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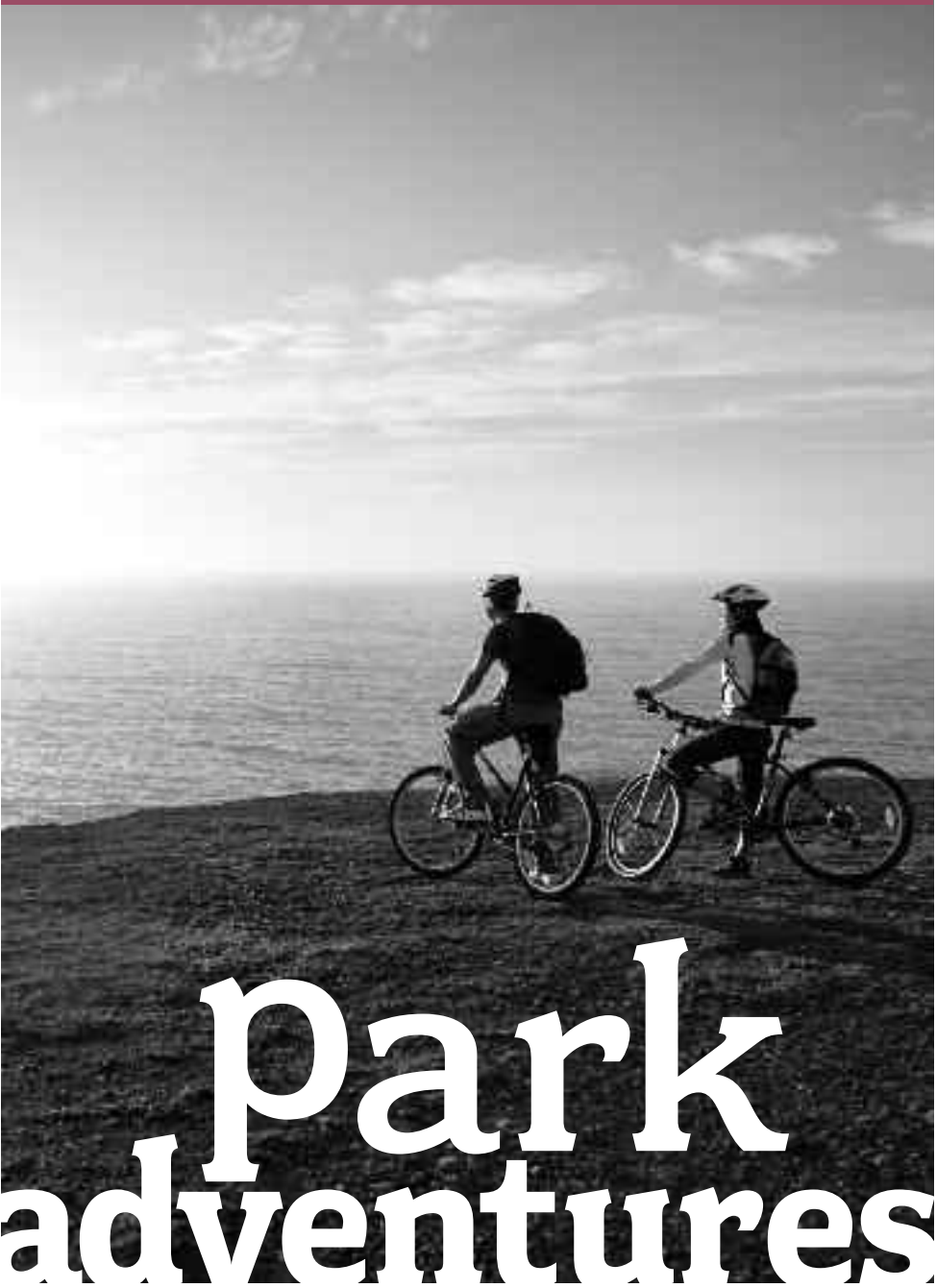
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# WINTER calendar & events

DECEMBER 2008

JANUARY, FEBRUARY 2009



# park adventures

## COMPASS POINTS

**Archaeological Work at Lands End Reveals Early City Life**

In advance of rehabilitation work around Merrie Way in spring 2008, an archaeological excavation at Lands End unearthed items that reveal glimpses of San Francisco's social and cultural fabric over 100 years ago. The artifacts—including jewelry, embossed “New Century” soda bottles, oyster shells from Washington State and the East Coast, and bones from steaks and lamp chops eaten long ago—hint at the fare around the concessionaires next to an early San Francisco “amusement park.” The items are currently being inventoried at Sonoma State University and will be featured in a future exhibit. Also, trail work at nearby Ocean Terrace (see “Destination” below) was routed around areas found to be rich with historic artifacts.

**Birds, Butterflies Return to Restored Crissy Field**

If you build it, they will come—such was the promise of a restored tidal marsh at the Presidio's Crissy Field, and that promise has been fulfilled. Since the restoration of marsh habitat at Crissy Field starting in 2000, over 100 bird species have returned. This summer, local naturalist Liam O'Brien recorded the first-ever observation of a western pygmy blue butterfly in the Presidio at Crissy Field. The presence of this butterfly, found only in salt marsh habitat, is further testament to the success of the Crissy Field restoration and its ongoing stewardship.

**Volunteer Geologist Helps the Park Explore Sea Caves**

The Gulf Coast of Florida in the northwestern panhandle and the Golden Gate National Parks seem to have little in common. But upon deeper investigation, both boast pristine beaches, coastal fortifications, and now a conscientious GeoCorps volunteer geologist, Connie Garrett. Working with subject matter experts and aerial photographs of the California coastline, Garrett has located an estimated 500 sea caves along the shoreline of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Point Reyes National Seashore. Formerly a geologist for the Florida State Department of Health, Garrett hopes to return next fall to map these largely unexplored features of the park.

