

GOLDEN GATE
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FALL events & calendar

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER 2008



park adventures

COMPASS POINTS

Institute at the Golden Gate, Conservation International Launch New Environmental Lecture Series

The Institute at the Golden Gate, a partnership initiative of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and the National Park Service, is taking an exciting first step to engage the community in dialogue on global sustainability. This fall, the Institute launches a new lecture series “Head in the Sky, Feet in the Mud: Conversations with Today’s Eco-Innovators.” The series is presented in association with Conservation International, and sponsored by Northern Trust Bank. To expand the accessibility of the lectures, recordings of the talks will be available at www.instituteatgoldengate.org. Visit the website for more details and schedule.

Dance Performance Celebrates Muir Woods Centennial

Acclaimed choreographer Cynthia Stevens brings her company Insitu to Muir Woods for a special site-specific dance and vocal performance, “BIG TREES, small dance” on September 19–21 (at 1 PM each day). These beautiful and moving performances are suitable for all ages and optional audience participation activities will be offered. Attendance is free with admission into the park.

First Phase of Lands End Transformation Complete

Visitors to the Lands End entrance area formerly known as Merrie Way will see a whole new look. The park has completed a new parking lot with onsite ground water re-charger system and bus parking. Volunteers have also planted more than 50,000 native plants to revitalize the area. A new trailhead, seat walls, ADA-accessible pathways, and trail improvements are all scheduled for completion by fall.

Opportunity Knocks: Missile Magazine Doors Restored

Volunteers at Nike Site SF88L in the Marin Headlands are putting the finishing touches on the missile magazine doors that hid the missiles underground. At 50 feet long, 5 feet wide, and 6,300 pounds apiece, each door is worth \$200,000. The two-year project involved removing doors from former Nike Site SF87, now the Marine Mammal Center, and transporting them to Nike Site SF88L.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR PARKS CONSERVANCY MEMBERS

CENTENNIAL HIKE

Sunday, September 21, 10 AM

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of Muir Woods National Monument by joining longtime ranger Mia Monroe as she shares the stories and history of this cherished treasure. This beautiful six-mile hike follows the woods’ original entrance route. See “Muir Woods” section of this book for details.

How to sign up

There are two simple ways to sign up. 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.

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

OFF-LIMITS ALCATRAZ

Saturday, October 25, 11:45 AM

Join us for a special members-only tour of the infamous island. In addition to the award-winning audio tour, members will enjoy exclusive access to secret spots not open to the general public. See “Alcatraz” section of this booklet for full details on this event.

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.

Member events are designated by **M** in the calendar pages.

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

DESTINATION

FORT BAKER REVITALIZATION PRESENTS PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO REVISIT HISTORY, BEAUTY

By Kristin Baron

Architectural Historian, National Park Service

FORT BAKER, WITH ITS LARGE OPEN MEADOW AND CURVED, protected waterfront, has been a welcoming destination for centuries. The Coast Miwok first lived here, plying the abundant waters and rich seashell beds in their tule reed canoes. In 1775, when the Spanish first arrived in San Francisco, their ship, the *San Carlos*, docked at Horseshoe Cove, at the edge of Fort Baker; the Spanish exchanged gifts with the local native peoples.

After the Civil War, the United States Army purchased the land surrounding Fort Baker. By controlling both the north and south ends of the narrow strait, and constructing large, armed batteries along the coastline, the military could defend the valuable San Francisco Bay from enemy invasion.

Fort Baker was constructed between 1902 and 1910 to support the seacoast batteries operations. The buildings, designed in the Colonial Revival style, included the post headquarters, the commanding offi-



Officers’ homes overlook Murray Circle at Fort Baker, circa 1915. (Courtesy GGNRA, Park Archives)

cer’s residence, officers’ duplexes, enlisted soldiers’ barracks, a 12-bed hospital, and even a gymnasium. The main parade ground—located in the center of the post—was dedicated to drills, marches, parades, and public ceremonies and represented the physical and organizational center of post life. During World War II, Fort Baker was home to the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco’s mine depot, which guarded the har-

bor through the use of electric mines, as well as the Fort Baker Marine Repair Shop, which played a critical role in keeping military boats operational.

Now Fort Baker is entering its latest exciting chapter as a part of Golden Gate National Parks. The historic army post is now home to Cavallo Point—the Lodge at the Golden Gate, a world-class national park lodge, and the Institute at the Golden Gate, a new program of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy in partnership with the National Park Service dedicated to dialogue and action on global environmental issues. Fort Baker also hosts the Bay Area Discovery Museum, a hands-on children’s museum, as well as an active U.S. Coast Guard station and a yacht harbor.

Enjoy a beautiful autumn excursion to Fort Baker to see the restored parade ground and rehabilitated buildings that grace this breathtaking park. For driving directions and more information, please visit www.nps.gov/goga/planyourvisit/fort-baker.htm. For more on programming at the Institute at the Golden Gate, visit www.instituteatgoldengate.org.

S E P T E M B E R

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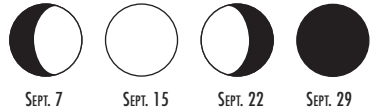
TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



SEPT. 7 SEPT. 15 SEPT. 22 SEPT. 29

PRESIDIO
Shakespeare in the Park
2:30 PM

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FORT FUNSTON
Cleanup Day 9:30 AM
FORT POINT
Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON
MARIN HEADLANDS
Hawk Talk & Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
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
Shakespeare in the Park 7:30 PM

CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Un Día en el rancho 2–4 PM
LANDS END
Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 11 AM–NOON
MARIN HEADLANDS
Hawk Talk & Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
Rambling Round Rodeo Cove 11 AM–1 PM
MORI POINT Mori Point Meander 1–4 PM
PRESIDIO
The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM
Global Warming 1–2 PM
Shakespeare in the Park 2:30 PM

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FORT POINT
Lighthouse Walk 6–7:30 PM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Hawk Talk & Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
PHLEGER ESTATE
Saved at the Buzzer 10:30 AM–3:30 PM
PRESIDIO
Ecological Restoration of the Waterfront
10 AM–NOON
Shakespeare in the Park 7:30 PM

LANDS END
Butterfly Discovery 1–3 PM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Battery Townsley Open House NOON–4 PM
Hawk Talk & Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
PRESIDIO
Take a Chill Pill 1–3 PM
Shakespeare in the Park 2:30 PM
SWEENEY RIDGE
Sweeney Ridge Saunter 11 AM–2 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS
Sunset/Full Moon
Walk to the Point
Bonita Lighthouse
6:45–8:45 PM
MUIR WOODS
Muir Woods by
Moonlight
7–9 PM

