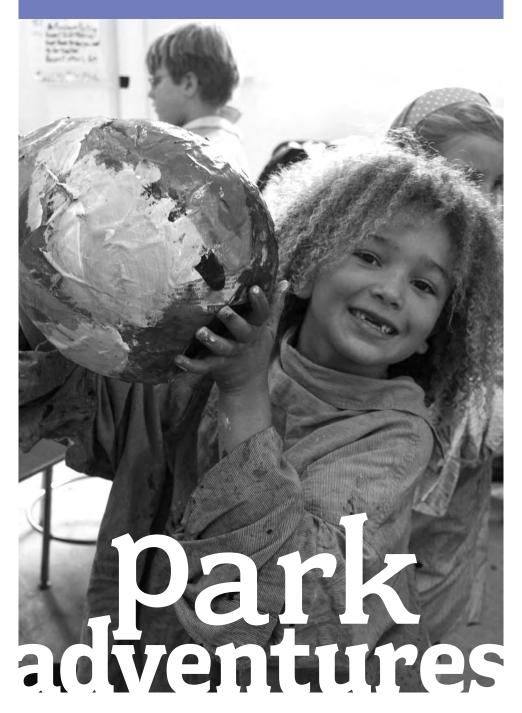


PARKS FOR ALL FOREVER™



SPRING calendar & events MARCH, APRIL, MAY 2009



COMPASS POINTS

Park Community Answers Call on Day of Service 2009

More than 1,500 volunteers turned out—from Mori Point in Pacifica up to Muir Woods in Marin—to grow the Golden Gate National Parks on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. President Barack Obama stressed this Day of Service as a launching point for a new era of responsibilty and community action. Coordinated by the National Park Service, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and the Presidio Trust, the park community contributed over 3,500 hours to the improvement of these national parks.

Be a part of a nationwide movement to serve and give back to these special places shared and loved by all! See the inside back cover for a listing of regularly scheduled volunteer programs and details on how to get involved.

Park Partners Team Up for Earth Day Extravaganza

Celebrate Earth Day at the Headlands Institute in partnership with the Headlands Center for the Arts and the Marine Mammal Center on Sunday, April 19, 11 AM-4 PM. Join us for hikes, stewardship activities, and fun in our Marine Lab. For more information, please visit www.yni.org/hi.

WILDFLOWER RAMBLE

Enjoy spring wildflowers at

Mori Point in Pacifica, a special

park renowned for its glorious

blooms. Join Parks Conservan-

cy natural-resource experts at

cliffs overlooking the coastline

to experience amazing ocean

views and blossoming native

See "Mori Point" section of

this book for details.

Mori Point for a hike to the

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR PARKS CONSERVANCY MEMBERS

Saturday, April 4,

2:30-4:30 рм

plants galore.

Limited to 45.

GOLDSWORTHY **SCULPTURE TOUR** Saturday, March 7, 10 AM - NOON

Hike the Bay Area Ridge Trail to the new Andy Goldsworthy spire in the Presidio. Learn about Goldsworthy's past work and how this piece was created from the trunks of cypresses. We'll also get a special look at the Goldsworthy exhibit just off the Main Post.

Limited to 35. See "Presidio" section of this book for details.

How to Sign Up for Members Events

RSVP by calling (415) 561-3060 or e-mailing membership@ parksconservancy.org. Events are free but registration is required.

Confirmation and directions will be e-mailed to you after the registration deadline.

Members events are designated by 🕼 in the calendar pages.

Please contact us if you wish to become a Parks Conservancy member.

Protect and preserve your Golden Gate National Parks! To learn about other benefits of membership, please visit www.parksconservancy.org.

ley in the Marin Headlands.

guides! We'll observe spring

behaviors of birds and enjoy a

See "Marin Headlands" section

Bring binoculars and field

rich range of wildflowers.

Limited to 45.

for details.

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A WATERSHED MOMENT: REDWOOD CREEK RESTORATION TO IMPROVE WILDLIFE HABITAT, VISITOR EXPERIENCE

By Lou Sian Interpretive Park Ranger

■rom near the peak of Mount Tamalpais in Marin County, picturesque Redwood Creek flows through an ancient forest in Muir Woods National Monument on its way to Muir Beach. It is an important stream that supports a small population of the endangered coho salmon (Oncorhynchus kisutch) and the threatened steelhead trout (O. mykiss). Several million people visit this watershed annually to hike the many trails, watch the sunset at Muir Beach, picnic, or enjoy coastal vistas. The Redwood Creek watershed is also where the world's tallest trees, the coast redwoods, are protected in a deep canyon sheltered from the salty influence of the Pacific Ocean.

Though relatively unobstructed, Redwood Creek encounters an obstacle at Muir Beach, three miles downstream of the monument. After nearly a century of alterations to the channel and floodplain, the creek is confined by a small bridge and a narrow passage between a parking lot and a levee. Water slows down at this bottleneck, and sediment drops out and fills



Rendering of a restored landscape at the mouth of Redwood Creek at Muir Beach. (NPS/Art by Tim Wells)

the channel. It only takes a few inches of rain for Redwood Creek to overflow its banks in winter and inundate the road at Pacific Way.

To help alleviate flooding during winter storm events and improve wildlife habitat, the National Park Service, the Marin County Department of Public Works, and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy are working together on the Redwood Creek Restoration

Learn More and Get Involved

See the "Marin Headlands" section of this book for hikes around the lower Redwood Creek watershed. For project updates, information on volunteering and stewardship opportunities, and community events about the restoration, visit www.nps.gov/goga/naturescience/muir-beach.htm.

at Muir Beach, locally known as Big Lagoon. The project is in the design phase and will include the removal of invasive plants and the application of the traditional ecological knowledge of the Coast Miwok.