## SPECIAL EVENT FOR PARKS CONSERVANCY MEMBERS

## FORT POINT CANDLELIGHT TOUR

Join us for a special members-only tour of Fort Point by candlelight. Meet at the Warming Hut for an after-hours shopping party featuring a 20-percent discount, hot chocolate, and cookies. Then take a special journey through Fort Point with Park Ranger Maureen Rogers.

**Event date and time:**

Thursday, December 11,  
5:30—8 PM

**Location:**

Meet at Warming Hut;  
park in Warming Hut lot

**Registration deadline:**

Thursday, December 4

**Fee:** Free

Limited to 34 participants;  
each member may request  
two spaces

**How to Sign Up for Members Event**

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 at (415) 561-3060.


E-mail us at [membership@parksconservancy.org](mailto:membership@parksconservancy.org).

Tell us your full name, telephone number, e-mail address, number of guests, and your membership number.

For paid events, credit card information

is required upon registration. We will bill you after registration is confirmed.

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](mailto:editor@parksconservancy.org).

## D E S T I N A T I O N

**A SNAPSHOT OF A TIME AND PLACE: OCEAN TERRACE, 1889—1920**

By John A. Martini,  
Park Ranger Emeritus

**T**ODAY, THE SITE OF OCEAN TERRACE is a vacant street corner, across from the entrance to Sutro Heights Park and adjacent to Lands End. But around the turn of the 20th century, Ocean Terrace was host to a lively mix of restaurants, saloons, curio shops, photo galleries, and other diversions geared toward visitors headed for Sutro Baths and the Cliff House.

Adolph Sutro (1830—1898), the philanthropist turned San Francisco mayor, had a vision for a recreation district at the City's northwestern tip. Ocean Terrace, completed in 1888 as a sort of 19th-century strip mall, was part of his plan. The tiny street, located at the northwest corner of today's Point Lobos Avenue and El Camino del Mar, consisted of a two-story “commercial block” building and four smaller buildings.

Ocean Terrace was sited across the tracks from the Ferries & Cliff House train depot, where visitors debarked for Sutro's many amusements. The businesses



**Ocean Terrace, with Sutro Heights Casino at right, circa 1903. (Courtesy John O'Neill Collection)**

were clearly situated to separate passengers from their change, and the presence of five liquor establishments on a street only 250 feet long attests to the hearty drinking abilities of early-day San Franciscans.

Ocean Terrace was a working-class neighborhood typical of turn-of-the-century San Francisco. Several of the proprietors and their families lived above their shops, and most took in single male boarders for ex-

**Sutro's World: If You Visit Today**

Explore Sutro Heights and Lands End and enjoy the recently revitalized Merrie Way area, which features an ocean overlook, Coastal Trail trailhead, interpretive kiosks, and improved parking. The new lot is at the intersection of Point Lobos Avenue and Merrie Way, up the hill from Cliff House. The ongoing revitalization of Lands End is made possible by the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Foundation, Horace W. Goldsmith Foundation, California Coastal Conservancy, and members of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy.

tra income. Tavern-owner Joseph Imhof held the record in 1910 when he reported 10 men living with his family as boarders. The 1900 and 1910 censuses reveal a blue-collar population that was overwhelmingly male and single. In 1900, all the adults living along Ocean Terrace were foreign-born Europeans—many from Germany—and names like Rohrs, Olsen, and Schmidt are on the register of shop owners.

Around 1918, due in part to restrictions on liquor sales near Fort Miley, almost all Ocean Terrace proprietors closed their establishments. Prohibition sealed the street's fate, and by 1923 all the buildings had been demolished to make way for El Camino del Mar.

# D E C E M B E R

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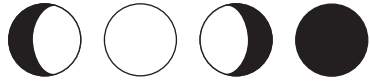
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**PRESIDIO**  
Wings Over Crissy Field  
1-3 PM

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**CRISSY FIELD CENTER**  
Season's Greenings 10 AM-3 PM  
**FORT POINT**  
Candlelight Tour 6:30-8 PM  
**FORT FUNSTON**  
Cleanup Day 9:30 AM  
**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Nike Missile Site Open House 12:30-3:30 PM  
**PRESIDIO**  
Walk with Juan Bautista de Anza 10 AM-NOON  
The Last Gun 11 AM-3 PM  
World War II on the Presidio 1-2 PM

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**CRISSY FIELD CENTER**  
Insectos y Más 2-4 PM  
**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Photo Walk on Pearl Harbor Day  
1-4 PM  
Winter Solstice Tree Ornament-  
Making and Decorating  
2-4 PM  
**PRESIDIO**  
The Last Gun 11 AM-3 PM

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**FORT POINT**  
Candlelight Tour  M  
5:30-8 PM

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**CRISSY FIELD CENTER**  
Winter Wonderland Villages  
1-3 PM  
**PRESIDIO**  
Little War, Big Impact  
1-2:30 PM

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**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Beginning Birding  
9:30-11:30 AM  
Lighthouses of the Bay Area  
11 AM-NOON, 1:30-2:30 PM  
Battery Townsley Open House  
NOON-4 PM  
**PRESIDIO**  
Buffalo Soldiers in a "Jim Crow" Army  
1-3 PM

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**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Sunset/Full Moon  
Walk to the Point  
Bonita Lighthouse  
4:45-6:45 PM

**FORT POINT**  
Candlelight Tour 6:30-8 PM  
**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Christmas at Point Bonita Lighthouse 10:30 AM-12:30 PM  
**MUIR WOODS**  
Fungi of Muir Woods 10 AM-1 PM  
**PRESIDIO**  
Crissy Field Cleanup Day 9 AM  
Presidio Birdlife 9:30-11:30 AM

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**MUIR WOODS**  
Winter Solstice  
3-8 PM

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**CRISSY FIELD CENTER**  
Winter Camp  
8:30 AM-4 PM

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**CRISSY FIELD CENTER**  
Winter Camp  
8:30 AM-4 PM

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**MUIR WOODS**  
Winter in the Woods  
10 AM-1 PM

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## 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.