PRESIDIO
From Post to Park
1–3 PM

MUIR WOODS
BIG TREES, small dance
1 PM

AT MULTIPLE SITES
MARIN HEADLANDS/MUIR WOODS
Coastal Cleanup Day 9 AM–NOON
FORT POINT Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON
MARIN HEADLANDS
Hawk Talk & Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
MUIR WOODS
BIG TREES, small dance 1 PM
PRESIDIO
Crissy Field Cleanup Day 9 AM
Climate Connection 1–2:30 PM
Shakespeare in the Park 7:30 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS
Hawk Talk & Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
MUIR WOODS
BIG TREES, small dance 1 PM
Centennial Hike 10 AM 
PRESIDIO
Buffalo Soldiers in a "Jim Crow" Army 1–3 PM
Shakespeare in the Park 2:30 PM

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AT MULTIPLE SITES
National Public Lands Day
CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Hispanic Heritage Month Art Fiesta/
Fiesta de Arte NOON–3 PM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Hawk Talk & Banding Demo
NOON–2 PM
PRESIDIO
Film in the Fog
5–9 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS
Beginning Birding
9:30–11:30 AM
Hawk Talk & Banding Demo
NOON–2 PM
PRESIDIO
Pedaling the Presidio
10 AM–NOON

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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.

OCTOBER

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Fantastic Friday 10–11:30 AM

CRISSY FIELD CENTER Youth Mud Grab 1–3 PM
FORT FUNSTON Cleanup Day 9:30 AM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Hawk Talk & Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
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
PACIFICA
360 Degrees of Pacifica 10 AM–3:30 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER
La Cosecha y el Cambio de Temporada:
Celebrando la Luna 2–4 PM
LANDS END
Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 10–11 AM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Hawk Talk & Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
Trees of Kirby Cove 11 AM–1 PM
PRESIDIO
The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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PRESIDIO
From Post to Park
1–3 PM

PRESIDIO
National
Cemetery Walk
10 AM–NOON

CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Fantastic Friday 10–11:30 AM

MARIN HEADLANDS
Hawk Talk & Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
PRESIDIO
Geology of the Golden Gate Headlands 10 AM–3 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS
Battery Townsley Open House NOON–4 PM
Hawk Talk & Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
MILAGRA RIDGE
Of Bombs and Butterflies 11 AM–2 PM

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AT MULTIPLE SITES
Teens on Trails
9:30 AM–12:30 PM
LANDS END
Generation Green
Volunteer Event
10 AM–3 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS
Sunset/Full Moon
Walk to the Point
Bonita Lighthouse
6–8 PM
MUIR WOODS
Muir Woods by
Moonlight
5–7 PM

CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Fantastic Friday 10–11:30 AM

CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Family Harvest Campfire 5–7 PM
FORT POINT
Lighthouse Walk 6–7:30 PM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Hawk Talk & Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
Landscape Photo Walk 9:30 AM–12:30 PM
PRESIDIO
Crissy Field Cleanup Day 9 AM

MARIN HEADLANDS
Beginning Birding 9:30–11:30 AM
Hawk Talk & Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
Harvest Festival & Halloween Mask
Workshop 2–4 PM
PRESIDIO
Little War, Big Impact 1–2:30 PM
SWEENEY RIDGE
Sweeney Ridge From Shelldance Nursery
NOON–4 PM

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PRESIDIO
Tennessee Hollow
in the Spanish-
American War
NOON–1 PM
Little War, Big Impact
3–4:30 PM
“War & Dissent”
Exhibit: Behind-
the-Scenes Tour
7 PM

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PRESIDIO
National
Cemetery Walk
10 AM–NOON

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Fantastic Friday 10–11:30 AM
LANDS END
Butterfly Survey
11 AM–1 PM

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ALCATRAZ Book Release Celebration 11 AM–4 PM
Off-Limits Alcatraz 11:45 AM 
CRISSY FIELD CENTER Adult Mud Grab 10 AM–NOON
Guided Walk: Letterman Complex 10 AM–NOON
FORT POINT Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON
MARIN HEADLANDS
Hawk Talk & Banding Demo NOON–2 PM
Voices in the Dark 6–9 PM
PRESIDIO
A Peaceful Side of the War 11 AM–3 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS
Hawk Talk & Banding Demo
NOON–2 PM
Pumpkin Time!
10 AM–NOON
PRESIDIO
Buffalo Soldiers in a “Jim Crow” Army
1–3 PM

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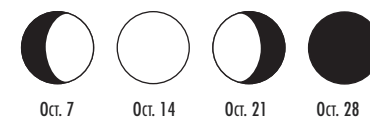
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CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Fantastic Friday 10–11:30 AM
PRESIDIO
The Haunted Presidio
6–7:30 PM

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N O V E M B E R

SUNDAY

MONDAY

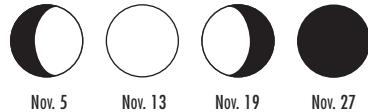
TUESDAY

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Nov. 5

Nov. 13

Nov. 19

Nov. 27

CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Day of the Dead: Art Adventures /
Día de los Muertos: Aventuras de Arte NOON–3 PM
FORT FUNSTON
Cleanup Day 9:30 AM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Nike Missile Site Open House 12:30–3:30 PM
MUIR WOODS
Centennial History Walk 9 AM–NOON
PRESIDIO
The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM
Little War, Big Impact 1–2:30 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Día de los Muertos: El cementerio Nacional
de San Francisco
 2–4 PM
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
 10–11:30 AM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Wild Saturday: Wilderness Survival 9:30 AM–2 PM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Who is the Prey? 3:30–6:30 PM
PRESIDIO
Crissy Field Aviation Walk 10 AM–NOON
Walk with Juan Bautista De Anza 10 AM–NOON
SWEENEY RIDGE
San Francisco Bay Discovery Day Hike
 10 AM PRESENTATION; 11 AM HIKE

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LANDS END
Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 2–3 PM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Battery Townsley Open House NOON–4 PM
Tennessee Valley Ramble 11 AM–1 PM
MILAGRA RIDGE
From Swords to Ploughshares 1–3:30 PM
PRESIDIO
Little War, Big Impact 1–2:30 PM

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AT MULTIPLE
SITES
Teens on Trails
 9:30 AM–12:30 PM

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PRESIDIO
Tennessee Hollow
Watershed
 NOON–1:30 PM

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MARIN
HEADLANDS
Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the
Point Bonita Lighthouse
 4:30–6:30 PM
MUIR WOODS
Muir Woods by Moonlight
 4–6 PM
PRESIDIO
Buffalo Soldiers
in a “Jim Crow” Army
 1–3 PM

