towers pointing above. We will follow the fog for photo opportunities on this carpool/hike. The hiking segments may be steep in places. Dress warmly, bring your tripod, and hope for fog. Meet Al Greening at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Cats of the Marin Headlands

6/7 (6:30–9:30 PM)

On this moderate four-mile round trip sunset hike to Tennessee Beach, we will be on the lookout for several bobcats that make their homes along the trail. We will also learn

about the other cats that inhabit or visit the Marin Headlands—the feral cat and the mountain lion. Bring clothing layers, water, a snack, and a flashlight. Sorry, no dogs. Meet Stefan Bartschat at Tennessee Valley trailhead. Limited to 25 people. Reservations required; phone 331-1540.

Lighthouses of the Bay Area

6/15, 7/20, 8/10 (11 AM–NOON, 1:30–2:30 PM)

Following the discovery of gold in 1848, the Bay Area experienced one of the most explosive population expansions in modern history.

During the latter half of that century, the men and women of the light-

house service, aided by their light and fog signals, directed hundreds of ships to safe passage through the Golden Gate and often provided life-saving services. These services played a critical role in the growth of a new state. Join docent Warren Riley for an illustrated talk inside the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Oakwood Valley Woods and Hills

6/14 (10 AM–1 PM)

Join Susan Ovington for a moderate five-mile hike up shady Oakwood Valley, across the ridge, and down Old Springs Trail.

Along the way we'll have great views of wildflowers, the Bay, the City, and the ocean. Dress in layers and bring lunch and water. Meet at the Oakwood Valley trailhead on Tennessee Valley Road. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Rambling Round Rodeo Cove

8/24 (11 AM–1 PM)

While exploring some Headlands habitats, we'll rove lagoon, valley, and beach, seeking what's "uniquely Headlands." Meet Katrina Wagner at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center for this moderate three-mile hike. Reservations required; please phone 331-1540.



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Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse

6/17, 6/18, 7/18, 7/19 (8–10 PM); 8/15, 8/16 (7:30–9:30 PM)
Watch the setting sun and greet the rising moon at this wild edge of the continent.

The half-mile trail is steep in places. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Meet park staff and docents at the Point Bonita Lighthouse trailhead. Limited to 40 people. Program fills quickly; make required reservation by calling 331-1540.



Trees of Kirby Cove

6/22, 8/23 (11 AM–1 PM)

Scattered among the coastal scrub and grasslands, the trees of the Marin Headlands reveal much about the landscape and human history north of the Golden Gate. Bring water and lunch. Stay and enjoy lunch on the bluffs above Kirby Beach and hike back at your own pace. Meet David Szczesny at the Battery Spencer parking area on Conzelman Road for this moderate two-mile (roundtrip) hike to Kirby Cove. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

MILAGRA RIDGE

PROGRAMS

Of Bombs and Butterflies

6/8, 8/17 (11 AM–2 PM)

Take an easy stroll with Nike veteran David Bridgman along Pacifica's Milagra Ridge—one of the most dramatic examples of "Swords to Plowshares" in the national park system, Nike missile site, and now the last stand for a quarter-sized endangered butterfly. Turn north at the traffic light at the intersection of Sharp Park Road and College Drive, and meet at the gate. For information, call (415) 561-4323. Leashed pets welcome.

Swords to Plowshares on Milagra Ridge 7/20 (1–3 PM)

Milagra has held some fearsome weapons, but now is noted for a successful habitat restoration as well as its famous endangered mission blue butterfly. Take an easy walk with Pacifica historian Jerry Crow to uncover Milagra's past and rejoice in its present. For information, call (415) 561-4323. Leashed pets welcome. Turn north at the traffic light at the intersection of Sharp Park Road and College Drive in San Bruno, and meet at the gate.

MORI POINT

PROGRAM

Mori Point Meander

6/22 (1–4 PM)

Walk with Pacifica historian Jerry Crow at the newly restored Mori Point, one of the newest parts of the Golden Gate National Parks. You'll learn about Mori's bawdy history and work toward saving two endangered species. Three-mile, moderately strenuous walk. Turn north off Highway 1 at Bradford Way in Pacifica. Park by the Moose Lodge at the south end of Bradford Way. For information, call (415) 561-4323. Leashed pets welcome.