# JANUARY

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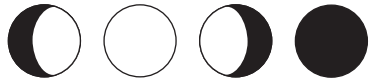
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<b>CRISSY FIELD CENTER</b> Dunas de Lobos 2–4 PM <b>MARIN HEADLANDS</b> Lighthouses of the Bay Area 11 AM–NOON, 1:30–2:30 PM <b>PRESIDIO</b> The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM	4	5	6	7	8	<b>CRISSY FIELD CENTER</b> Digital Photography for Adults and Teens 10 AM–2:30 PM <b>MUIR WOODS</b> Muir Woods Centennial History Walk 9 AM–NOON Fungi of Muir Woods 10 AM–1 PM <b>PRESIDIO</b> Walk with Juan Bautista de Anza 10 AM–NOON Little War, Big Impact 1–2:30 PM
<b>MARIN HEADLANDS</b> Beginning Birding 9:30–11:30 AM Battery Townsley Open House NOON–4 PM Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse 4:45–6:45 PM <b>PRESIDIO</b> Buffalo Soldiers in a “Jim Crow” Army 1–3 PM	11	12	13	14	15	<b>FORT POINT</b> Candlelight Tour 6:30–8 PM <b>MARIN HEADLANDS</b> Historic Fort Baker Tour 1–2 PM <b>MUIR WOODS</b> Winter in the Woods 10 AM–1 PM <b>PRESIDIO</b> Crissy Field Cleanup Day 9 AM The Presidio from Gold Rush to the Civil War 1–2:30 PM
<b>PRESIDIO</b> Little War, Big Impact 1–2:30 PM <b>SWEENEY RIDGE</b> The Greatest Place You’ve Never Seen NOON–3 PM	18	<b>AT MULTIPLE SITES</b> Teens on Trails 10 AM–1 PM	20	21	22	24
<b>LANDS END</b> Marine Mammal Walk 1–3 PM <b>PRESIDIO</b> Unsung Heroes NOON–1 PM	25	26	27	28	29	<b>CRISSY FIELD CENTER</b> Digital Photography for Adults and Teens 10 AM–2:30 PM <b>FORT POINT</b> Civil War Days 10 AM–5 PM

# F E B R U A R Y

SUNDAY

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**CRISSY FIELD CENTER**

**Fabulas de Flores**  
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**CRISSY FIELD CENTER** Chinese New Year Celebration 10 AM-NOON  
**FORT FUNSTON** Cleanup Day 9:30 AM  
**FORT POINT** Candlelight Tour 6:30-8 PM  
**MARIN HEADLANDS** Nike Missile Site Open House 12:30-3:30 PM  
**MUIR WOODS** Muir Woods Earth Day 8:30 AM-1 PM  
**PRESIDIO**  
**The Last Gun** 11 AM-3 PM  
**Little War, Big Impact** 1-2:30 PM

**MARIN HEADLANDS**

**Beginning Birding**  
9:30-11:30 AM  
**Lighthouses of the Bay Area**  
11 AM-NOON, 1:30-2:30 PM  
**Battery Townsley Open House**  
NOON-4 PM  
**PRESIDIO**  
**The Last Gun** 11 AM-3 PM

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**MARIN HEADLANDS**

**Sunset/Full Moon**  
**Walk to the Point**  
**Bonita Lighthouse**  
5:30-7:30 PM  
**MUIR WOODS**  
**Owl Wars**  
3:30-6:30 PM

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**MUIR WOODS**  
**Winter in the Woods**  
10 AM-1 PM  
**Watershed Walk**  
10 AM-2 PM  
**PRESIDIO**  
**Presidio Lust**  
1-3 PM

**PRESIDIO**

**Buffalo Soldiers in a "Jim Crow" Army**  
1-3 PM

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**CRISSY FIELD CENTER**  
**Summer Camp Open House**  
10 AM-2 PM  
**FORT POINT**  
**Candlelight Tour**  
6:30-8 PM  
**PRESIDIO**  
**Crissy Field Cleanup Day**  
9 AM  
**Charles Young, the Buffalo Soldiers,**  
**and the Fight for Equality**  
1-2 PM

**PRESIDIO**

**Little War, Big Impact**  
1-2:30 PM

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**CRISSY FIELD CENTER**  
**Family Campfire**  
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**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
**Historic Fort Baker Tour**  
1-2 PM