In a few years, Marin County will build a longer 250foot bridge to replace the little bridge at Pacific Way. The parking lot will be reoriented to allow Redwood Creek to flow freely across its floodplain. The levee will be removed. People will walk to the beach on a new boardwalk that protects fragile sand dunes. Improved trails will connect with the Dias Ridge and the California Coastal trails. The restoration project will not only restore a naturally functioning creek system, but will also restore habitat for developing fish as they transition from a freshwater to an ocean environment—and then home again to Redwood Creek.



MOTHER'S DAY HIKE Saturday, May 9, 9 ам-12:30 рм

Bring the whole family on a hike with Golden Gate Raptor Observatory Director Allen Fish for a naturalist's exploration of Tennessee Val-

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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MARIN HEADLANDS Battery Townsley Open House Noon-4 PM Beginning Birding 9:30-11:30 AM Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay 11 AM-Noon, 1:30-2:30 PM PRESIDIO The Last Gun 11 AM-3 PM Buffalo Soldiers in a "Jim Crow" Army 1-3 PM	9	10	MARIN HEADLANDS Sunset/Full Moon Walk to Point Bonita Lighthouse 6:30-8:30 PM MUIR WOODS Muir Woods by Moonlight 6:30-8:30 PM PRESIDIO Ecological Restoration of the Waterfront 10 AM-NOON From Post to Park 1-3 PM	PRESIDIO Shuttle Through Time 1–1:45 PM	CRISSY FIELD CENTER Fantastic Friday 10-11:30 AM	CRISSY FIELD CENTER Kids Only Club 9:30 AM-2 PM MUIR WOODS Muir Woods History Walk 9 AM-Noon PRESIDIO Unsung Heroes Noon-1 PM

CRISSY FIELD CENTER Use sus Sentidos en Crissy Field! 2–4 PM MARIN HEADLANDS Amazing Grind 1:30–4 PM SWEENEY RIDGE Sweeney Ridge Saunter 11 AM–2 PM			PRESIDIO Shuttle Through Time 11–11:45 AM	PRESIDIO National Cemetery Walk 10 AM-NOON	CRISSY FIELD CENTER Fantastic Friday 10–11:30 AM	CRISSY FIELD CENTER EcoCareer Day 10 AM-3 PM PRESIDIO Crissy Field Cleanup Day 9 AM Earth, Wind, and Flowers 1-3 PM SAN MATEO COUNTY 360 Degrees of San Mateo County 10 AM-3:30 PM (9:30 BREAKFAST)
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LANDS END Exploring the Wonders of Adolph Sutro 1–4 PM Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 10–11 AM PRESIDIO Warming to Global Climate Change 1–3 PM	AT MULTIPLE SITES Teens on Trails 10 AM-1 PM	31	March 4 March 10 March	HOW TO USE PARK ADVENTURES Park Adventures features walks, talks, volunteer opportunities, and other programs offered by the Na- tional 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 pro- grams 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. Questions or comments on our Park Adventures publication? E-mail editor@parksconservancy.org.		

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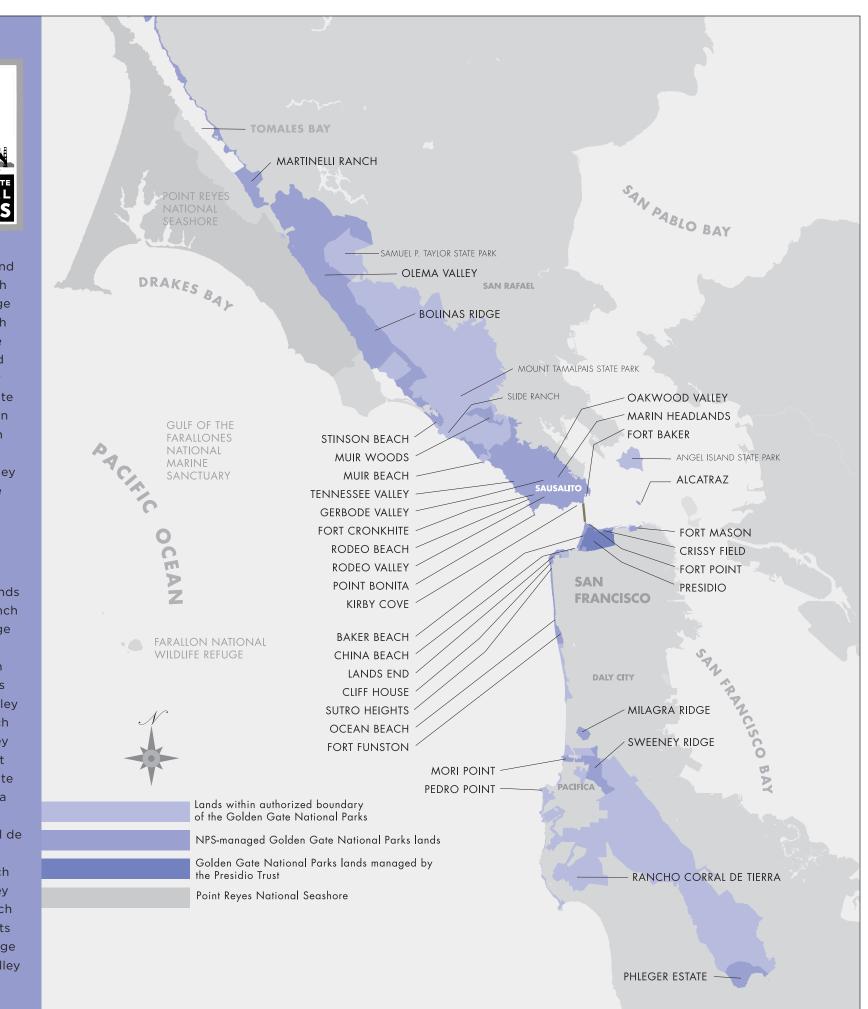
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Alcatraz Island Baker Beach Bolinas Ridge China Beach Cliff House Crissy Field Fort Baker Fort Cronkhite Fort Funston Fort Mason Fort Point Gerbode Valley Kirby Cove

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**





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

3/30, 4/25 (10 ам-1 рм) Need to fulfill service credits at your school? Use your days off as "days on" and celebrate the holiday by helping restore your national park. In March, commemorate Cesar Chavez Day by volunteering at Fort Funston. In April, pitch in on National Youth Service Day/Arbor Day and help at Baker Beach. These projects are 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.

