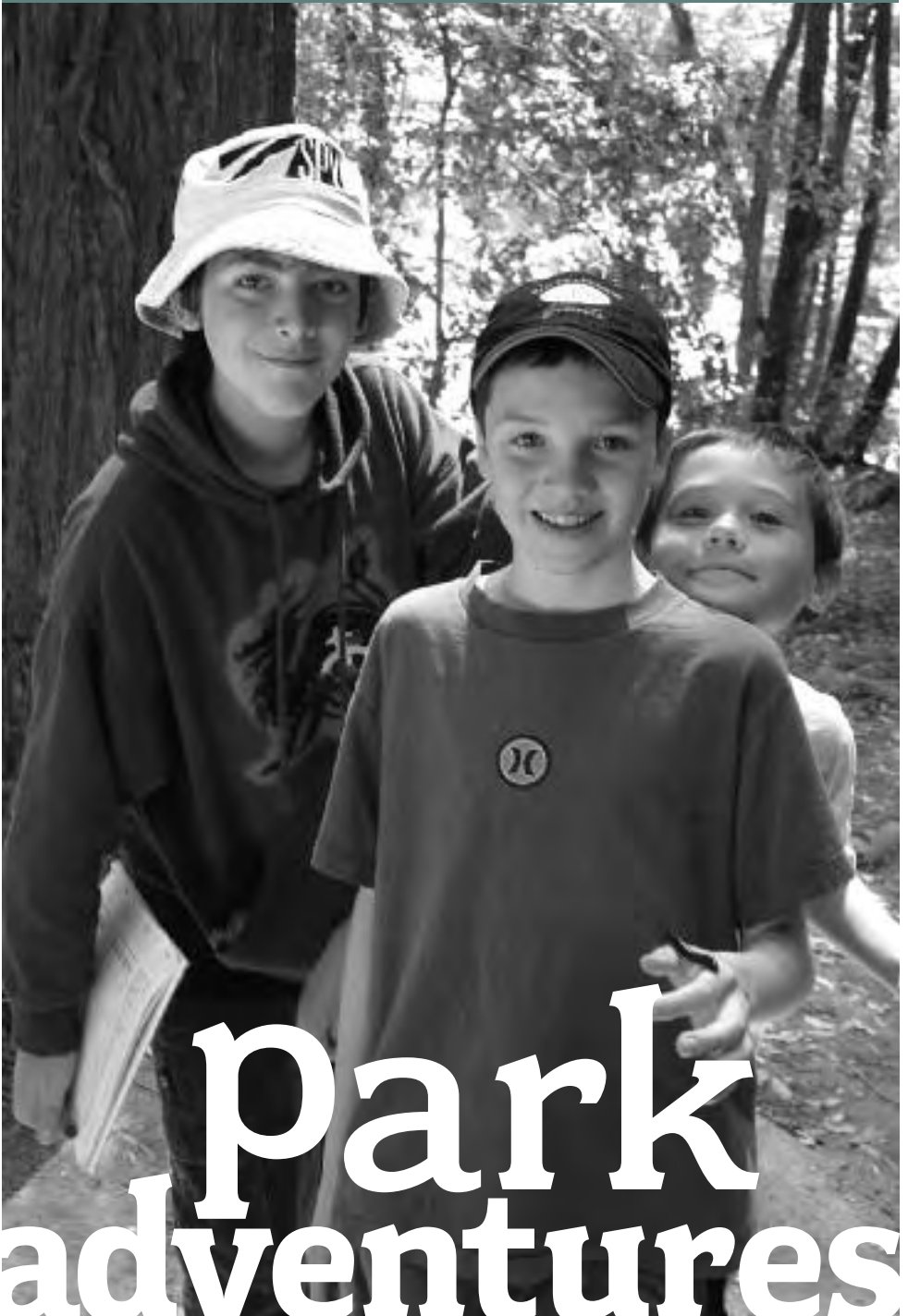


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COMPASS POINTS

Redwood Creek Restoration Efforts Continue

A project on Redwood Creek in southern Marin County was completed in October to reconnect a portion of the creek with its historic floodplain and enhance habitat for the federally listed coho salmon and steelhead trout. The National Park Service (NPS) will be excavating a natural floodplain terrace along 550 linear feet of creek to create a more natural floodplain width. Six “engineered log jams” will be installed to create a more natural flow pattern. This is the second such project implemented by the NPS on Redwood Creek at a former agricultural site, the Banducci flower field. The first project, implemented in 2003, enhanced salmon habitat.