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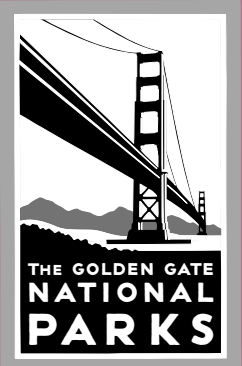
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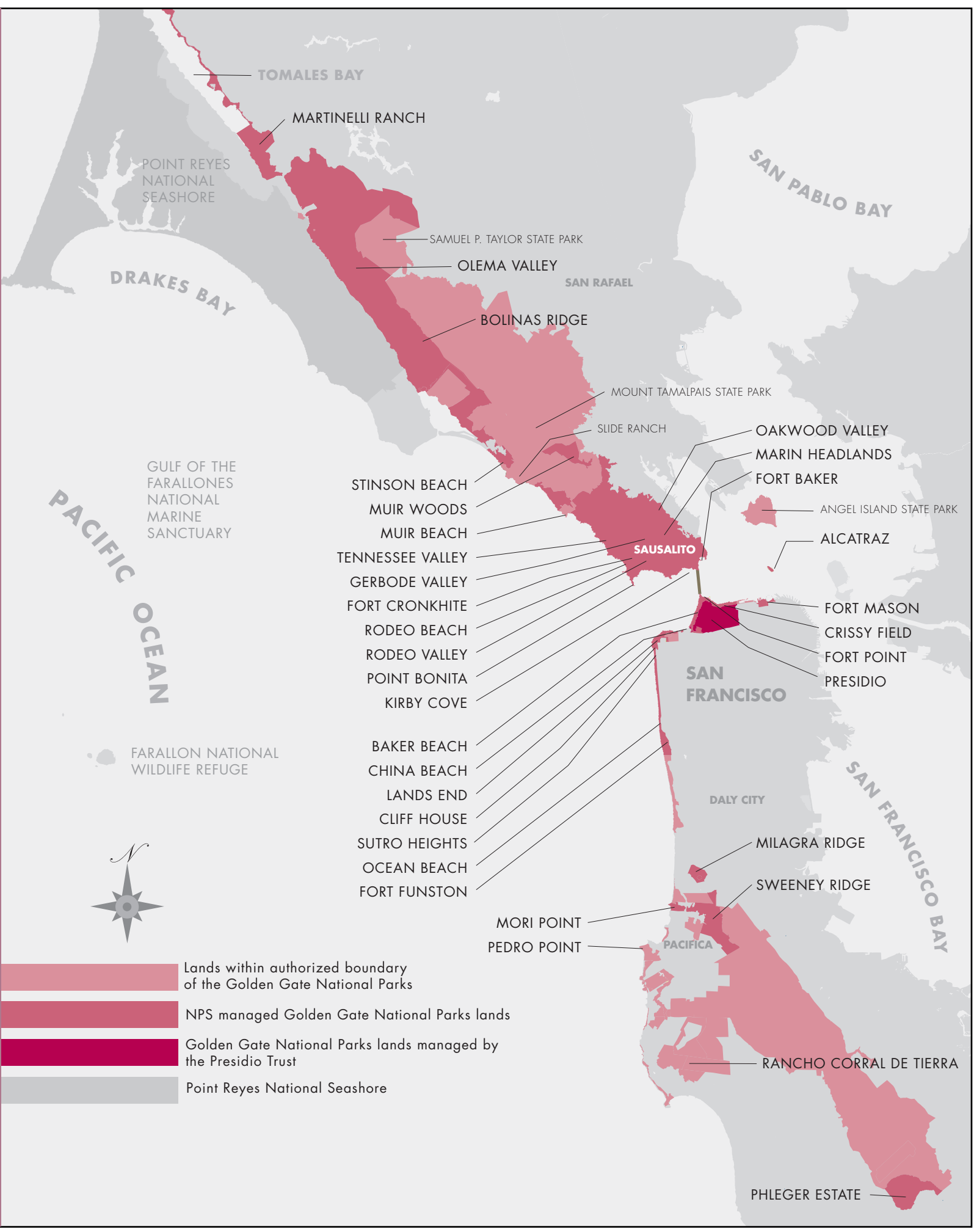
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- Alcatraz Island
- Baker Beach
- Bolinas Ridge
- China Beach
- Cliff House
- Crissy Field
- Fort Baker
- Fort Cronkhite
- Fort Funston
- Fort Mason
- Fort Point
- Gerbode Valley
- Kirby Cove
  
- Lands End
- Marin Headlands
- Martinelli Ranch
- Milagra 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 the Golden Gate National Parks. Volunteers and staff meet weekly at different scenic

locations to restore the parks' native habitat by removing invasive plants, transplanting native plants (a key winter activity), 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 carpool availability.

#### Invasive Plant Patrol

Wednesdays (10 AM—2 PM)

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

#### 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, the San Francisco garter snake, the San Bruno elfin, and the 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.

#### Teens on Trails

1/19 (10 AM—1 PM)

Need to fulfill service credits at your school? Use your Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday day off as a "day on" and celebrate the holiday by helping restore your national park. We have specially scheduled programs throughout the year at sites in Marin, the Presidio, San Francisco, and San Mateo. This project is just for teens, so come with friends, classmates, or your school club. Join the Trails Forever Team to do trail maintenance and habitat restoration along some of the most scenic trails in the park. For details, call 561-3077 or e-mail [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org).

## ALCATRAZ



Open daily (except for December 25 and January 1). Join ranger-led programs, use self-guiding brochures, and take the award-winning 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;

## Pitch In During Parks' Planting Season

Winter season, November—March

Help restore native habitat throughout the Golden Gate National Parks. We've propagated nearly 120,000 native plants in our nurseries and now it's time to get the plants in the ground before the rainy season ends. We'd be excited to have you join us! We have ongoing restoration projects throughout San Mateo, San Francisco, and Marin where we could use your help. Individuals and groups are welcome.

For information on schedules, locations, and directions, visit [www.parksconservancy.org](http://www.parksconservancy.org) and click the "Volunteer" link. Contact us at 561-3077 or [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org).

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

**CC** Indicates a program that is closed-captioned.

**♿** Indicates either full or partial wheelchair accessibility.

\* Program presented in Spanish with English translation provided.

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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](http://www.alcatrazcruises.com) or phone 981-ROCK for ticket reservations. Note: Alcatraz tickets frequently sell out as much as one week in advance. Visit the Alcatraz website at [www.nps.gov/alcatraz](http://www.nps.gov/alcatraz).

### ONGOING

#### Alcatraz—Escape from Reality

This video presentation explores the connections between Alcatraz and Hollywood.

#### Alcatraz Historic Gardens Volunteers

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

The gardens once created by military and federal prison staff and inmates on San Francisco's Alcatraz Island are being reclaimed as a joint project of The Garden Conservancy, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and the National Park Service. Help join the effort! Adults 18 and over are welcome. This is not a drop-in program; registration is required. Visit

[www.parksconservancy.org](http://www.parksconservancy.org) for application materials and information.

#### 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](http://www.parksconservancy.org). Buy boat tickets well in advance, as they sell out quickly. For tickets, visit [www.alcatrazcruises.com](http://www.alcatrazcruises.com) or phone 981-ROCK for 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](http://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, Center

programs encourage new generations to be bold leaders for thriving parks, healthy communities and a more environmentally just society. 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 561-7765 or visit our website [www.crisseyfield.org](http://www.crisseyfield.org).

A partial listing follows. Some Crissy Field Center programs require reservations. Pre-registration is recommended for most programs, but drop-ins are welcome on a space-available basis.

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 to 10. Calling all seaside sleuths! Grab a magnifying glass and get down to

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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.