Trail Crew Volunteers

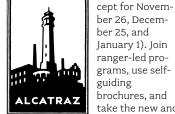
First and third Saturdays, April to November only (9 AM-NOON); Presidio crew: second Tuesdays, April to November only (NOON-3 PM) Ioin the Golden Gate National Parks'

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. Our season kicks off on April 18.

Appropriate for adults and youth ages 14 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). For meeting locations and more information, call (415) 561-3077 or (415) 561-3044, or e-mail volunteer@ parksconservancy.org.

Open daily (ex-

ALCATRAZ



take the new and improved cellhouse audio tour to learn about this historic island (transcripts of the cellhouse audio tour are available for hearing-impaired visitors). A captioned video introduction about Alcatraz history is shown every 30 minutes in the museum theater. Additional exhibits containing Alcatraz

artifacts and other historic items are located in the new museum store in the basement level of the cellhouse. Phone 561-4900, 9 AM to 4 PM, for more information.

The SEAT (shuttle) transport is

April: The Season of Service

Help your national parks during a special month recognizing service in our public lands and for our greater environment. Commemorations in April include:

National Park Week 4/18-4/26

National Volunteer Week 4/19-4/25

Earth Day 4/22

Get involved by participating in one of our drop-in volunteer opportunities (see inside cover).

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.



ONGOING

Alcatraz—

12:30 рм)

Escape from Reality

Alcatraz Historic

Gardens Volunteers

This video explores the connections

Wednesdays and Fridays (8:30 AM-

The gardens once created by mili-

tary and federal prison staff and in-

mates on San Francisco's Alcatraz

Island are being reclaimed as a joint

project of The Garden Conservancy,

the Golden Gate National Parks

between Alcatraz and Hollywood.

available for wheelchair users and visitors physically unable to walk up the ¼-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.

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Conservancy, and the National Park Service. 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 more information.

We Hold the Rock

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

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

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

Alcatraz Night Tour

Feel a chill run down your spine as you venture into dark corners of this

old island prison! Limited to just a few hundred visitors, the Alcatraz Night Tour programs include special topics, tours, and activities not offered during daytime hours. For more information, visit www. parksconservancy.org. Buy boat tickets well in advance, as they sell out quickly. For tickets, visit www.alcatrazcruises.com or phone 981-ROCK for ticket reservations. For program information, phone 561-4926.

CLIFF HOUSE



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



ter, located at 603 Mason St. (at Halleck) in the Presidio, is open daily, 9 ам-5 рм. Operated cooperatively by the National Park Service and the

Crissy Field Cen-

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-



vations. Pre-registration is recommended for most programs, but drop-ins are welcome on a spaceavailable 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.

PROGRAMS

Community Heroes Awards Ceremony

5/2 (11 AM) Join us as we recognize the important work of the Center's 2009 Community Heroes honorees. Each year, Crissy Field Center honors a group of Bay Area individuals or organizations whose actions have made a positive impact on the environment. At this ninth annual event, hear the award winners share their inspiring stories and learn how the power of one individual or grassroots group can bring about lasting change in the community. Free; drop-in, all ages welcome.

EcoCareer Day

3/21 (10 AM-3 PM) High school students: Get the "dirt" on jobs for the environment at this seventh annual conference!

Meet professional activists, educators, scientists, and business leaders, and learn about the wide range of jobs that allow you to turn your concern for the environment into a career. Fun, hands-on workshops introduce you to some of the tricks of the trade.

Get a jump on summer educational, volunteer, and job opportunities at the resource fair. Free (including lunch and giveaways).

Pre-registration required; e-mail *epepito@parksconservancy.org* or call 561-7767 with your name, telephone number, e-mail address, school, and grade level.



Earth Stroll: Earth Day Extravaganza 4/18 (10 AM-3 PM) Get out and get active this Earth Day! Bring the whole family on a fun, interactive fitness walk around Crissy Field.

Play eco-games, visit with live animals, and test your environmental knowledge at the many activity stations designed to help you make strides for a healthy planet and a healthy you. Drop-in, all ages welcome, featuring toddler-friendly activities. \$8 for all-activity passport.

FREE for Parks Conservancy members! Members, look for your invitation in the mail or call 561-3060.

Fantastic Friday 3/6–6/12 (10– 11:30 AM); no program 4/10 Crissy Field is a magical and safe place for toddlers to explore the outdoors with five senses and to develop a lasting appreciation for living things. It's a different outdoor adventure every week, full of creative activities you can use over and over during your own family getaways! Check our website for detailed weekly theme descriptions.

For ages 2 to 4 with parent, guardian, or caregiver. Fee: \$12 per child with prepaid registration; \$15 per child at the door. Call 561-7765 to register.

Field Photography: Sutro Heights and Lands End

4/25, 5/30 (9:30 AM—12:30 PM) This program is designed for the budding field photographer. This instructional photo hike is led by Parks Conservancy photographers

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 spring, learn about the insects of the Presidio and explore Crissy Field. Call 561-2805 for more information.

Insectos y Más (4/19)*
Use sus Sentidos

en Crissy Field! (3/15, 5/17)*

* Programs presented in Spanish with English translation provided.

and focuses on techniques such as lighting, stabilization, shadows, framing, vantage points, and perspectives of the blooming coastal flowers and the most scenic vistas of the Pacific Ocean and Marin Headlands.