MUIR WOODS

Open every day, including holidays, between 8 AM and sunset. Muir Beach and Muir Beach Overlook are open from 9 AM to one hour after sunset. The entrance fee for Muir Woods is \$5 per person, ages 16 and up. Phone the Muir Woods Hotline at 388-2595 for program reservations and updates on hours, seasonal news, trail conditions, and program

Avoid Stress of Muir Woods Parking... Take the Shuttle!

This summer, the Muir Woods Shuttle service is offered on weekends and holidays from May 3 through the end of September 2008. This year, the bus will stop at Marin City and the Manzanita Park and Ride Lot. The first bus leaves Marin City for Muir Woods at 9:30 AM and the last bus departs Muir Woods at 7:05 PM. Direct service to/from the Sausalito Ferry is available only from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Roundtrip fare costs \$3 per person. Visit www.nps.gov/muwo for details.

details. All programs meet at the Visitor Center unless otherwise indicated. Visit www.nps.gov/muwo for updates on activities.

ONGOING

Daily Programs

Rangers and volunteers present 15-minute ecology talks and guided on-hour tours when staffing permits. Check the program board at the park entrance for times and locations of talks and tours. No reservations necessary.

Growing Communities, A Muir Woods Quest

Muir Woods National Monument is offering an exciting and fun new self-guided booklet that is designed for families or groups called *Growing Communities, A Muir Woods Quest*. It guides you through the forest through rhyme, and you not only learn about the redwood forest but also discover clues. The final stop is a treasure box. This booklet is free and offered in our Visitor Center and at the information table.

Muir Woods Centennial

Celebrate the founding of this National Monument in 1908! Visit www.nps.gov/muwo for details on upcoming events and activities.

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Muir Woods Junior Rangers

Young people between the ages of 6 and 12 can become Muir Woods Junior Rangers. Ask about this program at the information table or at the Visitor Center.

Redwood Creek Nursery

Wednesdays and Saturdays
(10 AM—1 PM)

Grow and care for native plants and help maintain critical habitat. RSVP for meeting locations and directions; phone 383-4390.

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Ladybug Hike 6/29

(9:30 AM—NOON)

"Ladybug, Ladybug, fly away home"... to Muir Woods! Join a ranger to search for clustering ladybugs in Muir Woods and beyond. Why do they arrive each year at this time, where do they come from, what are they doing, and what will become of them? Learn about the ladybug's journey on this moderate 3.5-mile hike. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

Muir Woods Centennial History Walk

7/12 (9 AM—NOON)

Have we been preserving or conserving this ancient old-growth for-

est of coast redwoods? Join Evelyn Rose for this moderate two-mile, round-trip walk through Redwood Canyon and its immediate surroundings. We'll review the history of Muir Woods and discover how changes instituted over the past 100 years have impacted the National Monument. Bring walking shoes and water. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

Muir Woods by Moonlight

6/18, 7/18 (7:30—9:30 PM); 8/16 (7—9 PM)

Explore the magic of Muir Woods under a full moon and learn about the secret nightlife of an old-growth redwood forest. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight. Children under 8 years not advised. This is an easy 1.5-mile walk on a paved trail. For reservations, phone 388-2596.

Owl Wars 7/12 (7—10 PM)

Muir Woods marks the southern front in a battle for survival between two competing owl species. Join Steffen Bartschat on this strenuous four-mile dusk hike to look and listen for the owls that call Muir Woods home. Learn about their history and ecology, and hear the latest updates on the most famous owl

resident, the northern spotted owl, which is currently defending its habitat from the invading barred owl. Maximum 25 people. No dogs. Bring flashlight, layers, water, and a snack. An optional \$3 material fee for owl pellet dissection.