## PROGRAMS

### Chinese New Year Celebration

2/7 (10 AM—NOON)

Come learn about the Chinese zodiac and help us welcome the Lunar Year of the Ox with family fun, games, and activities. Enjoy some traditional Chinese snacks and learn how to shine coins for your "lai see" (lucky red envelopes). Celebrate in song and dance and listen to the stories about the origins of Chinese New Year. Then, make some ornamental firecrackers and lanterns to take home. \$8 per family of four. Pre-registration is recommended; drop-ins welcomed on first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.



### Digital Photography for Adults and Teens

1/10, 1/31 (10 AM—2:30 PM)

Learn the basics of digital photography in our Media Lab and then head out to the marsh with one of our digital cameras (or bring your own). Once you have your photos, return to the Media Lab to learn how to touch-up photos using Adobe Photoshop Elements, the popular consumer photo-editing software. Ages 13 and up. \$50 fee. Pre-registration is required.

**Dunas de Lobos** 1/4 (2—4 PM)\* Venga y disfrute los tesoros culturales y naturales del parque por medio de una divertida búsqueda de animalitos en el bosque y el arroyo. Visite una comunidad restaurada de plantas nativas frágiles pero perseguidas. El programa dará inicio en el estacionamiento de Lobos Dunes localizado a mano derecha cuando entrada el parque por la 25 avenida.

Gratis: Familias con niños de 7 años o mas. Inscripción es necesaria llame a la Guarda Bosques Fátima Colindres al 561-2805.

**Fabulas de Flores** 2/1 (2—4 PM)\*

Disfrute de un paseo alrededor del arroyo Thompson's Hollow mientras buscamos plantas y escuchamos cuentos y leyendas sobre sus usos en arte, comida y medicina.

Gratis: Para toda la Familias. Inscripción es necesaria llame a la Guarda Bosques Fátima Colindres al 561-2805. ☺

**Family Campfire** 2/28 (5—7 PM)

Celebrate the wonder of the spring season with an outdoor campfire at Crissy Field Center. Join us for storytelling and merriment as we watch the sunset in the west. We'll even make s'mores and sip hot cider by

the fire. \$20 per family of three; \$8 per additional family member. All ages welcome.

**Insectos y Más** 12/7 (2—4 PM)\*

¿Qué tan limpia es el agua del Polín? Los insectos nos lo pueden decir. Vengan conmigo a investigar insectos, babosas, y muchos bichos más que viven en el riachuelo. Traigan sus cajitas para ver insectos o usen una de las nuestras. Con lluvia o sin lluvia nos divertiremos explorando El Presidio. El programa dará inicio en el edificio 50 Moraga Ave., Officers Club en el Presidio de San Francisco y culmina en el manantial El Polín.

Gratis: Familias con niños de 4 a 9 años de edad. Inscripción es necesaria llame a la Guarda Bosques Fátima Colindres al 561-2805. ☺

**Season's Greenings**

12/6 (10 AM—3 PM)

Did you know that during the holidays, the amount of trash Americans throw away goes up by 1 million tons a week? This year, make sure the holidays are happy for the planet by creating your very own one-of-a-kind gifts from recycled materials. You can make something for everyone on your list: container gardens, digital greeting cards, and

much more. There'll be organic hot cider to sip and popcorn to munch, so bring the whole family!

All ages welcome. Individual activities range in price from \$1 to \$5. Drop-ins welcome.

**Summer Camp Open House**

2/21 (10 AM—2 PM)

Parents, this is your opportunity to learn about the Center's super summer camps and sign up for first-

### Crissy Field en Español

If Spanish is your first language, you and your family can take advantage of our Spanish-language walking tours and workshops. Ranger Fátima Colindres is your guide to a different experience the first Sunday of most months. This winter, explore Lobos Dunes and learn all about flowers, plants, and insects. Call 561-2805 for more information.

**Insectos y Más (12/7)\***

**Dunas de Lobos (1/4)\***

**Fabulas de Flores (2/1)\***

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choice sessions before they fill. Watch a slideshow showcasing camper experiences from last summer, meet camp staff, and ask questions. Kids can preview some of our signature camp activities. Free.

### Winter Camp

12/22, 12/23 (8:30 AM—4 PM)

Spend time being creative in the arts workshop, do some investigative work in the ecology lab or explore the beautiful outdoors. Grades 1-6. \$60 per day (\$15 extra per day for extended care, to 5:30 PM). Pre-registration required; please call 561-7765.

### Winter Wonderland Villages

12/13 (1—3 PM)

'Tis the season to recycle! This program will allow families to create their own winter villages entirely from recycled materials. The whole family is welcome. \$15 per family of four; \$5 per individual.

## FORT FUNSTON

### ONGOING

#### Fort Funston Cleanup Day

12/6, 1/3, 2/7 (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. The 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 (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](http://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.

## PROGRAMS

### Candlelight Tour

12/6, 12/20, 1/3, 1/17, 2/7, 2/21 (6:30—8 PM)

Take a tour of old Fort Point by the light of candles and stars. Reservations required; please phone 556-1693.

### Civil War Days

1/31 (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 scheduled throughout the day.





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## 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 385-4864 for more information.

### PROGRAMS

#### Marine Mammal Walk

1/25 (1—3 PM)

Join Peter Winch, naturalist with the Gulf of the Farallones Marine Sanctuary, to learn how to spot and identify some of the intriguing marine mammals you'll see on the California coast. We will be on the lookout for harbor porpoises, sea lions, and even gray whales. All ages are wel-

come! Bring binoculars if you have them and be prepared for wind, fog, and rain. Meet at the Lands End trailhead at the north end of the Lands End parking lot. To RSVP, call 385-3065 or e-mail [cchristman@parksconservancy.org](mailto:cchristman@parksconservancy.org).

## 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. Please note: The Visitor Center will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Thursday, December 25.

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; call 289-7355.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs require reservations. For general information and to make reservations, phone the Marin Headlands Visitor Center at 331-1540.

Information is available online at [www.nps.gov/goga/marin-headlands.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/marin-headlands.htm).