Please bring your own digital camera or DSLR camera. Rain cancels. Ages 14 to adult. \$45 per participant with prepaid registration; \$50 at the door (limited space).

Insectos y Más* 4/19 (2-4 PM)

En esta caminata vamos a explorar e investigar insectos y muchos bichos más. Con lluvia o sin lluvia nos divertiremos investigando El Presidio. Comienza en el edificio 50 Moraga, Officers Club.

Inscripción anticipada es requerida; llame a la Guarda Bosques Fátima Colindres para mas información o para registrase 561-2805. Gratis: Familias con niños de 4 a 9 años de edad.

Kids Only Club: Climate Challenge 3/7, 3/14,

3/28 (9:30 AM-2 PM) Change begins with you! This season's Kids Only Club will display a global consciousness as we delve into the science, causes, and consequences of global warming—and possible solutions. You will use your national park as a laboratory to explore all things related to climate change—from calculating your carbon footprint to creating experiments that test the science behind global warming. For grades 4 to 6. \$45 per child, per session. Call 561-

7765 to register.

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Spring Camp: Presidio Trekkers

4/6-4/10 (8:30 AM-4:30 PM) Calling all intrepid explorers! Come along with Crissy Field Center's specialists and national park rangers to explore the country's premier urban national park conveniently hidden in your very own backyard.

Take an exciting journey from the heights of Inspiration Point to the bottom of Crissy Field Marsh. Create your own "habitat in a box" in the Center's Art Lab.

Investigate the impact of humans on watersheds in our Ecology Lab, and create your own ecological musical anthem in our Media Lab. It will be an adventure you will never forget.

For grades 1 to 6. \$350 per child. Call 561-7765 to register.

Spring Celebration

Family Campfire 5/16 (5–7 PM) Celebrate the beauty of our urban national park with an outdoor campfire at Crissy Field Amphitheater, located near the Warming Hut. 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. All ages welcome.

\$20 per family of three; \$8 per additional family member, prepaid registration recommended; call 561-7765.

Summer Camp Open House

5/9 (10 Am-1 PM)Looking for lots of outdoor challenges and creative fun this summer? Consider Crissy Field for camp this year and spend an unforget-table summer in your national park next door.

Hike through the primeval forest in Muir Woods, design a sustainable city, make butterfly wing costumes, and more. The open house is your chance to meet camp staff, see some of the great experiences kids had last year, and preview some of our signature camp activities. Free.

Parents, this is a great chance to sign up for first-choice camps before they fill, so don't miss it! For families with interested campers entering kindergarten entering grades 1 through 6 in fall 2009. Day camps are offered June through

August.

Visit *www.crissyfield.org* or call 561-7762 for more information.



Use sus Sentidos en Crissy Field!*

3/15 (2-4 рм), 5/17 (2-4 рм) En nuestro paseo vamos a buscar cangrejos y saborearemos dulces de fresa. Escucharemos leyendas culturales y oleremos el hábitat del

océano. Inscripción anticipada es rephone 239-4247 for information,

querida; llame a la Guarda Bosques

ción o para registrase 561-2805.

Fort Funston Cleanup Day

Bring dogs, friends, and family to

help keep Fort Funston clean for

Fort Funston Dogwalkers. Bring

everyone. Held in conjunction with

gloves; trash bags are provided. Vol-

unteers meet on the first Saturday

lot. For more information, phone

Fort Funston Dogs at 468-1262.

Fort Funston Nursery and

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 partici-

pate in seed collection, propagation,

(chaperones are suggested for youth

transplanting, pruning, weeding,

and outplanting. Appropriate for

adults and youth ages 10 and up

under age 18). RSVP is requested;

Stewardship/Fort **Funston Green Team**

morning of the month in the parking

FORT FUNSTON

3/7, 4/4, 5/2 (9:30 ам)

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ONGOING

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registration, and directions. **FORT MASON**

ONGOING



Gate Bridge from Fort Mason, home to Golden Gate National

Fort Mason

Gardeners

(9 AM-NOON)

Work with Na-

tional Park Serv-

ice gardeners-

and enjoy views

of the Golden

Tuesdays

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.

PROGRAMS

GGRO Volunteer Recruitment Meetings

4/29, 4/30 (7-9:30 PM); 5/2 (10 AM-12:30 PM) Do you like hawks? Think you might want to volunteer in the parks? Then come learn how you can get in-

volved with the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory!

Tens of thousands of birds of prey migrate over the Marin Headlands each fall, and we've been tracking their health, numbers, and movements since 1984.

We'll do a full-disclosure evening with staff and volunteers describing the big picture and the nitty-gritty details of volunteering with GGRO. You can ask questions and enjoy learning about hawks and leave, or you can sign up to be a 2009 GGRO volunteer!

Meet at Park Headquarters (large white building) in Upper Fort Mason. Enter at Franklin and Bay.

For more information, call 331-0730.





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. & 🖸





Raptor Observatory

Volunteers Meetings

Fascinated by raptors? Love the

Headlands? Come hear about vol-

unteer opportunities on Hawk Hill

with the Golden Gate Raptor Ob-

servatory (GGRO). Recruitment

the upcoming fall migration sea-

of this book for details.

son. See the "Fort Mason" section

meetings are held in the spring for

birds-eye view from the Marin

Demonstrations Discover how soldiers were taught

Cannon Loading

to load and fire a Napoleon 12pounder 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. &

PROGRAMS

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

Pier Crabbing 3/28, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, 5/23 (10 AM-NOON) Learn about crabbing in the San Francisco Bay. We'll teach you how to use the nets, discuss bait and regulations, and let you try your luck on the Fort Point pier. Reservations required: please call 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 details.