Summer Solstice 6/20 (6—9 PM)

Celebrate the longest day of the year with songs and storytelling around a bonfire. Dress warmly and bring a mug for hot drinks. Meet at Muir Beach. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

Tidepooling at Slide Ranch

6/21 (8—10 AM)

Family members of all ages can enjoy tidepooling with staff from Slide

Ranch the morning after the summer solstice. See up-close the different and fascinating aquatic species that inhabit Marin's coastal tidepools. Be sure to wear clothing and shoes that can get wet and dirty. Bring extra socks and layers in case of cool morning weather.

National Park Service, and the Surfrider Foundation, takes place on the third Sunday of the month. Please check the calendars at www.parksconservancy.org or www.sfsurfrider.org/prog.htm for specifics and meeting locations.

Community Clean Team at Ocean Beach 7/12

Help to clean and steward Ocean Beach with the Community Clean Team, in partnership with the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and National Park Service. The Community Clean Team is a citywide volunteer program that partners city agencies with residents, merchants, and students to clean and beautify San Francisco neighborhoods. The Community Clean Team is a partnership of DPW, SF Connect, and the Recreation and Park Department. For details, call 385-7778 or e-mail info@sconnect.org.

World Ocean Day

6/8 (10 AM—NOON)

Celebrate World Ocean Day by helping to clean and steward Ocean Beach. Join COARE, OceanHealth.org, Surfrider Foundation, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, National Park Service, and others in the effort to care for

OCEAN BEACH

Beach Cleanup and Fire Ring Maintenance

Specific Sundays (10 AM—NOON)

Help maintain the new fire rings and clean up Ocean Beach! Generally, the San Francisco Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation organizes cleanups on the first Sunday of the month. Fire ring cleanup, a cooperative effort of the Parks Conservancy,

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our beautiful coastline. For more information, e-mail info@coare.org or volunteer@parksconservancy.org.

PRESIDIO



Many of the programs listed here meet at the Presidio Visitor Center, located inside the Presidio Officers Club, 50 Moraga Avenue at Arguello Boulevard (Main Post area). The Visitor

Center is open daily from 9 AM to 5 AM. For information, call 561-4323 or visit www.nps.gov/prsf.

ONGOING

Area A Maintenance and Landscape

Saturdays (9 AM—NOON)

Volunteer to enhance the visitor experience at various sites throughout the coastal region of the Presidio. Project locations include East Beach, Crissy Promenade, Crissy Airfield, Baker Beach, and China Beach.

Projects include beach cleanups, vegetation pruning, sand removal, and broad-leaf plant removal. For details, please call 447-9743.

Crissy Field Cleanup Day

6/21, 7/19, 8/16 (9 AM)

Bring dogs, friends, and family to this monthly event and help keep Crissy Field clean of litter and dog waste. Bring gloves; trash bags are provided. Clean-up areas include the east and central beaches and the promenade area.

Volunteers meet the third Saturday of the month at the East Beach parking lot picnic tables. E-mail crissyfielddog@sbcglobal.net for information and to confirm event, as it is occasionally rescheduled.

Crissy Field Landscape

Thursdays (9 AM—NOON)

Help keep Crissy Field clean, green, and free of invasive weeds. Projects include beach cleanups, trail maintenance along the promenade, broad-leaf plant removal, and reseeding. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP is requested; phone 561-4325 for information.

Presidio Native Plant Nursery

Wednesdays and Saturdays (1—4 PM)

This nursery grows more than

60,000 plants per year! Learn to grow and care for native plants by transplanting seedlings, pruning, composting, seed collecting, and outplanting. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meet at the nursery, located at 1244 Appleton Street, San Francisco. Phone 561-4826 for more information and directions.

Presidio Park Stewards

Wednesdays and Saturdays
(9 AM—NOON)

Help enhance rare native plant habitat and create important wildlife corridors in the Presidio of San Francisco while learning about dune and serpentine systems and working in diverse habitats. Activities include invasive plant removal and native plant revegetation.

Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meet at 8:50 AM at Crissy Field Center, 603 Mason St. (at Halleck). Phone 561-3034, ext. 3445, to RSVP and for details.