### ONGOING

#### Battery Townsley Open House

12/14, 1/11, 2/8 (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 approximately half-mile north of the Rodeo Beach parking lot. For further assistance to the site, call 331-1540.

#### Marin Headlands Junior Rangers

Calling all Junior Rangers! A fun opportunity for young people, ages 8-12, to explore the Marin Headlands

is now available free from the Visitor Center. Pick up your booklet and take the day to learn the area's fascinating stories. Become a Marin Headlands Junior Ranger on your next visit.

#### 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 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 suggest for youth under age 18). RSVP requested; phone 332-5193 for information.

#### Nike Missile Site Open House

12/6, 1/3, 2/7 (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 intriguing stories to tell. Leashed pets are welcome. For up-

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dated visiting hours or tours, phone 331-1453. Buildings above ground are wheelchair accessible. Visit the Nike Missile website at [www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm](http://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 Point Bonita Lighthouse website at [www.nps.gov/goga/pobo.htm](http://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

12/14, 1/11, 2/8 (9:30—11:30 AM)

Join docent Jane Haley and enjoy an easy walk along Rodeo Lagoon to discover what birds seek shelter from the winter storms. Bring binoculars and field guides. For ages 8 and older. Reservations required, phone 331-1540.

#### Christmas at Point Bonita Lighthouse

12/20 (10:30 AM—12:30 PM)

As we hike to a 19th-century marvel of technology, we learn more about life in the Victorian age and the ori-

gins of our American Christmas traditions. A special behind-the-scenes tour of the Point Bonita Lighthouse is included. 25 persons maximum. No dogs. Dress in layers and bring a snack. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

#### Lighthouses of the Bay Area

12/14, 1/4, 2/8

(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 lighthouse 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.

#### Photo Walk on

Pearl Harbor Day 12/7 (1—4 PM)

Visit recently restored underground sections of Battery Townsley and continue up the Coastal Trail to see some World War II sand-bag fox-holes. This walk is a moderately

strenuous, uphill, approximately three-mile round-trip hike. Wear sturdy shoes and bring tripods or flash equipment for photographing in the Battery. Meet Al Greening at Headlands Visitor Center. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

#### Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse

12/15 (4:45—6:45 PM),  
1/11 (4:45—6:45 PM),  
2/9 (5:30—7:30 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. Reservations required; phone 331-1540.

#### Winter Solstice Tree Ornament-Making and Decorating

12/7 (2—4 PM)

Join the Marin Headlands rangers in making and decorating the Winter Solstice tree! We'll be working with natural materials to create a solstice decor that would bedazzle the winter fairies! Meet at the Headlands Visitor Center. For more information, phone 331-1540.

#### Historic Fort Baker Tour

1/17, 2/28 (1—2 PM)

Come visit Fort Baker's historic Colonial Revival buildings and learn how this 1905 army post represented a new and improved standard of living for the officers and soldiers stationed here. Meet architectural historian Kristin Baron at the Cavallo Point reception building, 601 Murray Circle. This easy, one-mile walk has one slightly steep hill climb. Program limited to 20 people; heavy rain cancels. For reservations and parking information, call 331-1540.

## 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 updates on hours, sea-

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sonal news, trail conditions, and program details. All programs meet at the Muir Woods Visitor Center unless otherwise indicated. Visit [www.nps.gov/muwo](http://www.nps.gov/muwo) for the latest news and updates.



## ONGOING

### Daily Programs

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

### 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.

### Growing Communities, A Muir Woods Quest

Muir Woods National Monument is offering an exciting and fun 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 to a treasure box. This booklet is free and offered in our Visitor Center and at the information table.

### Muir Woods Centennial

Celebrate the 1908 founding of this National Monument this year! Visit

[www.nps.gov/muwo](http://www.nps.gov/muwo) for details. Carry the spirit of William Kent forward by learning how you can support the parks at [www.parksconservancy.org](http://www.parksconservancy.org).

### Muir Woods Junior Rangers

Young people between the ages of 6 and 12 can become Muir Woods Junior Rangers. Inquire at the information table or 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.

## PROGRAMS

### Fungi of Muir Woods

12/20, 1/10 (10 AM—1 PM)  
Join mycologist Robert Mackler for an exploration of the fungi of Muir Woods. Begin with a slide show, "Mushrooms 101," and time for questions. Then go into the field to look at fungi in their natural setting. Bring water, lunch, and close-up photography equipment, and be prepared for wet weather. This program is geared for adults. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

### Winter in the Woods

12/27, 1/17, 2/14 (10 AM—1 PM)  
Experience the magic of Muir Woods in the wintertime! Search for salmon in the creek, banana slugs on the trail, emerging mushrooms, and seasonal birds in the trees. Enjoy the smell and silence of the forest during the absence of the summer crowds. Join Ranger Joseph Ritchie on an exploration of Muir Woods for winter-time phenomenon. Dress for wet and cold weather. Bring water and good shoes. For more information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

### Winter Solstice

12/21 (3—8 PM)  
Celebrate the longest night of the year with the tallest trees on earth! This outdoor program is suitable for all ages and will begin at the Visitor Center...rain or shine. Activities and events include the making of solstice crowns, a stage performance of songs, stories, and puppetry, and walking the trails of Muir Woods lit by luminaria. No reservations required. The program is free.

This evening can be dark and chilly; we ask visitors to bring a flashlight, dress warmly (layers/blankets), and bring a mug for warm drinks. For

details, please call the hotline at 388-2596 as the date approaches.

### Watershed Walk

2/14 (10 AM—2 PM)  
Walk the Redwood Creek Watershed to observe and witness seasonal changes, enjoy winter weather, and see new views. Learn about park projects currently in planning on this seven-mile walk, including some uphill stretches. Bring lunch and dress warmly. Meet at Muir Woods Visitor Center. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

### Muir Woods Centennial History Walk

1/10 (9 AM—NOON)  
Have we been preserving or conserving this ancient old-growth forest of coast redwoods? Join Evelyn Rose for this moderate two-mile, round-trip walk through Redwood Canyon and its immediate sur-

### Salmon Spawning

Winter is salmon spawning season at Muir Woods. Check the hotline 388-2596 or our website to learn if the fish have arrived. Upon your arrival at Muir Woods, check with the visitor center for current salmon spawning locations and interpretive activities.