Trail Crews' Work Adds Up to Improved Parks

National Park Service trail crews and volunteers have been putting up some good numbers over the past year, including reconstructing over 1,500 linear feet of staircase, 1,000 linear feet of retaining wall, 2,000 linear feet of turn-pike, 1,600 linear feet of post and cable fencing, 330 check steps, and 26 waterbars. The same crews finished almost 50 miles of general maintenance, including clearing vegetation and downed trees, maintaining tread, and cleaning drainages. Trails Forever volunteers were also very busy this past year working alongside the NPS trail crew. We were able to complete 40,400 volunteer hours just on trails alone and engage over 1,478 total volunteers in trail maintenance activities. So get out there and enjoy the trails!

Alcatraz Tour Brochures Available in Braille

Alcatraz Island now offers self-guided tour brochures and the audio tour transcript in Braille form for blind and visually-impaired visitors. These items will be available at the dock office and at the Cellhouse. These materials were developed with the help of volunteers at the Living Skills Center for the Visually Impaired.

SPECIAL EVENT FOR PARKS CONSERVANCY MEMBERS

FORT POINT TOUR BY CANDLELIGHT

Be part of a winter tradition! Join us for an unforgettable night tour of this National Historic site. Walk the fort's layered brick hallways and explore its rooms by lantern light. Get a unique view of the Golden Gate Bridge arch, and hear fascinating stories from Ranger Maureen Rogers about the soldiers who lived in Fort Point during the Civil War. Meet before the tour in the Warming Hut for hot beverages and after-hours shopping at a 20 percent discount.

Event date and time:

Thursday, January 24
5:30-8:30 PM

Registration deadline:

Monday, January 7

Location:

Fort Point
(Meet at the Warming Hut)

Fee: Free - Limited capacity

How to sign up for members' events

There are two simple ways to sign up for this members' event.


- 1) Call our Membership Coordinator, Morgan Cosby, at (415) 561-3060.
- 2) E-mail us at: membership@parksconservancy.org.

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

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

address, number of guests, and your membership number.

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

The member event is designated by  in the calendar pages.

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

MUIR WOODS AT 100: A PLACE FOR ALL AGES

By Timothy Jordan
Park Ranger

PICTURE A PEACEFUL FOREST OF MAGNIFICENT redwoods shading a creek that sings to nearby deer, with the spicy scent of bay laurel lingering in the crisp air. This tranquil place need not exist only in the imagined past—it can be found half an hour from San Francisco. Muir Woods National Monument is the last of the old-growth redwood forests in the Bay Area. Renowned naturalist John Muir described these woods as being “the best tree lover’s monument that could possibly be found in all the forests of the world.”

In 2008, Muir Woods is proudly celebrating its 100th year as a National Monument—and a living symbol of the conservation ethic. The gold rush of the mid-19th century severely impacted the Bay Area’s coast redwoods, and nearly all of the old-growth forest in the region had been logged by 1900. Although an old-growth forest remained on Mount Tamalpais’ south side, developers had plans to log this last stand and dam Redwood Creek that flowed through it.



William Kent (left) and Stephen Mather at Muir Woods.

This threat motivated William Kent and his wife, Elizabeth Thacher, to purchase the forest in 1905. Following the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, Redwood Canyon was targeted for its valuable land and lumber. The Kents responded by donating the land to the federal government by way of the 1906 Antiquities Act, and on January 9, 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt declared Muir Woods the tenth national monument of the United States. Although he offered to name it Kent Woods, the Kents asked that the monument be named for Muir.

Today visitors of all ages enjoy this natural and cultural resource just 12 miles north of San Francisco. The forest, which includes redwoods over 250 feet high, shelters threatened and endangered animals such as the northern spotted owl and coho salmon.

Come for a leisurely stroll or a more strenuous hike—and witness for yourself the majesty of the coast redwoods and appreciate 100 years of preservation.

**Centennial Events**

Although the Centennial season officially kicks off at the Winter Solstice event on December 21, rangers and docents will provide Centennial-themed programs throughout 2008. Look for new publications and art exhibits, and bring the kids (grades 3-5) on a new treasure hunt that teaches Muir Woods history. You can learn more about this winter’s Centennial activities in the “Muir Woods” section of this newsletter, or visit www.nps.gov/muwo or call (415) 388-2596.

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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 Crissy Field Center, and the Presidio Trust. Most programs are free 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.



CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Insectos y Más 2–4 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS

Beginning Birding 9:30–11:30 AM

Marin Headlands Monarch Discovery 10 AM–NOON

MUIR WOODS

Muir Beach Bird Walk 9–11 AM

Monarch Butterflies in Marin 1–3 PM

PRESIDIO

The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS

A Country Holiday House Greening NOON–4 PM

Battery Townsley Open House NOON–4 PM

OCEAN BEACH

Fire Ring Cleanup 10 AM–NOON

PRESIDIO

A Walk in the Presidio Forest 1–3:30 PM

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OCEAN BEACH

Fire Ring Cleanup 10 AM–NOON

PRESIDIO

Pedaling the Presidio 10 AM–NOON

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OCEAN BEACH

Fire Ring Cleanup 10 AM–NOON

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OCEAN BEACH

Fire Ring Cleanup 10 AM–NOON

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PRESIDIO

From Post to Park

1–2:30 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Fantastic Friday

10 AM–NOON

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MUIR WOODS

Winter Solstice

3–8 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Winter Solstice Night Hike 5–8 PM

FORT FUNSTON

Cleanup Day 9:30 AM

MARIN HEADLANDS

Nike Missile Site Open House 12:30–3:30 PM

MUIR WOODS

Ready! Flame! Fire! – Fire Scars of Muir Woods NOON–2 PM

PRESIDIO

The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Season's Greenings 10 AM–2 PM

FORT POINT

Candlelight Tour 6:30–8 PM

MUIR WOODS

Ready! Flame! Fire! – Fire Scars of Muir Woods NOON–2 PM

PRESIDIO

World War II on the Presidio 1–2 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Frogs and Amphibians: River of Words Opening NOON–2 PM

FORT POINT Candlelight Tour 6:30–8 PM

LANDS END Bird Habitat Enhancement 1–4 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS

Christmas at Point Bonita 10:30 AM–12:30 PM

MUIR WOODS

Fungi of Muir Woods 10 AM–2 PM

PRESIDIO

Crissy Field Cleanup Day 9 AM

San Francisco Rocks 1–2 PM

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
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Fantastic Friday
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FORT FUNSTON
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MARIN HEADLANDS
Nike Missile Site Open House 12:30–3:30 PM
MUIR WOODS
Muir Woods Earth Day 8:30 AM–1 PM
PRESIDIO
The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM
Charles Young, the Buffalo Soldiers, and the Fight for Equality 1–2 PM

CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Camino de los Enamorados 2–4 PM
MUIR WOODS
Muir Beach Bird Walk 9–11 AM
PRESIDIO
The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Fantastic Friday
 10 AM–NOON

FORT POINT
Candlelight Tour 6:30–8 PM
MUIR WOODS
Nature Detectives 10 AM–NOON
Watershed Hike 10 AM–4 PM
Owl Wars 4–7 PM
PRESIDIO
The Presidio Invites the World! 1–2 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS
Battery Townsley Open House NOON–4 PM
Beginning Birding 9:30–11:30 AM
PRESIDIO
The Story of the Buffalo Soldiers 1–3 PM

PRESIDIO
Discover Lower Tennessee Hollow Watershed
 NOON–1 PM

PRESIDIO
From Post to Park
 1–2:30 PM

CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Fantastic Friday
 10 AM–NOON

MUIR WOODS
Nature Detectives 10 AM–NOON
PRESIDIO
Crissy Field Cleanup Day 9 AM

PRESIDIO
People Make a Difference 1–3 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS
Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse
 5:30–7:30 PM

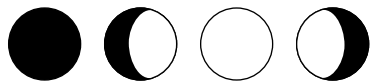
MARIN HEADLANDS
Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse
 5:30–7:30 PM

CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Fantastic Friday
 10 AM–NOON

CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Summer Camp Open House 10 AM–NOON
FORT POINT
Candlelight Tour 6:30–8 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS
Rambling Round Rodeo Cove 11 AM–1 PM
MUIR WOODS
Babes (and Toddlers) in the Woods 10 AM–NOON
PRESIDIO
World War II on the Presidio 1–2 PM

CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Fantastic Friday
 10 AM–NOON