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CRISSY FIELD
CENTER
Fantastic Friday
 10–11:30 AM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Guided Walk: The Presidio, Then and Now
 10 AM–NOON
Wild Saturday: Wilderness Survival
 9:30 AM–2 PM
FORT POINT
Lighthouse Walk 6–7:30 PM
PRESIDIO
Crissy Field Cleanup Day 9 AM
Little War, Big Impact 10–11:30 AM

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MARIN HEADLANDS
Beginning Birding 9:30–11:30 AM
PRESIDIO
Buffalo Soldiers in a “Jim Crow” Army 1–3 PM
SWEENEY RIDGE
Sweeney Ridge Saunter 11 AM–2 PM

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PRESIDIO
Little War, Big Impact
 3–4:30 PM

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PRESIDIO
National
Cemetery Walk
 10 AM–NOON
Pacific Union
Presents Concerts
at the Presidio
 7:30 PM

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CRISSY FIELD
CENTER
Fantastic Friday
 10–11:30 AM
PRESIDIO
Pacific Union
Presents Concerts
at the Presidio
 7:30 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Wild Saturday: Wilderness Survival
 9:30 AM–2 PM
PRESIDIO
Presidio Birdlife
 9:30–11:30 AM

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PRESIDIO
Patriotism and Prejudice
 1–3 PM

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FORT POINT
Candlelight Tour
 6:30–8 PM

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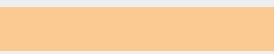


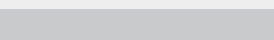
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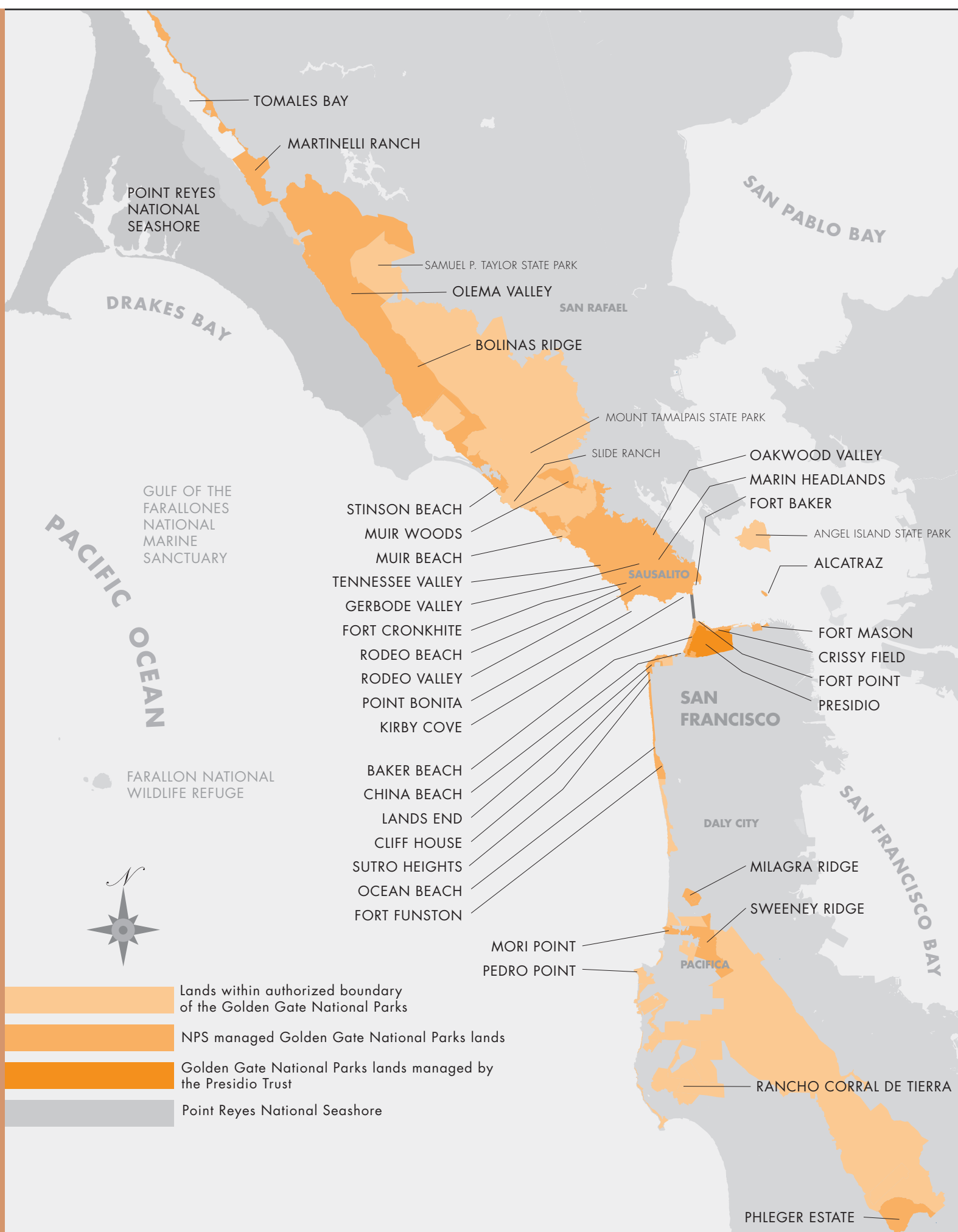


Alcatraz Island
 Baker Beach
 Bolinas Ridge
 China Beach
 Cliff House
 Crissy Field
 Fort Baker
 Fort Cronkhite
 Fort Funston
 Fort Mason
 Fort Point
 Gerbode Valley
 Kirby Cove

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

-  Lands within authorized boundary of the Golden Gate National Parks
-  NPS managed Golden Gate National Parks lands
-  Golden Gate National Parks lands managed by the Presidio Trust
-  Point Reyes National Seashore



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 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 Marin, the Presidio, San Francisco, and San Mateo.

Appropriate for adults and youth ages 14 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Phone 561-3068 for meeting locations and directions.

PROGRAMS

Coastal Cleanup Day

9/20 (9 AM—NOON)

Celebrate California Coastal Cleanup Day! Join the effort this year by pitching in throughout the Golden Gate National Parks and beyond. There will be multiple cleanup sites throughout San Francisco and Marin where you can volunteer to help keep our coast and shorelines clean, safe, and beautiful.