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roundings. Participants will review the history of Muir Woods and discover how changes instituted over the past 100 years have impacted the National Monument. Heavy rain/high winds cancel. Bring walking shoes and water. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

### Muir Woods Earth Day

2/7 (8:30 AM—1 PM)  
Volunteer at our annual Muir Woods Earth Day celebration. Enjoy the majestic redwoods while helping to restore and preserve this spectacular national park.

Projects include planting, weeding, mulching, beach cleanup, and trail maintenance throughout the Redwood Creek Watershed. All participants are invited to stay for lunch at the end.

Individuals and groups welcome. Registration takes place from 8 to 8:30 AM. In addition to this special event, there are regular projects every Wednesday and Saturday, 10 AM to 1 PM.

For more information on Muir Woods Earth Day and other volunteer opportunities, contact us at 561-3077 or [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org).

### Owl Wars

2/9 (3:30—6:30 PM)  
Muir Woods marks the southern front in a battle for survival between two competing owl species. On this strenuous seven-mile dusk hike we will look and listen for the owls that call Muir Woods home, learn more about their history and ecology, and receive the latest research updates on our most famous resident, the spotted owl, which is currently defending its habitat from the invading barred owl. No dogs.

Bring flashlight, layers, water and snack. \$3 optional material fee for owl pellet dissection. For more information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

## OCEAN BEACH

### Beach Cleanup and Fire Ring Maintenance

Specific Sundays (10 AM—NOON)

Help maintain the new fire rings and clean up Ocean Beach, in partnership with the San Francisco Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. For more information, e-mail [lynn\\_sanderson@nps.gov](mailto:lynn_sanderson@nps.gov) or call 561-4751.

## PRESIDIO



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

The Visitor Center is open daily from 9 AM to 5 PM. For information, call 561-4323 or visit [www.nps.gov/prsf](http://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 winter beach cleanups, vegetation pruning, sand removal, and broad-leaf plant removal.

For details, please e-mail [eric\\_t\\_poelzl@nps.gov](mailto:eric_t_poelzl@nps.gov) or call 447-9743.

### Crissy Field Cleanup Day

12/20, 1/17, 2/21 (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. Cleanup 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 Crissy Field Dogs at [crissyfielddog@bcglobal.net](mailto:crissyfielddog@bcglobal.net) for information and to confirm event, as it is occasionally rescheduled.



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## Ongoing Exhibit: America and the Philippines

The Presidio Trust presents a free exhibit titled "War & Dissent: The U.S. in the Philippines 1898–1915." It will run from October 22, 2008 to February 22, 2009 and be open Wednesday through Sunday 11 AM–5 PM at the Presidio Officers Club Exhibition Hall, 50 Moraga Avenue.

## Crissy Field Landscape

Thursdays (9 AM–NOON)  
Help keep Crissy Field clean, green, and free of invasive weeds. Projects include winter beach cleanups, trail maintenance along the promenade, broad-leaf plant removal, and re-seeding from greenbelt areas. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP is requested; e-mail [eric\\_t\\_poelzl@nps.gov](mailto:eric_t_poelzl@nps.gov) or call 447-9743.

## 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, which is located at 1244 Appleton Street, San Francisco. For more information e-mail [mschuster@parksconservancy.org](mailto:mschuster@parksconservancy.org) or call 561-4826.

## 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 information.

## Presidio Plant Patrol

Fridays (1–4 PM)

Help eradicate noxious weeds that pose threats to the native biodiversity 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

12/6, 12/7, 1/3, 1/4, 2/7, 2/8 (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 underground 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.

## PROGRAMS

### Buffalo Soldiers in a "Jim Crow" Army

12/14, 1/11, 2/15 (1–3 PM)

The Buffalo Soldiers have been immortalized in song by reggae superstar Bob Marley and heroically portrayed by Danny Glover and others in Hollywood movies.

This tour will concentrate on the story of the elite African American 9th Cavalry and the moral dilemma of serving in a segregated military while living in San Francisco at the turn of the century.

Participants may gain a much more subtle understanding of the sad par-

adox of African Americans trying to belong to a society that was defined in part by their exclusion.

Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the Officers Club, corner of Moraga Avenue and Arguello Boulevard. Reservations required; call 561-4323. ☺



### Charles Young, the Buffalo Soldiers, and the Fight for Equality

2/21 (1–2 PM)

Hear the story of the hardships faced by the third African-American Officer in the U.S. Army during this illustrated presentation.

Meet Ranger Will Elder at the Visitor Center located in the Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave. ☺

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## Little War, Big Impact

12/13, 1/10 1/18, 2/7, 2/22 (1–2:30 PM)

Come see the impact of the Spanish-American and Philippine wars on the Presidio on a one-mile, moderately easy walk. Rain cancels. Meet the ranger at the Officers Club, corner of Moraga Avenue and Arguello Boulevard. ☺

## Presidio Birdlife

12/20 (9:30–11:30 AM)

See and learn about the diverse Presidio birdlife on a moderate one-mile walk. Rain cancels. Meet Ranger Will Elder at Crissy Field Center, corner of Halleck and Mason Streets. Reservations required; please call 561-4323. ☺

## Presidio Lust

2/14 (1–3 PM)  
"Dosvidanya, my beloved!" cried out Concepcion Arguello, to the handsome Nicolai Petrovich Rezanov as he sailed out the Golden Gate on the Juno. Come hear of the world-famous romance between the Spanish daughter of Presidio Comandante Arguello and the Grand Chamberlain to Alexander the First of Russia.

Join Ranger Eddie Arias as he shares other stories of romance (and lust) that all took place within the Pre-

sidio. Meet at the Presidio Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave. Spaces fill quickly, please reserve now. Reservations required; phone 561-4323.