PROGRAMS

Exploring the Wonders of

Adolph Sutro 3/29 (1-4 PM) Join Park Ranger Emeritus John Martini for a three-hour exploration of Adolph Sutro's engineering achievements at Lands End. Sites will include Sutro Heights (Adolph's residence and formal gardens), Sutro Baths, Merrie Way, and the mysterious tunnels and channels through the tip of Point Lobos.

A semi-strenuous hike with stairs and long uphill sections. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for possibly windy conditions. Meet at the new Lands End parking lot at Merrie Way and Point Lobos Avenue, up the hill from the Cliff House. Reservations required, call 385-3065 or e-mail cchristman@parksconservancy.org.

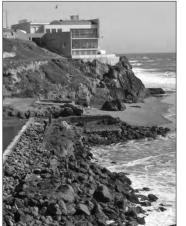
Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 3/29 (10-11

ам), 4/19 (2-3 pm), 5/17 (1-2 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. Call 561-4323.

Wildflower Wandering

4/19 (1-3 PM) It's spring and the wildflowers are beckoning! Join Alex Hooker, Lands End Stewardship Coordinator, for a walk along the Coastal Trail to see native plants in bloom. Learn about the plant's role in the coastal dune



ecosystem, as well as their historic use by indigenous peoples. This will be a gentle stroll for all ages and abilities. Wear layered clothing and be prepared for possibly windy conditions.

Meet at the new Lands End parking lot at Merrie Way and Point Lobos Avenue, just up the hill from the Cliff House. Reservations are required, call 385-3065 or e-mail 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 en-

joy our award-winning exhibits. Please note the Visitor Center is open every day of the year except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

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/marin-headlands.htm.

ONGOING

Battery Townsley Open House

3/8, 4/12, 5/10 (NOON-4 PM) Open the second Sunday of each month. Battery Townsley at Fort Cronkhite was San Francisco's most extensive—and most secret—World War II military fortification.

From 1940 to 1948, it mounted two massive battleship guns and housed more than 100 soldiers in an extensive network of underground tunnels; during the Cold War, it was used for underground research.

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 ½-mile north of the Rodeo Beach parking lot. For further assistance to the site, call 331-1540.

Members Event: Mother's Day Hike 5/9 (9 AM−12:30 PM) 🕕

Bring the whole family on a hike with Golden Gate Raptor Observatory Director Allen Fish for a naturalist's exploration of Tennessee Valley. We'll study the spring behaviors of hummingbirds, hawks, wrens, sparrows, and warblers, and we will keep company with a rich range of wildflowers: columbine, monkeyflower, iris, bee-plant, and paintbrush. Bring binoculars and dust off your field guides. Meet at Tennessee Valley Trailhead; park at the Trailhead lot.

Free; either bring a picnic lunch for after the hike or head into Mill Valley for some great inexpensive eateries. **Required registration deadline: April 23.** To register or to become a member, call (415) 561-3060 or e-mail *membership@parksconservancy.org.*



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 suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP requested; phone 332-5193 for details.

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

Muir Beach Cleanup and Stewardship

Second Saturday of every month (9–11 AM)

Help keep Muir Beach clean and safe for all of us to enjoy! Due to its popularity, there is an ongoing need to clean and steward this beach along the west Marin coast. Please come out, enjoy the beach, and help to preserve and protect this treasured destination. Meet at Muir Beach parking lot, south end by the boardwalk. Drop-in individuals are welcome. Group programs are available. Schedule a private program for groups with 10 or more. For more information, call (415) 561-4751 or e-mail *lynn_sanderson@nps.gov.*

Nike Missile Site Open House

3/7, 4/4, 5/2 (12:30—3:30 PM) Open the first Saturday of each month, and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Unique in the National Park Service, this restored Cold War anti-aircraft missile site

has intriguing stories to tell. Leashed pets are welcome. For updated visiting hours or tours, phone 331-1453. Buildings above ground are wheelchair accessible. Visit the Nike Missile website at www.nps.gov/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 trial is steep in places. For more information, phone 331-1540. Visit the Point Bonita Lighthouse website at www.nps.gov/pobo.htm.

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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 suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP requested; phone 331-0732 for information.

PROGRAMS

Amazing Grind 3/15 (1:30–4 PM) Join Ane Carla Rovetta for this family-friendly event—making art chalk from soil. Learn how to make chalk plus work on special art projects. Meet at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. For reservations and information, phone 331-1540.

Beginning Birding

3/8, 4/5, 5/3 (9:30–11:30 AM) Spring time brings new life to the Headlands, especially the birds. Join docent Jane Haley in an easy walk along Rodeo Lagoon to discover which birds are nesting and which are passing through on their way north. Bring binoculars and field guides. Meet at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. For ages 8 and up. Reservations required: call 331-1540.

EVENTS

Family Camp

5/2 (3 PM) – 5/3 (NOON) The days are getting longer, the flowers are blooming, and the weather is beginning to dry out. Perfect time for a family camping trip! Bring your family (with kids ages 5– 15) on a short overnight backpack (one mile) to serene Haypress Camp. Learn more about local flora, fauna, and history, and share in the fun of a traditional campfire. Program ends atnoon on May 3.

Limit 10 families and/or 32 people. No dogs. Leave e-mail address (or physical mail address) at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center (331-1540) and trip leader will contact you with more info. For reservations and more information, phone 331-1540.

Historic Fort Baker Tour

3/28, 4/18, 5/16 (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; rain cancels. For reservations and parking information, call 331-1540.

Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay

3/8, 4/12, 5/10 (11 ам—Noon, 1:30— 2:30 рм)

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.