For information and to register, visit the volunteer section of our website at www.parksconservancy.org, call 561-3077, or e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org

Big Year 2008

The Golden Gate National Parks contain more endangered species than any other national park in continental North America. This is certainly cause for celebration, but also for concern. Take part in Big Year, a yearlong initiative to save these species through enjoyable conservation activities. The Big Year offers opportunities to explore the diverse habitats of 33 endangered and threatened species in the Golden Gate National Parks. For details on how to get involved, visit www.ggnrbigyear.org. Visit www.parksconservancy.org for upcoming Big Year events.

parksconservancy.org. Also visit the official website for California Coastal Cleanup Day www.coast4u.org.

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

CC Indicates a closed-captioned program.

♿ Indicates either full or partial wheelchair accessibility.

PARK EVENTS

National Public Lands Day

(9/27)

Celebrate the 15th annual National Public Lands Day by volunteering at one of our Saturday drop-in programs. We have a range of programs to choose from, including habitat restoration, native plant nurseries, grounds maintenance, and landscaping throughout the parks in San Mateo, San Francisco, and Marin. We'd be thrilled to see you out in the parks!

For information on our program options, visit the volunteer section of our website at www.parksconservancy.org, call 561-3077, or e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org.

For more information on National Public Lands Day, visit www.publiclandsday.org.

Teens on Trails

Indigenous Peoples Day 10/13;
Veterans Day 11/10
(9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

Need to fulfill service credits at your school? Use your day off as a "day on" trails and celebrate the holiday by helping restore your national park. 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 information and to register, visit the volunteer section of our website at www.parksconservancy.org, call 561-3077, or e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org.

ALCATRAZ



Open daily (except for December 25 and January 1)

Join ranger-led programs, use self-guiding brochures, and take the 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 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.* Visit the Alcatraz website at www.nps.gov/alcatraz.

ONGOING

Alcatraz— Escape from Reality

Explore 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 for application materials and information.

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 ticket reservations, visit www.alcatrazcruises.com or phone 981-ROCK. For program information, phone 561-4926.

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

Off-Limits Alcatraz: Members Tour **M**

10/25 (11:45 AM)

Join us for a special tour of Alcatraz just for members! In addition to the audio tour, members will get exclusive behind-the-scenes access to many of the island's secret spots that are not open to the public. Please dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes, and eat lunch before meeting the group. Meet at Pier 33 for ferry to Alcatraz.

Free. Space for this event is limited, so each member may request a maximum of two spaces. **Required registration deadline: October 3.** To register for this members-only tour or to become a Parks Conservancy member, call 561-3060 or e-mail membership@parksconservancy.org.

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:

PARK EVENTS

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

PROGRAM

Book Release Celebration

10/25 (11 AM—4 PM)

Join us in the Alcatraz museum store to celebrate the release of new books by Jolene Babyak, Michael Esslinger, and Ernie Lageson. The authors of *America's Most Wanted*, *Letters from Alcatraz*, and *Guarding Alcatraz: A Father and Son Remember Alcatraz*, respectively, will be available to sign copies of their work and answer your questions about their experiences and research.

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, 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.crissyfield.org.

A partial listing follows. Some Crissy Field Center programs require reser-

ventions. 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 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.

Fantastic Friday

10/3—11/21 (10—11:30 AM)

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. Spend quality time with your child making sand animals, becoming bug detectives, listening with your "deer ears," and more. It's a different adventure every week, full of creative activities you can use over and over during your own family getaways! There will also be time indoors in the Center's Art Lab, making fish prints, pirate scopes, and more. Check our website for detailed weekly theme descriptions. For ages 2—4 with caregiver.

Fee: \$12 per toddler if pre-registered; \$15 per toddler at the door.

Crissy Field en Español

If Spanish is your first language, you and your family can take advantage of our Spanish-language walking tours and events. Ranger Fátima Colindres is your guide to a different experience the first Sunday of most months. This fall, learn about life on the rancho with Juana Briones, celebrate the moon, make traditional crafts on Day of the Dead, explore the San Francisco National Cemetery, and enjoy the richness of Hispanic culture. Call 561-4405 for more information.

Un Día en el rancho: Cocinando con Juana Briones (9/7)*

La Cosecha y el Cambio de Temporada: Celebrando la Luna (10/5)*

Día de los Muertos: Aventuras de Arte (11/1)*

Día de los Muertos: El cementerio Nacional de San Francisco (11/2)*

¡Fiesta de Arte Celebrando Nuestra Cultura! (9/27)*

*Program presented in Spanish with English translation provided.

PARK EVENTS

Internet for Older Adults

Fridays, 8/22—12/19, no class 11/27 (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). 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. Free. Classes are open for enrollment at any time during the semester, as long as the class is not already full. On-site registration. For additional information, please phone Dr. Massi, Older Adult Department Chair, at 920-6021.

PROGRAMS

Adult Mud Grab

10/25 (10 AM—NOON)

Explore Crissy Field marsh the best way possible, from the inside. Participants will have the rare opportu-

nity to put on hip-waders, tromp into the marsh to collect mud samples, and bring their findings back to our Urban Ecology Lab for a closer look under the microscope. This program is for all those envious adults who watched their child participate in this program in the past and said "I wish I could have done that when I was a kid!" For adults only. Fee: \$15 per adult, pre-registration recommended.

La Cosecha y el Cambio de Temporada: Celebrando la Luna

10/5 (2—4 PM)*

La luna tiene diferentes simbolismos en diferentes culturas. Venga y disfrute de un paseo lleno de cuentos mientras caminamos alrededor de la ciénega. Al final disfrutaremos de unos antojitos tradicionales de esta temporada.

Gratis: Familias con niños de 5 a 9 años de edad; inscripción es necesaria llame a 561-4405. ☺

Day of the Dead: Art Adventures

11/1 (NOON—3 PM)

Create eye-opening traditional Day of the Dead Art. Learn about how the native people of Mexico and

Central America celebrate life and remember their ancestors and lost loved ones. Listen to music while you enjoy yummy traditional treats. This year take part in an array of art choices from painting traditional cheery Calacas, making paper flowers, face painting, or creating your own mini altars and much, much more. Bring the whole family, all ages welcome. ☺

Drop-ins are welcome, \$4 per activity if not pre-registered.

\$10 per person; includes all activities if pre-registered; to pre-register, call 561-4405.

Día de los Muertos: Aventuras de Arte

11/1 (NOON—3 PM)*

Escuche cuentos del Día de los Muertos y venga a crear arte tradicional, habrá una variedad de actividades incluyendo pintando una calaca tradicional para decorar su Altar del día de los Muertos, flores de papel, altares en miniatura y mucho, mucho más.

\$4 por actividad sin inscripción anticipada. Toda la familia es bienvenida.