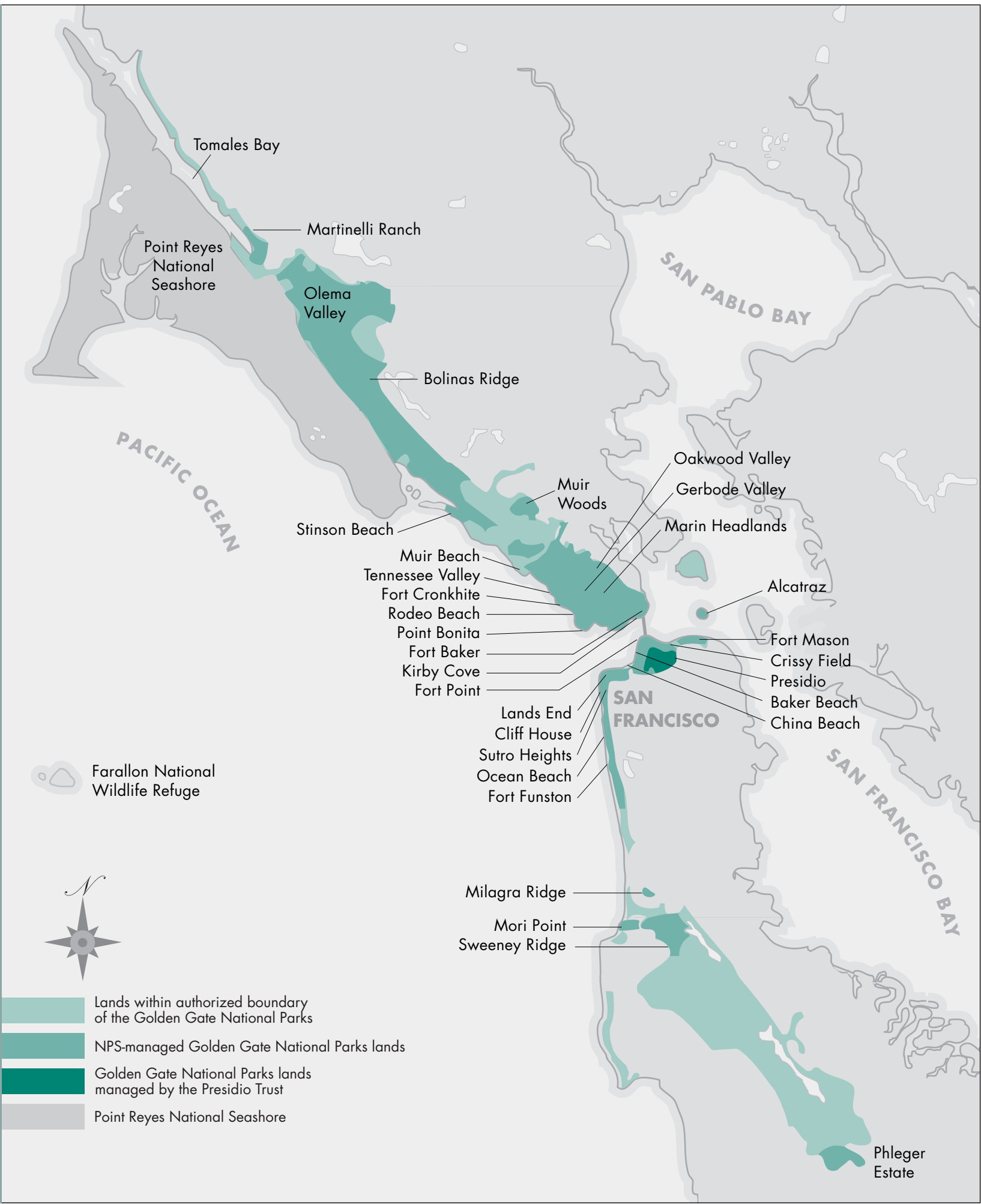


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- Alcatraz Island
- Baker Beach
- Bolinas Ridge
- China Beach
- Cliff House
- Crissy Field
- Fort Baker
- Fort Cronkhite
- Fort Funston
- Fort Mason
- Fort Point
- Gerbode Valley

- Kirby Cove
- Lands End
- Marin Headlands
- Martinelli Ranch
- Milagra Ridge
- Mori Point
- Muir Beach
- Muir Woods
- Oakwood Valley
- Ocean Beach
- Olema Valley
- Phleger Estate
- Point Bonita
- Presidio
- Rodeo Beach
- 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. Appropriate for adults and youth (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting loca-

tions 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.



Teens on Trails

1/21 (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

Need to fulfill service credits at your school? Use your day off as a "day on" and celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day by helping restore your National Park. We have specially scheduled programs throughout the year at sites in Marin, the Presidio, San Francisco, and San Mateo. This project is just for teens so come

with friends, classmates, or your school club. Join the Trails Forever Team to do trail maintenance and habitat restoration along some of the most scenic trails in the park. Contact us at 561-3068 or kkiefer@parksconservancy.org.

Trail Crew Volunteers

First and third Saturdays, April to December only (9 AM—NOON)
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 are suggested for youth under age 18). Phone 561-3068 for meeting locations and directions.

Weed Watchers

Thursdays and Sundays
(9:30 AM—2 PM)

The Weed Watcher program is a volunteer-based invasive plant early detection program. Weed Watchers go on weed-scouting hikes throughout the parks. The focus is on identification, not weed removal. Locations vary; call 331-5023 for directions and more information.

Planting Season in the Parks

Winter season (December—March)
Help restore native habitat throughout the parks! We've propagated over 123,000 native plants in our nurseries and now it's time to get them in the ground before the rainy season ends. We'd be excited to have you join us! We have ongoing restoration projects throughout San Mateo, San Francisco, and Marin counties. Individuals and groups are welcome. Schedules, locations, and directions are posted at www.parksconservancy.org/help/volunteer.asp. For details, contact us at 561-3077 or volunteer@parksconservancy.org.