Owls of Tennessee Valley 3/7 (5-8 PM)

In late winter, our whoot-whooting residents are especially active as they prepare for mating season. Join us for an easy four-mile, threehour dusk hike through the Tennessee Valley where we will search for and learn more about our resident owls. Bring water, layered clothing, a flashlight, binoculars, and snack. 25 person maximum, no dogs. \$3 optional material fee. Meet at Tennessee Valley trailhead. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Rambling Round Rodeo Cove 3/7, 5/2 (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. Heavy rain cancels. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse

3/11 (6:30-8:30 pm), 4/9 (7-9 pm), 5/9 (7:30-9:30 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 4/4 (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. Heavy rain cancels. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Wildflower Photography Hike

3/28 (9:30 AM—NOON) Bring your camera and tripod to photograph spring wildflowers on this moderate two- to three-mile hike. Meet Al Greening at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. Reservations required; phone 331-1540.

Wildflowers of Wolf Ridge

4/4 (10 AM -2 PM) A variety of colorful wildflowers and great views of the coastline and bay will great you on this moderately strenuous 4½-mile Miwok, Wolf Ridge, and Coastal Trail loop hike. Wear sturdy shoes and dress in layers. Bring water and a light lunch. Meet docent Susan Ovington at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. Heavy rain cancels. Reservations required; phone 331-1540.

MILAGRA RIDGE

Of Bombs and Butterflies

4/19 (11 AM-1 PM) Enjoy an easy stroll with local historian Jerry Crow and 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.

MORI POINT

Members Event: Wildflower

Ramble 4/4 (2:30–4:30 PM) (Parks Conservancy members, join us at Mori Point in Pacifica to enjoy native plants in bloom. Mori Point is famous for its spectacular spring wildflowers. We'll hike to the cliffs overlooking the coastline for amazing views of the ocean. Our hike will be led by Susie Bennett and Christina Crooker, knowledgeable about the restoration work the Parks Conservancy has done to bring native flora and fauna back to Mori Point. Meet at the fence at the Mori Point trailhead by the Moose Lodge on Bradford Way.

Free. Limited to 45 participants. Required registration deadline: March 19. To register, call 561-3060

or e-mail membership@ parksconservancy.org.

MUIR WOODS



Open every day, including holidays, between 8 AM and sunset. Muir Beach and Muir Beach Overlook are open from 9 AM to one hour after sunset. The entrance fee for Muir

Woods is \$5 per person, ages 16 and up.

Phone the Muir Woods Hotline at 388-2595 for program reservations and updates on hours, seasonal news, trail conditions, and program

details. All programs meet at the Visitor Center unless otherwise indicated. Visit www.nps.gov/muwo for more information.

ONGOING

Daily Programs

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

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

Muir Woods 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

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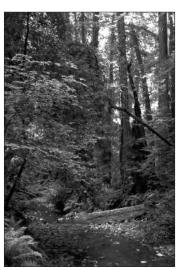
International Migratory Bird Day

5/9 (7:30 AM-2 PM) International Migratory Bird Day is observed every year by hundreds of thousands of people. Throughout the Western Hemisphere, people flock to parks, community centers, refuges, and town squares to learn more about wild birds, take action to conserve birds and their habitats, and simply have fun.

Help celebrate International Migratory Bird Day. Join us at Muir Woods for activities and fun for all ages. If ever you were a little curious about our fine feathered friends, this is a great chance to dive in and learn what you can do to help migrating birds. Bring the family! For more information, phone 388-2596.

Muir Woods History Walk

3/14 (9 AM—NOON) Have we been preserving or con-



serving 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 Monument. Bring walking shoes and water.

For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

Muir Woods by Moonlight

3/11 (6:30-8:30 PM), 4/9 (7-9 PM), 5/9 (7:30-9:30 PM) Explore the magic of Muir Woods during 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.

Coho Salmon at Muir Beach: Something Fishy Going On? 5/9 (10 AM-NOON)

Learn about the current status of coho salmon in Redwood Creek. Join National Park Service Fishery Biologist Michael Reichmuth on a moderately strenuous hike. You'll get an update on the Redwood Creek Restoration at Muir Beach while enjoying the breathtaking views of the valley and ocean. Meet at the Muir Beach parking lot. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

Wildflower Walk and Bird's Glimpse of a New Muir Beach 4/19 (10 AM-3 PM)

When California hillsides are riotous with spring wildflowers, join Ranger Mia Monroe for a six-mile walk and



get a bird's eye view of the Redwood Creek Restoration at Muir Beach. Afterwards, join Mia for a satisfying Muir Beach cleanup. Bring lunch and dress warmly. Meet at the Muir Beach parking lot. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

OCEAN BEACH

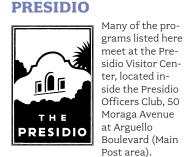
Beach Cleanup and Fire Ring Maintenance

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 details, e-mail *lynn_sanderson@ nps.gov* or call 561-4751.

PHLEGER ESTATE

How to Save a Forest

4/25 (10:30 AM-3:30 PM) How did five people on a budget save a 1,200-acre redwood forest? Find out by joining Park Ranger George Durgerian on a moderately strenuous 6½-mile walk through the Phleger Estate. Meet at Huddart County Park's entrance parking lot (\$5 entrance fee). Bring water, a lunch, and hiking boots. Reservations required; call 561-4323.



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 ам—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* or call 447-9743.

Crissy Field Cleanup Day

3/21, 4/18, 5/16 (9 AM) Bring dogs, friends, and family to this monthly event and help keep Crissy Field clean of litter and dog waste. Bring gloves; trash bags are provided. Clean-up areas include the east and central beaches and the promenade area. Volunteers meet the third Saturday of the month at the East Beach parking lot picnic tables. E-mail Crissy Field Dogs at *crissyfielddog@sbcglobal.net* for information and to confirm event, as it is occasionally rescheduled.

Crissy Field Landscape

Thursdays (9 AM—NOON) Help keep Crissy Field clean, green, and free of invasive weeds. Projects include winter beach clean-ups, trail maintenance along the promenade, broad-leaf plant removal, and reseeding 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 or call 447-9743.