\$10 por persona incluye todas las actividades con inscripción anticipada. Para registrarse llame 561-4405. ☺

Día de los Muertos: El cementerio Nacional de San Francisco

11/2 (2—4 PM)*

Visitemos el cementerio nacional en una caminata recordando los pasados del Presidio. Compartamos cuentos, tradiciones del Día de los



Muertos. Visitemos algunas tumbas de personajes famosos del Presidio. Al final del programa cada niño recibirá una calaca de azúcar.

Gratis: Familias con niños de 7 años o más; inscripción es necesaria, llame 561-4405. ☺

Family Harvest Campfire

10/18 (5—7 PM)

Celebrate the beauty of our urban national park and the coming harvest with an outdoor campfire at the Crissy Field Amphitheater. Join us for storytelling, games, and general merriment as we watch the sunset. We'll even make s'mores and sip hot cider by the fire. All ages welcome. Fee: \$8 per person, pre-registration recommended.

¡Fiesta de Arte Celebrando Nuestra Cultura!

9/27 (NOON—3 PM)*

¡Venga y Disfrute de Nuestra Fiesta Hispana! Celebremos nuestra cultura en Familia en el Centro de Crissy Field con Música, Arte, Danzas y Comida. Habrá actividades apropiadas para toda la familia, danza azteca, tradiciones Mayas, y mucho mas.

Venga e infórmese sobre actividades alrededor de San Francisco conociendo a representantes de diferentes grupos comunitarios al servicio de nuestra comunidad. El evento es Gratis; habrá venta de Antojitos Latinos. Para mas información llame a la Guarda Parques Fátima Colindres 561-4405.

PARK EVENTS

Guided Walk: Letterman Complex at the Presidio

10/25 (10 AM—NOON)

Join "On The Level" (no hills or steps!) Marilyn Straka for an adventure around the Letterman Digital Arts Center.

Then we will explore the surrounding areas to learn the history of the army hospitals and their namesake Major Jonathan Letterman. Fun for all ages, including prizes. Fee: \$10 per adult and \$5 per child, pre-registration recommended.

Guided Walk: The Presidio, Then and Now

11/15 (10 AM—NOON)

Join "On the Level" (no hills or steps!) Marilyn Straka for a unique look at the Presidio's past and present: from army cannons to the new Letterman Digital Arts Center. All ages welcome (children must be accompanied by an adult). Fee: \$10 per adult and \$5 per child, pre-registration recommended. ☺

Hispanic Heritage Month Art Fiesta

9/27 (NOON—3 PM)

Join us at the Crissy Field Center in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month!



Celebrate our rich heritage thru art, dance, and food. Come enjoy family-friendly art, Aztec dance, Mayan traditions and much more. Meet community group representatives from around San Francisco who serve our community.

The event is free; there will be traditional foods for sale. For more information, call Ranger Fátima Colindres at 561-4405.

Un Día en el rancho: Cocinando con Juana Briones

9/7 (2—4 PM)*

¿Alguna vez ha querido moler nistamal y cocinar sus propias tortillas?

Acompáñeme y viva un día en la vida de Juana y conozca algunas plantas y sus secretos medicinales.

Gratis: Familias con niños de 5 a 9 años de edad; inscripción es necesaria llame a 561-4405. ☺

Wild Saturday: Wilderness Survival Skills Club

11/8, 11/15, 11/22 (9:30 AM—2 PM)

Spend your Saturdays learning how to survive in the great outdoors. Explore the relationship between the urban and natural world. Navigate the park using a compass and GPS units, identify medicinal plants, and search for animal tracks in the dirt. For grades 3—6. Fee: \$45 per child, per day; pre-registration recommended.

Youth Mud Grab

10/4 (1—3 PM)

Come explore Crissy Field Marsh the best way possible, from the inside. This program will give participants the rare opportunity to engage in a guided exploration of the marsh in hip-waders. Participants will pull mud samples and bring them back to our Urban Ecology Lab for a closer look. For grades 3—8. Fee: \$15 per participant; pre-registration recommended.

FORT BAKER



After a dramatic 10-year transformation, the revitalized Fort Baker is now home to a new national park lodge, Cavallo Point—the Lodge at the Golden

Gate, and a new environmental institute, the Institute at the Golden Gate. The Institute, a partnership program of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy and National Park Service, will hold lectures and other events to encourage public participation. Come see the beautifully restored historic parade ground, hiking trails, and mission blue butterfly habitat.

For details on public programs of the Institute at the Golden Gate, please visit www.instituteatgoldengate.org.

FORT FUNSTON

ONGOING

Fort Funston Cleanup Day

9/6, 10/4, 11/1 (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/The 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

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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.



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. ☺

A schedule of Fort Point programs is posted at the Fort's entrance.

PROGRAMS

Pier Crabbing

9/6, 9/20, 10/25 (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.

Lighthouse Walk

9/13, 10/18, 11/15 (6—7:30 PM)

Hear tales of the Bay's lighthouses and lightkeepers on this easy, one-mile walk along the Coastal Trail. Reservations required; call 556-1693.

Candlelight Tour

11/29 (6:30—8 PM)

See Fort Point by the light of candles and stars on this evening tour. Reservations required; please phone 556-1693.

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

Butterfly Discovery

9/14 (1—3 PM)

Local lepidopterist Liam O'Brien has been working with Lands End staff since August 2008 to survey the butterfly species at Lands End; 16 species have been seen so far. Join us on this enthralling hike with Liam to discover even more! Beginners are encouraged to join the fun and start to learn about these amazing creatures and the habitat they rely upon. Bring binoculars if you have them! Meet at Ocean Terrace seated overlook, located at the intersection of El Camino del Mar and Seal Rock Drive. Reservations are required; please call 561-3054. Rain cancels.

Butterfly Survey

10/24 (11 AM—1 PM)

Join lepidopterist Liam O'Brien on this exciting hike to discover the

butterfly species of Lands End! Beginners are encouraged to join the fun and learn about these amazing creatures and the habitat they rely upon.

Bring binoculars if you have them! Meet at the Ocean Terrace seated overlook, at the intersection of El Camino del Mar and Seal Rock Drive. Call Caroline at 385-3065 or e-mail christman@parksconservancy.org for more information.

Generation Green Volunteer Event

10/13 (10 AM—3 PM)

On Indigenous Peoples Day, join us at Lands End for a day of service in the Golden Gate National Parks! Generation Green is Canon's new environmental initiative and they have partnered with the American Park Network (APN) to help give back to the environment and sponsor volunteer service projects in our parks. We have a number of projects at Lands End, including habitat restoration, grounds maintenance, and trail work.

Please come out and help! For information on our program options, visit the volunteer section of our website at www.parksconservancy.org, call 561-3077, or e-mail

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volunteer@parksconservancy.org. For more information on the Generation Green initiative, visit www.everyonesaygreen.com.

Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate

9/7 (11 AM—NOON), 10/5 (10—11 AM), 11/9 (2—3 PM)

On a moderately strenuous hike, see and learn about some of the 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; please 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. Also check out The Greening Gallery, located inside the Visitor Center, which showcases work from local artists.

Park visitors with limited mobility can 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

9/14, 10/12, 11/9 (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 now is being 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 ½-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 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.

Also Headlands Seed Collection, Wednesdays from May to September (9:30 AM—NOON).

Nike Missile Site Open House

9/6, 10/4, 11/1 (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 updated visiting hours or tours, phone 331-1453. Buildings above ground are accessible. ♿

Visit the Nike Missile website at 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 ½-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.

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.

Hawk Talk and Banding Demonstration

Saturdays and Sundays in September and October (NOON—2 PM)

Learn about the magnificent birds of prey on their fall migration. A Golden Gate Raptor Observatory (GGRO) volunteer gives an hour-long talk about hawk migration, identification, and monitoring using photos and other aids. Then, at 1 PM, a newly banded hawk is brought up

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and shown to the crowd. After a volunteer talks about the GGRO's banding program, the hawk is released. No registration necessary; meet on top of Hawk Hill at NOON. Heavy fog or rain cancels. See www.ggro.org or call 331-0730 for more information.

PROGRAMS

Beginning Birding

9/28, 10/19, 11/16 (9:30—11:30 AM)

Enjoy an easy ¾-mile walk along Rodeo Lagoon with docent Jane Haley to discover the fall birds that migrate through the Marin Headlands. Bring binoculars and field guides. Appropriate for ages 8 and up. Meet at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Coastal Cleanup Day

9/20 (9 AM—NOON)

Join us for the 24th annual Coastal Cleanup Day! Volunteer to clean Rodeo Beach, Kirby Cove, or Horsehoe Cove and enjoy a complimentary BBQ afterwards at the Bay Model in Sausalito. Contact Keley Stock at 332-3871 or (800) COAST-4U (coast4u@coastal.ca.gov) to learn about opportunities to help at this statewide event.

Harvest Festival & Halloween Mask Workshop

10/19 (2—4 PM)

Make masks for the season using non-native materials found around the Headlands. Sample heirloom apples and delicious cider. Meet artist Katrina Wagner at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. Reservations required, phone 331-1540.

Trees of Kirby Cove

10/5 (11 AM—1 PM)

Scattered amongst 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, one-way hike to Kirby Cove. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Landscape Photo Walk

10/18 (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

Trek up a short hill to capture spectacular views of the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco and the bay. Look in the other direction for a sweeping view of Rodeo Valley out

to the Pacific. Bring camera gear and water for this moderate two-mile walk. Meet landscape photographer Al Greening at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Pumpkin Time!

10/26 (10 AM—NOON)

Bring the whole family—and a pumpkin or two—as we celebrate an Irishman named “Stingy Jack” and his immortal soul, Jack-O'-Lantern. With Ranger Bob, learn to paint, carve, and decorate this popular fruit (no, it's not a vegetable!) and share some Halloween folklore and recipes that are truly scary. Meet at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. Program limited to 30 people. Reservations required; phone 331-1540.

Rambling Round Rodeo Cove

9/7 (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; phone 331-1540.

Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse

9/15 (6:45—8:45 PM), 10/14 (6—8 PM), 11/12 (4:30—6:30 PM)

Watch the setting sun and greet the rising moon at this wild edge of the continent. The ½-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.

Tennessee Valley Ramble

11/9 (11 AM—1 PM)

On a moderate two-mile, one-way hike to the beach, examine patterns of life on the landscape and imagine

how humans have figured in the picture over time. Stay and enjoy lunch on the beach, or hike back at your own pace. Meet Katrina Wagner at the Tennessee Valley trailhead. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Voices in the Dark

10/25 (6—9 PM)

Join docent Steffan Bartschat for a special dusk/night hike (relatively flat) in search of the two inhabitants whose nightly sounds “haunt” many of our human visitors: the coyote and the great horned owl. Along the way, we will learn more about the secret lives of these reclusive creatures. Three hours. Five miles, mostly flat. Dress in layers and bring a flashlight, water, and snack. Meet at Tennessee Valley trailhead.



PARK EVENTS

Who is the Prey?

11/8 (3:30—6:30 PM)

As we sit on our ridge-top perch and marvel at the Pacific sunset, we scan the ridges for our most elusive visitor—the mountain lion. Along the hike, we'll make several stops to learn more about this fascinating predator and its complex relationship with humans. Relatively strenuous six miles. Bring warm layers plus flashlight, water, and snack. Meet at Tennessee Valley trailhead.



MILAGRA RIDGE

PROGRAMS

Of Bombs and Butterflies

10/12 (11 AM—2 PM)

Take an easy stroll with Nike veteran David Bridgman along Pacifica's Milagra Ridge—former gun emplacement, Nike missile site, and now the last stand for a quarter-sized endangered butterfly. Turn north (uphill) 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.

From Swords to Ploughshares

11/9 (1—3:30 PM)

Milagra Ridge holds "swords to ploughshares" history and shows how a dedicated group of volunteers can transform a place.

Enjoy an easy walk with Pacifica historian Jerry Crow, as he recounts the past and present of Milagra Ridge. Leashed dogs welcome. Directions: Turn north at the traffic light at the intersection of Sharp Park Road and College Drive. Park near the gate beside the road (not in the housing parking lots).

MORI POINT

PROGRAM

Mori Point Meander

9/7 (1—4 PM)

Join Pacifica historian Jerry Crow, and hear the tales of old Mori's tavern while strolling through restored habitat for the red-legged frog and San Francisco garter snake. Moderately strenuous. Leashed dogs welcome. Directions: Turn north off Highway 1 at Bradford Way. Park on the roadside at the south end of Bradford Way (behind the Moose Lodge).

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, seasonal news, trail conditions and program details. All programs meet at the Visitor Center

unless otherwise indicated. Visit www.nps.gov/muwo for updates on activities commemorating the Muir Woods Centennial.

Avoid the stresses of parking and driving by riding the **Muir Woods Shuttle**. Shuttle service is offered on weekends and holidays through the end of September 2008.

This year, the bus will stop at Marin City and Manzanita Park and Ride Lot. The first bus leaves Marin City for Muir Woods at 9:30 AM and the last bus to depart Muir Woods National Monument is at 7:05 PM. Direct service to/from the Sausalito Ferry is available through Labor Day weekend. Round trip fare \$3 per person.