Presidio Plant Patrol

Fridays (1—4 PM)

Help eradicate noxious weeds that pose threats to the native biodiver-

sity of Presidio plants and animals. Work sites are in many of the Presidio's out-of-the-way areas. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meet at 12:50 PM at Crissy Field Center, 603 Mason St. (at Halleck). RSVP requested; phone 561-3034, ext. 3445.

The Last Gun 6/7, 6/8, 7/5, 7/6, 8/2, 8/3 (11 AM—3 PM)

How can a 50-ton gun simply disappear? Learn this and more while helping load and aim the last operational gun of its kind. Photos of the century-old Endicott system batteries in action are on display in an un-



derground cartridge room. In case of rain, call 561-4323 for schedule. Located at Battery Chamberlin, north end of Baker Beach parking lot. 11 AM to 3 PM, first full weekend of each month.

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Aloha Festival

8/2, 8/3 (10 AM—5 PM)

Celebrate Pacific Islander culture and tradition with activities at Presidio Main Post. Sponsored by the Pacific Islanders' Cultural Association.

A Walk in the Presidio Forest

6/22 (1—4 PM)

Join this two- to three-mile moderate walk to explore the mini-forest planted by the army during the 1800s. Wear comfortable shoes, bring a water bottle, and dress in layers. Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the Visitor Center located in the Officers Club, 50 Moraga Avenue.

Bird Watching at the Western Tributary

7/8 (NOON—1 PM)

Search for the origins of this lesser known Tennessee Hollow tributary through maps and historic images as we follow the ravine up to its

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headwaters. Bring binoculars and look for birds that enjoy this riparian corridor. Easy one-hour walk. Meet docent Barbara Corff at the Officers Club, corner of Moraga Avenue and Arguello Boulevard. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Clarkia Flowers at Inspiration Point

6/17 (NOON—1 PM)

Join this easy one-hour tour to search the grasslands for the rare and endangered flowers that should be in bloom. Enjoy learning about serpentine soils, restoration techniques, and ongoing plans for expansion and monitoring this beautiful area's natural resources. Meet docent Barbara Corff at Inspiration Point parking lot. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Climate Connection

6/14 (1—2 PM)

Get connected with global warming and learn how you can help diminish its effects. Meet Ranger Will Elder at Crissy Field Center, corner of Halleck and Mason streets. Reservations required; phone 561-4323. ☺

Crissy Field Aviation Walk

6/7 (10 AM—NOON)

Explore Crissy Field and learn about



its role in early aviation history on this easy, one-mile walk. Meet docent Don Gray at the Warming Hut, at the west end of Mason Street. Call 561-4323 to make required reservation. ☺

Ecological Restoration of the Waterfront

6/21, 7/19, 8/16 (10 AM—NOON)

Experience Crissy's living tidal salt marsh! On this easy, two-mile walk, we will savor the wind, tides, sand, plants, and people that affect this ecosystem. Rain cancels. Meet docent Bob Halsey at the corner of Halleck and Mason in front of the Crissy Field Center. Reservations required; please call 561-4323.

First Flight to Hawaii

8/16 (1—2:30 PM)

Learn about the first flight from the mainland to Hawaii. Hear of the trouble and the triumph of this historic flight. Meet Ranger Marcus Combs at Crissy Field Center, corner of Halleck and Mason streets. Reservations required; call 561-4323. ☺

From Post to Park

6/11, 7/16, 8/20 (1—3 PM)

Learn about the past, present, and future of the Presidio on a moderate one-mile walk. Meet docent Rich Harned at the Officers Club, corner of Moraga Avenue and Arguello Boulevard. Reservations required; phone 561-4323. ☺

Letterman Legacy

6/7 (1—2 PM)

Learn about Letterman Hospital's history—and its future—while walking around the new and old buildings. Meet Ranger Marcus Combs at the flagpole by the corner of Lincoln and Torney. ☺

Main Post Walk

7/12 (1—2:30 PM)

Learn about the past, present, and future of the Presidio on a moderate one-mile walk. Meet Ranger Marcus Combs at the Officers Club, corner of Moraga Avenue and Arguello Boulevard. ☺

Mystery Hike

6/29 (1—3 PM)

Even if you think you know the Presidio, you'll be captivated by this moderate three-mile saunter up and down the park. Meet Ranger James Osborne at the Warming Hut, at the west end of Mason Street.