Water + Color: California Watercolor Association 40th National Exhibition

The California Watercolor Association returns to the Presidio for its 40th annual National Exhibition showcasing winners from the Watercolor Association's 40th national competition. Approximately 100 original works from landscapes to portraits will be presented. FREE at the Presidio Officers Club Exhibition Hall, March 18—May 24, 2009, Wednesday through Sunday, 11 AM—5 PM.

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 *ehuerta@ parksconservancy.org* or phone 561-

PARK EVENTS

Members Event: Goldsworthy Sculpture Tour

3/7 (10 ам—Noon) 🕕

Parks Conservancy members: Enjoy a hike to the new Andy Goldsworthy spire in the Presidio! With Presidio Trust staff members Allison Stone and Peter Ehrlich, we'll learn about Goldsworthy's past work and how this piece was created in the Presidio from the trunks of cypress trees. The hike will take us along the Bay Area Ridge Trail to the sculpture and the Inspiration Point Overlook. The Goldsworthy at the Presidio exhibit at the Main Post will open early this day just for us. Park at the Presidio Main Post and meet at the Goldsworthy exhibit in Building 47, adjacent to the Officers Club.

Free. Limited to 35 participants. **Required registration deadline: March 2.** To register, call 561-3060 or e-mail *membership@parksconservancy.org.*

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 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 3/7, 3/8, 4/4, 4/5, 5/2, 5/3 (11 AM-3 PM) How can a 50-ton gun simply disap-

pear? 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 $_{\rm AM}$ to 3 $_{\rm PM}$, first full weekend of each month.

PROGRAMS

Buffalo Soldiers in a "Jim

Crow" Army 3/8, 5/24 (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.

In this program, participants may gain a much 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 Walk with Juan Bautista De Anza

3/7, 4/11 (1-2:30 PM), 5/16 (10-11:30 AM) "¡Vayan subiendo!" "Everyone mount up!" This became a familiar call from Spanish Captain Juan Bautista de Anza during the historic hike up from Sonora to San Francisco in 1776.

Join us for a moderate one-mile walk on the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail through the Presidio forest, Fort Scott, and on to the Golden Gate. Meet Ranger Eddie Arias at the Presidio Stables. Reservations required; call 561-4323.



Crissy Field Aviation Walk

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4/11 (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. &

Earth, Wind, and Flowers 3/21 (1–3 PM)

Learn how unusual geologic and weather conditions have produced a unique ecosystem at the Presidio on a moderate 1½-mile walk. Bring a camera and wear comfortable shoes and warm layers.

Meet Ranger Will Elder at Inspiration Point. Reservations required; call 561-4323. &

Ecological Restoration of the Waterfront

3/11, 4/8, 5/13 (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.

Meet docent Bob Halsey at the corner of Halleck and Mason in front of the Crissy Field Center. Reservations required; call 561-4323.



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El Polin Springs Steward's

Tour 3/28 (NOON-1 PM) Join the ongoing native plant restoration from 9 AM to NOON, then tour the El Polin site to learn more about the history and mystery of its water! Meet docent Barbara Corff at El Polin Springs at the end of MacArthur Avenue for a short, easy, one-hour walk. Reservations reguired; call 561-4323. For more information on El Polin volunteer days call 561-5333.

From Post to Park

3/11, 4/15, 5/13 (1-3 рм) 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. 🕭

General Pershing's Presidio 4/4 (1-2:30 pm)

Visit sites from "Black Jack" Pershing's time and learn about army life at the Presidio in the years just prior to World War I on an easy 1½-mile walk.

Meet docent Bob Bowen at the flagpole near Arguello Boulevard and Moraga Avenue. Reservations required; call 561-4323. &

Geology of the **Golden Gate Headlands** 5/2 (10 ам-3 рм)

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; call 561-4323.

Golden Poppy Tour

4/6 (NOON-1 PM) Celebrate our state flower! April 6 is California Poppy Day. Join a ramble in the serpentine grasslands and enjoy the lore and lure of the Golden State's golden flower.

Meet docent Barbara Corff at Inspiration Point Overlook on Arguello Avenue for a short, easy, one-hour walk. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

History, Heroes, and Houses

3/28, 5/16 (1-2:30 PM) Explore the "heart" of the Presidio and learn about this former Army post's past and its future on an easy one-mile walk. Rain cancels. Meet ranger Marcus Combs at the visitor center located in the Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave. Reservations required; call 561-4323. &

Memorial Day 2009

5/25 (10:30 AM-NOON) Join us for a Main Post parade, National Cemetery program, cemetery walks, and concert. Parade begins at the Main Post Parade Ground. Program takes place in the San Francisco National Cemetery at the Presidio. For more information, call 561-5500.

National Cemetery Walk

3/5, 3/19, 4/9, 4/23, 5/14, 5/28 (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 at the Cemetery Gate for this program. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Patriotism and Prejudice 5/9 (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; call 561-4323. 🕭

Pedaling the Presidio

4/19 (10 AM-NOON) Cycle through time and explore history and scenery on this six-mile, moderately strenuous bicycle ride through the Presidio. Helmet reguired. Meet Ranger James Osborne at Crissy Field Center, corner of Halleck and Mason. Reservations reguired; please call 561-4323.