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.

Growing Communities, A Muir Woods Quest

Muir Woods National Monument offers a fun and exciting self-guided booklet, *Growing Communities, A Muir Woods Quest*, designed especially for families or groups. It guides you through the forest through rhyme, and you not only

Centennial Hike 9/21 (10 AM)

In September 1908, John Muir and William Kent took their first hike together in Muir Woods. Now, 100 years later, Conservancy members can join Ranger Mia Monroe on a six-mile hike into Muir Woods. We will learn about the history of Muir Woods and enjoy the beautiful scenery as we drop down into the woods from above, using the original entrance route for visitors. Dress in layers, wear sturdy walking shoes, and bring a bottle of water and a lunch. Meet at Mountain Home Inn.

Free. **Required registration deadline: September 15.** Limited to 40 participants (children must be over 10 years of age). To register for this members-only event or to become a Parks Conservancy member, call 561-3060 or e-mail membership@parksconservancy.org.

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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 1908 founding of this National Monument! Visit www.nps.gov/muwo for details.

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.

PROGRAMS

BIG TREES, small dance

9/19—9/21 (1 PM)

The company Insitu will celebrate the Muir Woods Centennial through special dance and vocal performances, featuring the innovative choreography of Cynthia Stevens. The performances are suitable for all



ages and attendance is free with park admission. There will also be opportunities for optional audience participation activities.

Muir Woods by Moonlight

9/15 (7—9 PM), 10/14 (5—7 PM), 11/12 (4—6 PM)

Explore the magic of Muir Woods under a full moon, learning 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 1½-mile

walk on a paved trail. For reservations, phone 388-2596.

Coastal Cleanup Day

9/20 (9 AM—NOON)

Join us for the 24th annual Coastal Cleanup Day! Volunteer to clean Stinson or Muir Beach and enjoy a complimentary BBQ afterwards at the Bay Model in Sausalito.

Contact Keley Stock at 332-3871 or (800) COAST-4U (coast4u@coastal.ca.gov) to learn about opportunities to help at this statewide event.

Muir Woods Centennial History Walk

11/1 (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 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.

OCEAN BEACH

ONGOING

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, National Park Service, and the Surfrider Foundation, takes place on the third Sunday of the month.

Check the calendars at www.parksconservancy.org or www.sfsurfrider.org/prog.htm to confirm dates and meeting locations.

PACIFICA

PROGRAM

360 Degrees of Pacifica

10/4 (10 AM—3:30 PM)

A grand tour of the three national park sites in San Mateo County! Join Ranger George Durgerian on a 6½-mile, fairly strenuous hike to Milagra Ridge, Sweeney Ridge, and Mori Point. Hear the stories of bombs, bootlegging, and bedeviled bulldoz-

ers that make these sites great. Bring lunch, water, and good shoes. Meet at Salada Beach Café, 220 Paloma, Pacifica at 9:30 AM for breakfast or 10 AM for the hike. Call (415) 561-4323 for reservations and information.

PHLEGER ESTATE

PROGRAM

Saved at the Buzzer

9/13 (10:30 AM—3:30 PM)

How did five idealists on a budget save a \$30 million forest? Join Ranger George Durgerian and find out while hiking through the quietest redwood and mixed evergreen woodlands in the Golden Gate National Parks. Fairly strenuous, 6½ miles. Meet inside entrance kiosk at



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Huddart County Park in Woodside.
Note: Huddart charges a \$5 entrance fee. Call (415) 561-4323 for reservations and information.

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

Crissy Field Cleanup Day

9/20, 10/18, 11/15 (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 Crissy Field Dogs at crissyfielddog@sbcglobal.net for in-

"Globe" Trot Down to Crissy Field!

Special Exhibit Until 10/13

The sculpted globes on display along the Crissy Field Promenade are part of Cool Globes, an initiative to raise awareness of global warming. These 35 unique and colorful globes were created by artists to stimulate discussions on climate change. Enjoy these thought-provoking pieces on a pleasant bayside stroll and learn simple ways to fight global warming. Free and open to the public. For details, visit www.coolglobes.com.

formation 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 winter beach clean-ups, 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; 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 St., 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.

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 more 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

9/6, 9/7, 10/4, 10/5, 11/1, 11/2 (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 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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Buffalo Soldiers in a "Jim Crow" Army

9/21, 10/26, 11/12, 11/16 (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 focus on the story of the elite African-American 9th Cavalry and their moral dilemma of serving in a segregated military at the turn of the century. In this program, partici-

pants may gain a more subtle understanding of the sad paradox 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. ☺

A Peaceful Side of the War

10/25 (11 AM—3 PM)

How did a soldier feel as he prepared to ship out to the Philippines? On his return to the Presidio? This army "encampment" will feature uniformed re-enactors, their equipment and amusements, and the voices of leaders and followers, for and against America's first "imperialist" war. Meet at Pershing Square, corner of Moraga Avenue and Arguello Boulevard. ☺

Climate Connection

9/20 (1—2:30 PM)

It's already happening! And it will change your parks forever. Get connected with global warming and how you can help diminish its effects. Meet Ranger Will Elder at Crissy Field Center, corner of Halleck and Mason streets. Reservations required; please call 561-4323. ☺



Crissy Field Aviation Walk

11/8 (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. Reservations required; call 561-4323. ☺

Discover Lower Tennessee Hollow Watershed

9/9 (NOON—1 PM)

Join docent Barbara Corff for an easy one-mile walk to check up on the growth of restored habitat at Lower Tennessee Hollow (Thompson Reach). Come see what riparian life is all about. Envision the future eco-

tone area between the Crissy salt-water marsh and the freshwater of Tennessee Hollow watershed. Discover Presidio history as we explore this supply route for the post's Quartermaster Corps. Wear shoes suitable for descending and climbing slopes. Rain cancels. Meet at northwest corner of YMCA parking lot (Funston and Lincoln). Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Ecological Restoration of the Waterfront

9/13 (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 this easy, two-mile walk. Meet docent Bob Halsey at the corner of Halleck and Mason in front of the Crissy Field Center. Reservations required; please phone 561-4323.

Film in the Fog

9/27 (5—9 PM)

Enjoy a free outdoor movie at the Main Post Presidio Theater. Music starts at 5 PM with the film beginning at 7 PM. Check the calendar at www.presidio.gov for details.