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

Indicates a program that is closed-captioned.

Indicates either full or partial wheelchair accessibility.

PARK EVENTS



ALCATRAZ

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

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

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

This video presentation explores the connections between Alcatraz and Hollywood.



Alcatraz Historic Gardens

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.

We Hold the Rock

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

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

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

Alcatraz Night Tour

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

Alcatraz Kidz Tourz

Looking for something fun, unusual, and educational to do with your family? Join us for special family-oriented programs that include a guided tour from the dock to the prison, an audio tour of the cellhouse, and a special program designed for kids. For more detailed information, visit www.parksconservancy.org. Buy boat tickets well in advance, as they sell out quickly. For tickets, visit www.alcatrazcruises.com or phone 981-ROCK for ticket reservations. For program information, phone 561-4926.

CLIFF HOUSE

Enjoy views of the Pacific Ocean and Seal Rocks from the public outdoor terraces of the Cliff House. The Cliff House Restaurant is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner; phone 386-3330 for reservations. The Camera Obscura on the lower terrace is open seven days a week, weather permitting; phone 750-0415 for more information. Visit the Cliff House website at www.nps.gov/goga/clho.htm.

CRISSY FIELD CENTER

Crissy Field Center, located in Building 603 at the corner of Mason and Halleck streets in the Presidio, is open daily, 9 AM to 5 PM. Operated cooperatively by the National Park Service and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the Center is dedicated to viewing the environment through multicultural perspectives in partnership with communities. The Center offers a variety of educational programs, including weekend workshops for youth and families, summer camps, and seasonal events. Most programs are fee-based and suitable for all ages unless otherwise noted. For a com-

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plete quarterly catalog and registration and scholarship information, call 561-7752 or visit www.crissyfield.org.

A partial listing follows. All Crissy Field Center programs require reservations.



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

ONGOING

Fantastic Fridays

12/7–2/29, no program 12/21, 12/28, 1/4 (10 AM–NOON)
Parent and tot playtime at Crissy Field. Check www.parksconservancy.org for themes. Ages 2 to 5, with parent, guardian, or caregiver. \$10 per child. Drop-in OK, but pre-registration suggested. Register online at www.crissyfield.org or email cfcregistrationinfo@parksconservancy.org or by fax at 561-7695.

PROGRAMS

Camino de los Enamorados

2/3 (2–4 PM)*

Venga en familia y disfrute de una caminata siguiendo el sendero de los enamorados. Arte, diversión e historias de amor es lo que encontraremos en las veredas del Presidio. El programa dará inicio en el Centro de Crissy Field y culminará en el Sendero de los Enamorados (Lovers Lane). Gratis: Familias con niños de 4 a 9 años de edad; inscripción es necesaria llame a la Guarda Bosques Fátima Colindres al 561-4405.



Digital Photography at Crissy Field

1/19, 1/26 (10 AM–NOON)

Part I (1/19): Learn the basics of digital photography in our Media Lab and then head out to the marsh with one of our digital cameras or bring your own. Get tips on technique, composition, equipment purchasing, and learn how to share your images online.

Part II (1/26): Learn how to touch up your photos using Adobe Photoshop Elements, the popular consumer

Crissy Field en Español

If Spanish is your first language, you and your family can take advantage of our Spanish-language walking tours and workshops. Ranger Fátima Colindres is your guide to a different experience the first Sunday of most months. This winter, join her for stories about Lovers Lane, an exploration of Lobos Dunes, and a closer look at insect life. Call 561-4405 for more information.

Insectos y Más (12/2)*

Dunas de Lobos (1/6)*

Camino de los Enamorados (2/3)*

photo editing software. Using images you've taken or images we've provided, find out how to fix, color correct, adjust and distort photos on your personal computer.

Workshops for adults and teens, ages 13 and up. \$20 per person. Pre-registration required. Register online at www.crissyfield.org or email cfcregistrationinfo@parksconservancy.org or by fax at 561-7695.

Dunas de Lobos

1/6 (10 AM–NOON)*

Venga y disfrute los tesoros culturales y naturales del parque por medio de una divertida búsqueda de fauna. Visite una comunidad restaurada de plantas nativas frágiles pero perseverantes y el uso medicinal de ellas. El programa dará inicio en el estacionamiento de Rob Hill y culmina en Lobos Dunes. Gratis: Familias con niños de 4 a 9 años de edad; inscripción es necesaria llame a la Guarda Bosques Fátima Colindres al 561-4405.

Frogs and Amphibians: River of Words Exhibit Opening Event

12/15 (NOON–2 PM)

Dazzling and informative children's art and poetry from the River of Words Collection, as well as interpretive information on the Presidio's hopping and slithering denizens. Free. All ages; drop-in OK (children must be accompanied by an adult). Exhibit runs through January 25; on view Friday through Sunday. Call 561-7752 for more information.