Presidio Birdlife

4/18 (9:30-11:30 AM) See and learn about the diverse Presidio birdlife on a moderate onemile walk. Meet Ranger Will Elder at Crissy Field Center, corner of Halleck and Mason streets. Reservations required: call 561-4323. &

Shuttle Through Time 3/4,

3/18, 4/1, 5/6, 5/20 (11-11:45 AM); 3/12, 3/26, 5/14, 5/28 (1-1:45 РМ) Take the PresidiGo shuttle and travel through time as you hear stories spanning the centuries. Meet Ranger Marcus Combs at the Presidio Transit Center, corner of Graham Street and Lincoln Boulevard. Reservations required; call 561-4323 5

Tennessee Hollow and the Tennessee Soldiers

5/12 (NOON-1 PM)

Follow soldiers' experiences through firsthand accounts as they prepared in the Presidio in 1898 for their fight in the Philippines following the Spanish American War. Discover their encampment namesake on an easy, one-hour walk. Meet docent Barbara Corff at the visitor center located in the Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Fairly strenuous. Leashed dogs wel-

come. Directions: From south, look

for Shelldance Nursery entrance

about ¼-mile past intersection of

Highway 1 and Reina del Mar. Go to

From north, proceed south on High-

way 1 to Reina del Mar intersection;

make a U-turn at the light and re-

trace ¼-mile to Shelldance Nursery

entrance. Reservations requested;

Hike to a great place with two great

Sweeney Ridge Saunter

phone (415) 561-4323.

3/15 (11 ам-2 рм)

top of drive way and park to the left.



The Presidio Invites

the World! 5/9 (11 AM-NOON) San Francisco celebrated the opening of the Panama Canal and its recovery from the 1906 Earthquake and Fire with the Panama Pacific International Exposition. View the fair as it was recorded in postcards of the time in this illustrated presentation. Meet docent Bob Bowen at the visitor center located in the Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave. Reservations required; call 561-4323. &

Unsung Heroes

3/14 (Noon-1 рм) Presidio history has been made by men and women, generals and nurses, planners and protestors, and people from 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. Reservations required; call 561-4323. 🕏

Warming to Global Climate Change 3/29 (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. 🕏

PARK EVENTS

Wings Over Crissy Field

4/5 (1-3 PM) Join a moderate one-mile walk through the history of aviation at the Presidio. Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the Warming Hut, at the west end of Mason Street. Reservations required: call 561-4323. &

SAN MATEO COUNTY

360 Degrees of San Mateo County

3/21 (10 AM-3:30 PM) Take a grand tour of three national park sites in San Mateo County: Milagra Ridge, Sweeney Ridge, and Mori Point. Join Park Ranger George Durgerian to hear the stories of bootlegging, bombs, and butterflies that make these sights great. Strenuous but leisurely 61/2-mile hike. Meet at Salada Beach Café, at Paloma & Oceana in Pacifica. Bring water, a lunch, and good boots. Come at 9:30 AM for breakfast or coffee, and 10 AM for the hike.

Reservations are requested; please phone (415) 561-4323.

STINSON BEACH

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

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

SUTRO HEIGHTS/SUTRO BATHS

For information, phone 561-4323. Also see "Exploring the Wonders of Adolph Sutro," under the Lands End event listings.

SWEENEY RIDGE

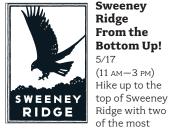
PROGRAMS

Sweeney Ridge From the 5/17

(11 AM-3 PM) Hike up to the guides! Join Nike veteran David Bridgman and Pacifica historian Jerry Crow to hear about the defense of Sweeney Ridge-from the Spanish explorers to Nike missiles to neighborhood activists—all while offering 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.



of the most knowledgeable guides in town.

Pacifica historian Jerry Crow and Nike missile veteran David Bridgman will lead you backwards in time— from how locals saved this open space to the Cold War era to the site where Europeans first saw the San Francisco Bay.

Bottom Up!

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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 land-scapes, and creating innovative programs. For more information, visit *www.presidio.gov*, or call (415) 561-5300.

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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*. Please include your name and membership number, if applicable.

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.)			
Invasive Plant Patrol*				10 am—2 pm (seasonal)			
Lands End Stewardship					1—4 рм		1—4 рм
Marin Headlands Nursery				1—4 рм			9 AM-NOON
Muir Beach Cleanup							9—11 am (2nd Sat of Month)
Ocean Beach Cleanup	10 AM-NOON (SPECIFIC DATES)						
Presidio Nursery				1—4 рм			1—4 рм
Presidio Park Stewards				9 AM-NOON			9 AM-NOON
Presidio Plant Patrol*						1—4 рм	
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)

IN NEW ERA OF SERVICE, BE A PARK VOLUNTEER

Serve your community by helping to preserve and protect the Golden Gate National Parks—our shared and cherished public lands. Check out 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 are as committed to community action as you are!

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 projects may vary. For information, please call (415) 561-3077, (415) 561-3044, or e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org.

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

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

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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
PARK VISITOR CENTERS,
BOOKSTORES, AND CAFÉS
Alcatraz Island Bookstores
Alcatraz Ranger Station
Crissy Field Center Bookstore and Café Crissy
Crissy Field Warming Hut
Bookstore and Café
Fort Mason/Park Hdqrs (M–F)(415) 561-4700
Fort Point Visitor Center (Fri–Sun) (415) 556-1693
Marin Headlands Visitor Center
Muir Woods Visitor Center
Muir Woods Nature Hotline
National Park Store at Pier 39
Presidio Visitor Center

ADDITIONAL HELPFUL NUMBERS

Alcatraz Night Tour	. (415)	561-492	6
Alcatraz Program Information	. (415)	561-4900	0
Crissy Field Center	. (415)	561-7690	0
Fort Mason Center Information Line	. (415)	345-7544	4
Golden Gate Club	. (415)	561-2582	2
Beach Chalet Visitor Center,			
Golden Gate Park	. (415)	751-276	6
Habitat Restoration Team	. (415)	561-4848	8
Historic Nike Missile Site	. (415)	331-1453	3
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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	5) 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

ALCATRAZ www.nps.gov/alcatraz

FORT POINT www.nps.gov/fopo

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

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

PRESIDIO TRUST www.presidio.gov

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

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