National Cemetery Walk

6/12, 6/26, 7/10, 7/24, 8/7, 8/21 (10 AM—NOON)

Hear about Medal of Honor recipients, a Union spy, an Indian scout, Buffalo Soldiers, and others buried here. Dress warmly. This one-mile walk has a steep uphill climb. Meet

docent Galen Dillman for this program. Call for meeting place. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Pasados del Presidio

6/27

Commemorate the Presidio's Spanish, Mexican, and Ohlone eras with kids' activities, lectures, music, and dance!

11 AM—NOON Join Early California descendents (Los Californianos) to celebrate the "birthday" of San Francisco.

NOON—3 PM Kids can explore the life ways of the California Indians of San Francisco Bay through stories, song, and activities.

7—9 PM Join a lively evening concert celebrating the Songs & Dances of Early California with the renowned Coro Hispano de San Francisco and Conjunto Nuevo Mundo.

For details, visit www.presidio.gov, or call 561-5500. Presented at the Presidio Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave. ☺

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On the Trail of the Buffalo Soldiers

7/20 (1—3 PM)

Learn how the African-American "Buffalo Soldiers" contributed to our country's rich history on a moderate one-mile walk. Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the Visitor Center located in the Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave.

Pacific Union Presents Concerts at the Presidio

6/19, 6/20 (7:30 PM)

Classical concerts and recitals highlighting young artists are offered



free to the community at the Golden Gate Club by Pacific Union Presents, in partnership with the Presidio Trust. Performances at the Golden Gate Club, 135 Fisher Loop. Call 447-6274 to reserve seats.

Patriotism and Prejudice

8/24 (1—3 PM)

Japanese-American soldiers trained here for intelligence work and were sent to war as their families were moved to internment camps. Learn about this poignant irony on an easy, half-mile walk. Meet Ranger James Osborne at Crissy Field Center, corner of Halleck and Mason streets. ☺

Pedaling the Presidio

6/15, 8/17 (10 AM—NOON)

Cycle through time. Spin your pedals and explore history and scenery on this six-mile, moderately strenuous bicycle ride through the Presidio. Helmet required.

Meet Ranger James Osborne at Crissy Field Center, corner of Halleck and Mason streets. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Presidio Birdlife

8/9 (9:30—11:30 AM)

See and learn about the diverse Presidio birdlife on a moderate one-

mile walk. Meet Ranger Will Elder at Crissy Field Center, corner of Halleck and Mason streets. ☺

Ridge to Bridge Ride

7/13 (10 AM—1 PM)

Experience the national parks straddling the Golden Gate as we cycle to the Marin Headlands and back on a strenuous 12-mile loop. Helmet required.

Meet Ranger James Osborne at the Officers Club, corner of Moraga Avenue and Arguello Boulevard.

The Presidio Rocks

7/26 (10 AM—NOON)

Learn the 160 million year story that underlies the Presidio on this two-mile, moderately strenuous walk. Wear comfortable walking shoes and a coat.

Meet Ranger Will Elder at Baker Beach north parking lot by Battery Chamberlin. Reservations required; please call 561-4323.

Walk with Juan Bautista De Anza

6/14, 7/5, 8/2 (10 AM—NOON)

"¡Vayan subiéndolo!" "Everyone mount up!" This was a familiar call from Spanish Captain Juan Bautista de Anza during the historic walk up

from Nogales, Arizona to present-day San Francisco in 1776.

Meet Ranger Eddie Arias at the Presidio Stables, Building 661, Cowles Street, for this moderate one-mile hike through the Presidio forest on the historic Anza Trail. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Wings Over Crissy Field

8/10 (10 AM—NOON)

Join a moderate one-mile walk through the history of aviation at the Presidio. Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the Warming Hut, at the west end of Mason Street. ☺

STINSON BEACH

The beach is open daily for picnics and recreational activities, from 9 AM to shortly after sunset.



For updates on hours and latest surf, tide, road, and weather conditions, phone 868-1922.