*Program presented in Spanish with English translation provided.

PARK EVENTS



Insectos y Más

12/2 (2–4 PM)*

¿Qué tan limpia es el agua del Polín? Los insectos nos lo pueden decir. Vengan conmigo a investigar insectos, babosas, y muchos bichos más que viven en el riachuelo. Traigan sus cajitas para ver insectos o usen una de las nuestras. Con lluvia o sin lluvia nos divertiremos explorando El Presidio. El programa dará inicio en el edificio 50 Moraga Ave., Officers Club en el Presidio de San Francisco y culmina en el nacimiento El Polín. Gratis: Familias con niños de 4 a 9 años de edad; inscripción es necesaria llame a la Guarda Bosques Fátima Colindres al 561-4405.

Season's Greenings

12/8 (10 AM–2 PM)

A do-it-yourself gift-making extravaganza!

This year, make sure the holidays are happy for the planet by creating gifts and cards from recycled materials. You can make something for everyone on your list: container gardens, snowglobes, digital greeting cards, and more. There'll be organic hot cider to sip and popcorn to munch, so bring the whole family! Fee: \$8 per person, discounts with canned-food donation. All ages (children must be accompanied by an adult).

For information on all Super Saturday Programs, call 561-7752.

Summer Camp Open House

2/23 (10 AM–NOON)

Parents, this is your opportunity to learn about Crissy Field Center summer camps and sign up for first-choice sessions before they fill. Watch a slideshow showcasing camper experiences from last summer and ask staff questions. Kids can preview some of our signature camp activities.

Winter Solstice Night Hike

12/1 (5–8 PM)

Celebrate the winter solstice with an evening hike that meets at Rob Hill and finishes with stories around a warm Baker Beach campfire. Fee:

\$10 per person. All ages (children must be accompanied by an adult).

Winter Warm-Up

1/12 (10 AM–2 PM)

Get ready for winter through hands-on art, science, and media activities. Free. All ages, drop-in OK (children must be accompanied by an adult). For information on all Super Saturday Programs, call 561-7752.

FORT FUNSTON

ONGOING

Fort Funston Cleanup Day

12/1, 1/5, 2/2 (9:30 AM)

Bring dogs, friends, and family to help keep Fort Funston clean for everyone; held in conjunction with Fort Funston Dogwalkers. Bring gloves; trash bags are provided. Volunteers meet on the first Saturday morning of the month in the parking lot. For more information, phone Fort Funston Dogs at 468-1262.

Fort Funston Nursery and Stewardship/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 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. & CC

Cannon Loading Demonstrations

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

“Fort Point, Guardian of the Golden Gate”

Award-winning, 30-minute video program about the history of Fort Point from 1776 through World War II. Shown throughout the day. &

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

PROGRAMS

Candlelight Tour 12/8, 12/15, 1/5, 1/19, 2/9, 2/23 (6:30–8 PM)
See Fort Point by the light of candles and stars on this evening tour. Reservations required; phone 556-1693.

PARK EVENTS

Civil War Heritage Day

1/26 (10 AM—5 PM)

Join the American Civil War Association as they bring Fort Point to life with music, marching and colorful uniforms. Call 556-1693 for more information.

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

Bird Habitat Enhancement

12/15 (1—4 PM)

The Lands End Stewardship Team and Golden Gate Audubon Society are working together to enhance bird habitat at Lands End's East Wash. Many bird species use Lands End as a stopping point on their migration up and down the Pacific Coast. Many other species live in the

forest and coastal scrub at Lands End year-round. We will be focusing on planting native plant species that provide food and cover for a variety of bird species, including pink-flowering currant, coffeeberry, and toyons. We will also be removing English ivy and iceplant. Meet at the parking lot near the Legion of Honor in Lincoln Park (where El Camino del Mar and 34th Ave. meet).



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.

Park visitors with limited mobility

can now navigate the sands of Rodeo Beach by using a sand wheelchair (purchased with the help of a Whale Tale Grant from the California Coastal Commission). The chair is available free-of-charge, and can be checked out daily, 10 AM to 3 PM, at the Marine Mammal Visitor Center at Rodeo Beach.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs require reservations. For general information and to make reservations, phone 331-1540. Visit www.nps.gov/goga/marin-headlands.htm.

ONGOING

Battery Townsley Open House

12/9, 1/13, 2/10 (NOON—4 PM)

Open the second Sunday of each month. Battery Townsley at Fort Cronkhite was San Francisco's most extensive—and most secret—World War II military fortification. From 1940 to 1948, it mounted two massive battleship guns and housed more than 100 soldiers in an extensive network of underground tunnels; during the Cold War, it was used as an underground research facility.