First Flight to Hawaii

9/10 (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; please call 561-4323. ☺

From Post to Park

9/17, 10/8, 11/5 (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; call 561-4323. ☺

PARK EVENTS

Geology of the Golden Gate Headlands

10/11 (10 AM—3 PM)

Explore 200 million years of geologic history and learn the fascinating story told by the rocks at the Golden Gate. Bring a lunch and wear comfortable walking shoes and a coat. Trip includes a short but strenuous walk down and up a 200-foot bluff. Meet Ranger Will Elder at Crissy Field Center, corner of Halleck and Mason streets. We will carpool to the Marin Headlands. Reservations required; phone 561-4323.



Global Warming

9/7 (1—2 PM)

The abolition of slavery and the fight against global warming—is there a connection? Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the Crissy Field Center, at the corner of Halleck and Mason streets in the Presidio to hear a presentation on how these seemingly disconnected issues are linked. Reservations required; please call 561-4323. ♻️

Little War, Big Impact

10/19, 11/1, 11/9 (1—2:30 PM),
10/22, 11/19 (3—4:30 PM),
11/15 (10—11:30 AM)

Come see the impact of the Spanish-American and Philippine wars on the Presidio on a one-mile, moderately easy walk.

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

National Cemetery Walk

9/4, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/6, 11/20
(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. For required reservation and meeting place, phone 561-4323.

Pacific Union Presents Concerts at the Presidio

11/20, 11/21 (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

11/23 (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, ½-mile walk.

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

Pedaling the Presidio

9/28 (10 AM—NOON)

Cycle through scenery and immerse yourself in history on this five-mile,

moderate bicycle ride—a unique program in a unique national park. Helmet required. Meet Ranger James Osborne at Crissy Field Center, corner of Halleck and Mason streets. Bike and reservations are required. Call 561-4323.

Presidio Between the World Wars

9/3 (NOON—1:30 PM)

Hear about Army life and society in the Presidio during the Jazz Age and the Great Depression of the 1920s and '30s. Meet docent Bob Bowen at the Officers Club, corner of Moraga Avenue and Arguello Boulevard. Reservations required; please call 561-4323. ♻️

Presidio Birdlife

11/22 (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. Reservations required; call 561-4323. ♻️

Shakespeare in the Park

9/1, 9/7, 9/14, 9/21 (2:30 PM);
9/6, 9/13, 9/20 (7:30 PM)

San Francisco Shakespeare Festival performs *Pericles*. Free. Visit



www.presidio.gov for more details.

Take a Chill Pill (Go Climb a Hill!)

9/14 (1—3 PM)

If we continue to spew from smokestacks and tailpipes, the world will suffer catastrophe. But if we work together, we can slow down global warming. Learn what you can do! Meet Ranger James Osborne at Crissy Field Center, corner of Halleck and Mason streets. Reservations required; call 561-4323. ♻️

Tennessee Hollow in the Spanish-American War

10/22 (NOON—1 PM)

Join docent Barbara Corff for an easy one-mile walk to hear firsthand

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accounts about the scrappy volunteer regiment from Tennessee whose name was given to this encampment during the Spanish-American War. Tour the watershed where regiments of volunteers pitched tents, drilled, and prepared to be shipped to the Philippines. Wear shoes suitable for descending and climbing slopes. Rain cancels. Meet at the Officers Club, corner of Moraga Avenue and Arguello Boulevard. Reservations required; phone 561-4323.

Tennessee Hollow Watershed

11/11 (NOON—1:30 PM)

Discover little-known El Polin Springs on a moderate, one-mile, lunch-hour walk. Explore the history of this unique ecosystem where fresh water flows to the Crissy Marsh, serpentine grasslands bloom, and fertility myths were born. Wear shoes suitable for descending and climbing slopes. Rain cancels. Meet at Inspiration Point for this program. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

The Haunted Presidio

10/31 (6—7:30 PM)

Take a walk on the wild side with spine-tingling tales of the Presidio's

haunted history. Dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes, and bring a flashlight (optional). Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Funston Avenue for a moderate one-mile walk. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Walk with Juan Bautista De Anza

9/6, 10/4, 11/8 (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 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.

“War & Dissent: The U.S in the Philippines, 1898—1915”

10/22 (7 PM)

Get a behind-the-scenes tour of the gallery with the exhibit curator. Running from October 22 to February 22, 2009, the exhibit is open Wednesday through Sunday, 11 AM—5 PM, at the Presidio Officers Club Exhibition Hall, 50 Moraga Avenue.

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

San Francisco Bay Discovery Day Hike

11/8 (10 AM presentation; 11 AM hike)

How did Spanish explorers, lost and ailing, discover one of the greatest bays in the world? Join Ranger George Durgerian as we follow in the footsteps of Captain Gaspar de Portola's expedition to Sweeney Ridge, the site where Europeans first “discovered” the Bay.

As in years past, this will be a two-

part program, with a presentation and a hike. Directions: Presentation begins at 10 AM in Pacifica's Community Center on the corner of Highway 1 and Crespi in Pacifica. The hike begins at 11 AM at the far east end of Fassler Avenue in Pacifica. Reservations requested; phone (415) 561-4323.



Sweeney Ridge From Sheldance Nursery

10/19 (NOON—4 PM)

See Sweeney Ridge from the bottom up! Join Pacifica historian Jerry Crow on a walk up from Sheldance to the top of the ridge. Along the way you'll enjoy great views of the coast and the Bay as you pass the

ruins of a Cold War Nike missile site and the spot from which Captain Portola first saw the San Francisco Bay. Fairly strenuous. Leashed dogs welcome.

Directions: From south, look for Sheldance Nursery entrance about ¼-mile past intersection of Highway 1 and Reina del Mar. Go to top of driveway and park to the left. From north, proceed south on Highway 1 to Reina del Mar intersection; make a U-turn at the light and retrace ¼-mile to Sheldance Nursery entrance. Reservations requested; phone (415) 561-4323.

Sweeney Ridge Saunter

9/14, 11/16 (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 and Nike missiles to neighborhood activists—all while enjoying sweeping views of the Pacific and the Bay. Leashed pets welcome. Meet at the far west end of Sneath Lane. From Highway 35, turn west on Sneath and continue until the Sweeney Ridge parking lot. Reservations requested; phone (415) 561-4323.



GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVANCY

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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

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, or call (415) 561-5300.

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Come Join Us!

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.

Join online at: 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						
Headlands Seed Collection				9:30 AM–NOON (MAY–SEPT ONLY) 10 AM–2 PM (SEASONAL)			
Invasive Plant Patrol*							
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)

VOLUNTEER DURING THE AUTUMN SEASON!

Fall brings pleasant weather, clear skies, and bountiful volunteer opportunities in the 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.

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/muwu

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www.ggro.org

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MARINE SANCTUARY** www.farallones.org

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

PRESIDIO TRUST www.presidio.gov

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HISTORICAL PARK** www.nps.gov/safr

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