SUTRO HEIGHTS/ SUTRO BATHS

For information, phone 561-4323.

SWEENEY RIDGE

PROGRAMS

From Sheldance to Sweeney Ridge

8/24 (NOON—4 PM) Hike from Pacifica's Sheldance Nursery up to Sweeney Ridge with Pacifica historian Jerry Crow. This moderately strenuous hike takes you through Sweeney's history, from San Francisco Bay Discovery Site through Cold War missile control center. Directions: From intersection of Reina del Mar in Pacifica, drive north about 0.25 mile, keeping in right lane. Turn right up the driveway of Sheldance Nursery. At the top of the driveway, park on the left near the Sweeney Ridge sign. Leashed pets welcome. For information, call (415) 561-4323.

Sweeney Ridge Saunter

7/13 (11 AM—2 PM)

Hike the greatest place you've never been! Walk with Nike veteran David Bridgman to hear about the defense of Sweeney Ridge—from the Spanish explorers to Nike missiles to neighborhood activists—all while taking in sweeping views of the Pacific and the Bay. Leashed pets welcome. Reservations requested; phone (415) 561-4323.

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The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy is the nonprofit membership organization created to preserve the Golden Gate National Parks, enhance the experiences of park visitors, and build a community dedicated to conserving the parks for the future.

We seek private contributions to augment federal funds for the parks and work in collaboration with the National Park Service and the Presidio Trust to improve park sites, enlist volunteers in restoration projects, provide services and education programs for visitors and local communities, and engage diverse audiences in the national parks at the Golden Gate. To learn more about the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, visit our website, www.parksconservancy.org, or phone (415) 561-3000.



THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The National Park Service (NPS) manages the Golden Gate National Parks, as well as 390 other park sites across the United States. Established in 1916, the mission of the NPS is to conserve the scenery, natural and historic resources, and wildlife within these park lands and to provide for their enjoyment by future generations. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/goga, or phone (415) 561-4700.



THE PRESIDIO TRUST

The Presidio Trust is the federal agency established by Congress in 1996 to preserve the Presidio of San Francisco as an enduring resource for the American people. The Trust has jurisdiction over the interior 1,168 acres of the former military post. For more information, visit www.presidio.gov, or call (415) 561-5300.

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E-mail: membership@parksconservancy.org.

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

LOCATION	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Alcatraz Gardens*				8:30 AM–12:30 PM		8:45 AM–12:30 PM	
Area A Maintenance							9 AM–NOON
Crissy Field Landscape					9 AM–NOON		
Fort Funston Nursery							9:30 AM–12:30 PM
Fort Mason Gardeners*			9 AM–NOON				
Habitat Restoration Team	9:30 AM–2:30 PM						
Headlands Seed Collection				9:30 AM–NOON (MAY–SEPT ONLY)			
Invasive Plant Patrol*				10 AM–2 PM (SEASONAL)			
Lands End Stewardship					1–4 PM		1–4 PM
Marin Headlands Nursery				1–4 PM			9 AM–NOON
Ocean Beach Cleanup	10 AM–NOON (SPECIFIC DATES)						
Presidio Nursery				1–4 PM			1–4 PM
Presidio Park Stewards				9 AM–NOON			9 AM–NOON
Presidio Plant Patrol*						1–4 PM	
Redwood Creek Nursery				10 AM–1 PM			10 AM–1 PM
Site Stewardship							10 AM–1 PM
Tennessee Valley Nursery			10 AM–NOON, 1–4 PM				
Trail Crew Volunteers			NOON–3 PM (2ND TUES., APR–NOV), PRESIDIO				9 AM–NOON (1ST & 3RD SAT., APR–NOV)

SUMMERTIME IS THE VOLUNTEERING SEASON!

Inspired by your summer trips to parklands near and far? Pitch in at the parks in your own backyard, the Golden Gate National Parks! Preserve and restore these special places at one of our many drop-in volunteer opportunities available in Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties. All of them offer a great way to meet others who enjoy the parks as much as you do!