Long closed to public access, Battery Townsley has been refurbished and the public is invited to visit and explore this labyrinthine fortification.



Battery Townsley is reached via a moderately strenuous hike up the Coastal Trail approximately one-half-mile north of the Rodeo Beach parking lot. For further assistance to the site, call 331-1540.

Marin Headlands Nursery

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

Come grow with us at the Marin Headlands Native Plant Nursery! Each year, we grow over 30,000 plants to restore habitats within the Marin Headlands. The dedication and support of our volunteers are vital in the effort to grow plants, collect seeds, maintain the nursery facility, and much more. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 11 and up (chaperones suggested for youth

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

Nike Missile Site Open House

12/1, 1/5, 2/2 (12:30—3:30 PM)

Open the first Saturday of each month, and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons. Unique in the National Park Service, this restored Cold War anti-

aircraft missile site has stories to tell. Leashed pets are welcome. For updated visiting hours or tours, phone 331-1453. Buildings above ground are accessible ♿. Visit 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 half-mile trail is steep in places. For more information, phone 331-1540. Visit the Point Bonita Lighthouse website at www.nps.gov/goga/pobo.htm.

PARK EVENTS

Tennessee Valley Native Plant Nursery and Stewardship

Tuesdays (10 AM—NOON, 1—4 PM)

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

PROGRAMS

A Country Holiday House Greening

12/9 (NOON—4 PM)

For centuries, people have listened to music and decorated their homes with greenery during winter's dark days. We'll return to those simpler times by making ornaments in an atmosphere laced with music and the fragrance of hot cider. Materials provided. Join staff and volunteers at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. For more information, phone 331-1540.

Christmas at Point Bonita

12/15 (10:30 AM—12:30 PM)



As we hike to a 19th-century marvel of technology, learn more about life in the Victorian age and the origins of our American Christmas traditions. Join Steffen Bartschat for a special behind-the-scenes tour of Point Bonita Lighthouse. Limited to 25 people; wear warm layers. For reservations and meeting information, phone 331-1540.

Beginning Birding

12/2, 1/6, 2/10 (9:30—11:30 AM)

Come join docent Jane Haley on an easy walk to Rodeo Lagoon to welcome our winter migrants back to the lagoon. Bring binoculars and field guides. Rain cancels. Appropriate for ages 8 and up. Meet at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Full Moon Photo Walk to Point Bonita

1/22 (4:45—6:45 PM)

Meet Al Greening at the Point Bonita Lighthouse trailhead for a short but steep walk to the historic Point Bonita Lighthouse. Photograph the setting sun and rising full moon. Bring camera, tripod, and flashlight; dress warmly and wear comfortable walking shoes. Rain cancels. Limited to 40 people. Reservations required; phone 331-1540.

Marin Headlands Monarch Discovery

12/2 (10 AM—NOON)

The monarch butterflies are back in the Headlands for the winter! Learn about their amazing life cycle, metamorphosis, and migration.

Meet Ranger Mia Monroe at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center for an easy one-mile walk. Rain cancels. Reservations required; phone 331-1540.

Rambling Round Rodeo Cove

2/24 (11 AM—1 PM)

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

Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse

1/21 (4:45—6:45 PM); 2/19, 2/20 (5:30—7:30 PM)

Watch the setting sun and greet the rising moon at this wild edge of the continent. The half-mile trail is steep in places. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Meet park staff and docents at the Point Bonita Lighthouse trailhead. Limited to 40 people. Program fills quickly; make required reservation by calling 331-1540.

Trees of Kirby Cove

1/27 (11 AM—1 PM)

Scattered among the coastal scrub and grasslands, the trees of the Marin Headlands reveal much about



the landscape and human history north of the Golden Gate. Bring water and lunch. Stay and enjoy lunch on the bluffs above Kirby Beach and hike back at your own

pace. Meet David Szczesny at the Battery Spencer parking area on Conzelman Road for this moderate two-mile (one-way) hike to Kirby Cove. Rain cancels. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

MUIR WOODS

Open every day, including holidays, between 8 AM and sunset. Muir Beach and Muir Beach Overlook are open from 9 AM to one hour after sunset. *Note: The entrance fee is \$5 for ages 16 and up.*

Phone the Muir Woods Hotline at 388-2595 for program reservations and updates on hours, seasonal news, trail conditions, and special program details. All programs meet at the Visitor Center unless otherwise indicated.

Visit the expanded Muir Woods website: www.nps.gov/muwo.

PARK EVENTS

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

Muir Woods Centennial

Check www.nps.gov/muwo for special programs commemorating the 100th anniversary of Muir Woods.

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.