## The Presidio from Gold Rush to the Civil War

1/17 (1–2:30 PM)

Field artillery, infantry, and mounted dragoons; deserters; Erasmus Keyes, Henry Halleck, William Tecumseh Sherman, and Eadweard Muybridge were among the cast of characters who played prominent roles in the volatile era from the Gold Rush to the Civil War.



This was the era when the Presidio grew from a frontier outpost to a major military installation and defender of the Golden Gate. Rain cancels. Meet docent Bob Bowen at the Officers Club, corner of Moraga Avenue and Arguello Boulevard. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

## Unsung Heroes

1/25 (NOON–1 PM)

Presidio history has been made by men and women, generals and nurses, planners and protestors, and people of all backgrounds. See them and hear their stories in an illustrated talk by Ranger James Osborne. Meet at the Visitor Center located in the Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave. ☺

## Walk with Juan Bautista de Anza

12/6, 1/10 (10 AM–NOON)

"¡Vayan subiendo!" "Everyone mount up!" This was a familiar call from Spanish Captain Juan Bautista de Anza during the historic walk up from Nogales, Arizona to San Francisco in 1776.

For a moderate one-mile hike on the historic Anza Trail through the Presidio forest, meet Ranger Eddie Arias at the Presidio Stables. Reservations required; please call 561-4323.

## Wings Over Crissy Field

12/4 (1–3 PM)

Born from the remnants of the 1915 World's Fair (The Panama-Pacific Exhibition), Crissy Field became the site of some of the most daring innovations in the early history of Aviation. Rain cancels. Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the Warming Hut, at the west end of Mason Street for an easy two-mile walk. Reservations required; phone 561-4323. ☺

## World War II on the Presidio

12/6 (1–2 PM)

Learn about the Western Defense Command and hear the story of the Presidio in World War II during this illustrated talk. Rain cancels. Meet Ranger Marcus Combs at Crissy Field Center, corner of Halleck and Mason streets. ☺

## 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

### PROGRAM

### The Greatest Place You've Never Seen

1/18 (NOON–3 PM)



Join naturalist and Nike missile veteran David Bridgman on a walk up to Sweeney Ridge, voted one of the *Chronicle's* "Top 10 Hikes in the Bay Area." Weather permitting, you'll see views of the Bay, the Pacific, and the San Francisco Watershed—all from the same spot. This five-mile hike rises gently along a former Army road.

Bring layers. Meet at the far west end of Sneath Lane in San Bruno. From Hwy 35/Skyline Boulevard, turn west on Sneath, following it to the Sweeney Ridge trailhead parking lot.

No reservations necessary, but for information, call (415) 561-4323.

# PARK PARTNERS



## GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVANCY

### PARKS FOR ALL FOREVER™

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](http://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 parklands and to provide for their enjoyment by future generations. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/goga](http://www.nps.gov/goga), or phone (415) 561-4700.



## THE PRESIDIO TRUST

Responsible for the transformation of the Presidio from an historic Army post into a premier national park that is financially self-sustaining, the Trust is leading the nation's largest historic preservation project, restoring the park's buildings and landscapes, and creating innovative programs. For more information, visit [www.presidio.gov](http://www.presidio.gov), or call (415) 561-5300.

### Sign up for Park E-ventures

Subscribe to our monthly e-mail newsletter and be the first to find out about upcoming events, new items in our park stores, volunteer opportunities, and more. Your e-mail address will not be shared with other organizations, and you can easily unsubscribe at any time.

To subscribe, send an e-mail to [membership@parksconservancy.org](mailto:membership@parksconservancy.org). Please include your name and membership number, if applicable.

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When you join the Parks Conservancy, you'll be able to take advantage of our unique events and activities just for members and you'll be supporting your Golden Gate National Parks! Your tax-deductible gift will help us protect endangered species and their habitats, preserve landmarks, improve trails, enhance visitor amenities, develop park education programs, and much more. As a Parks Conservancy member, you'll enjoy special benefits and discover the best adventures the parks have to offer!

There are three easy ways to join:

Call: (415) 561-3060

E-mail: [membership@parksconservancy.org](mailto:membership@parksconservancy.org).

Join online at: [www.parksconservancy.org](http://www.parksconservancy.org).

# WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

LOCATION	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Alcatraz Gardens*				8:30 AM–12:30 PM		8:30 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						
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				

## 'TIS THE SEASON TO GIVE BACK TO THE PARKS

The holiday season fills us all with good cheer. It's the perfect time to share that love with your Golden Gate National Parks. Help preserve and restore these special parklands 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](http://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](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org)

# GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (commonly known as the Golden Gate National Parks) extends 80 miles north and south of the Golden Gate, creating a vast greenbelt along the Pacific Ocean. Within its 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, a day, or more 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 x 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](http://www.nps.gov/goga)

**ALCATRAZ** [www.nps.gov/alcatraz](http://www.nps.gov/alcatraz)

**FORT POINT** [www.nps.gov/fopo](http://www.nps.gov/fopo)

**MUIR WOODS** [www.nps.gov/muwu](http://www.nps.gov/muwu)

**PRESIDIO** [www.nps.gov/prsf](http://www.nps.gov/prsf)

## RELATED WEB SITES

**CRISSY FIELD CENTER** [www.crissyfield.org](http://www.crissyfield.org)

**FORT MASON CENTER** [www.fortmason.org](http://www.fortmason.org)

**GOLDEN GATE CLUB** [www.presidio.gov](http://www.presidio.gov)

**GOLDEN GATE RAPTOR OBSERVATORY**

[www.ggro.org](http://www.ggro.org)

**GULF OF THE FARALLONES NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY** [www.farallones.org](http://www.farallones.org)

**HISTORIC NIKE MISSILE SITE**  
[www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm)

**PRESIDIO TRUST** [www.presidio.gov](http://www.presidio.gov)

**SAN FRANCISCO MARITIME NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK** [www.nps.gov/safr](http://www.nps.gov/safr)

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

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