Tools and training are provided and no regular time commitment is required. Please wear sturdy shoes, dress in layers (in clothes that you won't mind getting dirty), and be sure to bring water and a lunch or snack.

To learn about the volunteer opportunities listed to the left, see the site-specific pages of this publication, or visit www.parksconservancy.org/help/volunteer.asp.

Most opportunities are drop-in (unless otherwise noted), but we recommend phoning ahead before attending any of these programs, as meeting locations, dates/hours, and work projects may vary. For more information, please call (415) 561-3077.

Volunteer programs are a cooperative, park-wide effort of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the National Park Service, and the Presidio Trust.

* Registration required

For registration and more information, call (415) 561-3077 or e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (commonly known as the Golden Gate National Parks) extends 40 miles to the north and 40 to the south of the Golden Gate, creating a vast greenbelt along the Pacific Ocean. Within the parks' boundaries are ancient redwoods, historic landmarks, miles of hiking trails, rocky shorelines, rare and endangered species, lush coastal wilderness, and breathtaking vistas. Take an hour, an afternoon, or a lifetime—and discover the national parks at our doorstep.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police/Fire/Ambulance 911

PARK VISITOR CENTERS, BOOKSTORES, AND CAFÉS

Alcatraz Island Bookstores (415) 561-4922

Alcatraz Ranger Station (415) 561-4900

Crissy Field Center Bookstore and Café Crissy
..... (415) 561-7761

Crissy Field Warming Hut
Bookstore and Café (415) 561-3040

Fort Mason/Park Hdqrs. (M–F)(415) 561-4700
..... TDD/V (415) 556-2766

Fort Point Visitor Center (Fri–Sun) (415) 556-1693
..... TDD (415) 561-4399

Marin Headlands Visitor Center (415) 331-1540

Muir Woods Visitor Center (415) 388-2596

Muir Woods Nature Hotline (415) 388-2595

National Park Store at Pier 39 (415) 433-7221

Presidio Visitor Center (415) 561-4323

..... TTY (415) 561-4314

ADDITIONAL HELPFUL NUMBERS

Alcatraz Night Tour (415) 561-4926

Alcatraz Program Information (415) 561-4900

Crissy Field Center (415) 561-7690

Fort Mason Center Information Line (415) 345-7544

Golden Gate Club (415) 561-2582

Beach Chalet Visitor Center,
Golden Gate Park (415) 751-2766

Habitat Restoration Team (415) 561-4848

Historic Nike Missile Site (415) 331-1453

Native Plant Nurseries

Fort Funston (415) 239-4247

Marin Headlands (415) 332-5193

Muir Woods (415) 383-4390

Presidio (415) 561-4830

Tennessee Valley (415) 331-0732

Pacifica Visitor Center (650) 355-4122

Point Reyes National Seashore (415) 464-5100

Presidio Park Stewards (415) 561-3034 ext. 3445

San Francisco Maritime
National Historical Park Museum (415) 561-7100

Site Stewardship Program (415) 561-3073

Stinson Beach Weather (415) 868-1922

Volunteer Information (415) 561-4755

Please call (415) 561-4700 (M–F) for information about park sites not listed on this page.

NATIONAL PARKS ON THE INTERNET

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

www.nps.gov/goga

ALCATRAZ www.nps.gov/alcatraz

FORT POINT www.nps.gov/fopo

MUIR WOODS www.nps.gov/muwo

PRESIDIO www.nps.gov/prsf

RELATED WEB SITES

CRISSY FIELD CENTER www.crisseyfield.org

FORT MASON CENTER www.fortmason.org

GOLDEN GATE CLUB www.presidio.gov

GOLDEN GATE RAPTOR OBSERVATORY

www.ggro.org

**GULF OF THE FARALLONES NATIONAL
MARINE SANCTUARY** www.farallones.org

HISTORIC NIKE MISSILE SITE
www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm

PRESIDIO TRUST www.presidio.gov

**SAN FRANCISCO MARITIME NATIONAL
HISTORICAL PARK** www.nps.gov/safr

The National Park Service website (www.nps.gov) includes ParkNet, an online information center for all 391 national park sites.

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