Salmon Spawning

Winter is salmon spawning season at Muir Woods. Check the hotline 388-2595 or our website to learn if the fish have arrived. Upon your arrival at Muir Woods, check with the Visitor Center for current salmon spawning locations and interpretive activities.

PROGRAMS

Babes (and Toddlers) in the Woods

2/24 (10 AM—NOON)
Join new parents Ben Harwood and Jenie Chang with Emalene (Muir Woods' youngest junior ranger) on an easy one-mile stroll through Muir Woods. We'll see baby trees, baby banana slugs, and baby fish. Ben and Jenie will share stories of the plants and animals of Muir Woods that you can share with your little ones as they grow up and revisit the park. For parents and babies in carriers or strollers, along with their older brothers and sisters. For infor-

mation and reservations, phone 388-2596.

Centennial History Walk

1/5, 1/9 (9 AM—NOON)
Have we been preserving or conserving this ancient old-growth forest of California 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. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

Fungi of Muir Woods

12/15, 1/12 (10 AM—2 PM)
Join mycologist Robert Mackler for an exploration of the fungi of Muir Woods. We will begin with a slide show, "Mushrooms 101," and time for your questions. Then, we will go into the field to look at fungi in their natural setting. Bring water, lunch, close-up photography equipment, and be prepared for weather changes. This program is geared for adults. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

Monarch Butterflies in Marin

12/2 (1—3 PM)
Welcome monarch butterflies back

to a famous over-wintering site at Muir Beach and learn about their life cycle, metamorphosis, and migration. Meet Ranger Mia Monroe at the Muir Beach picnic area for an easy one-mile walk. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

Muir Beach Bird Walk

12/2, 1/6, 2/3 (9—11 AM)
Join the Ong family on an easy one-mile walk to view birds in coastal, riparian, and lagoon habitats. This activity is suitable for beginning through advanced birders. Bring binoculars if you have them and dress for cool, windy weather. Rain cancels. Meet at Muir Beach picnic area. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.



Muir Woods Birthday Celebration

1/9 (Details TBA)
All nature lovers are invited to celebrate the legacy of Muir Woods' 100 years as a National Monument! We especially welcome back those who have stewarded this old-growth forest. Walk, bike, carpool or take the Centennial Shuttle to Muir Woods.

Walk among the tall trees in the company of many who have worked here and supported the redwoods. Check the park's website for special events and sustainable options to get to park. *There will be no admission charge on this day.*

Muir Woods Earth Day

2/2 (8:30 AM—1 PM)
Come volunteer at our annual Muir Woods Earth Day Celebration. Enjoy the majestic redwoods while helping to restore and preserve this spectacular national park. Projects include planting, weeding, mulching, beach cleanup, and trail maintenance throughout the Redwood Creek Watershed. All participants are invited to stay for lunch at the end. Individuals and groups welcome. Registration takes place from 8 to 8:30 AM. In addition to this special event, there are regular projects every Wednesday and Saturday, 10 AM to 1 PM. For more information, contact us at 561-3077 or volunteer@parksconservancy.org. Individuals and groups welcome; call 388-2596 to sign up.

Nature Detectives

2/9, 2/16 (10 AM—NOON)
Join Ranger Jim MacDonald on an exploration of the communities of the redwood forest. We will make

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nature journals and explore the habitats that are unique to this old-growth forest, recording in our journals what we observe. Dress in layers and bring water and lunch. This program is appropriate for children 6 through 10 but the whole family can participate. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

Owl Wars

2/9 (4—7 PM)
Muir Woods marks the southern front in a battle for survival between two competing owl species. On this strenuous seven-mile dusk hike we will look and listen for the owls that call Muir Woods home, learn more about their history and ecology, and receive the latest research updates on our most famous resident, the spotted owl, which is currently defending its habitat from the invading barred owl. Dress in layers and bring a flashlight, water, and a snack. \$3 materials fee requested. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

Quiet Day at Muir Woods

1/8
Today, the day before the park's 100th birthday, walk quietly among the tall redwoods and enjoy the peace and quiet of an old-growth forest. Listen to the sounds of nature, learn the lessons of the forest,



and appreciate the fresh air. Experience the timeless quality of these evergreens, and remember the countless other generations that have sought inspiration and a connection to the natural world at Muir Woods. No ranger programs today. *Park admission is free.*

Ready! Flame! Fire! — Fire Scars of Muir Woods

12/1, 12/8, 1/19, 1/26 (NOON—2 PM)
Join Ranger Tim Jordan on an easy two-mile walk of fire-scarred trees in Redwood Canyon and witness the effects repeated fires have had on the redwoods throughout the century.

Learn about the many benefits fire provides to the coast redwood forest community, and historic and contemporary fire management techniques. This program is appropriate for ages 8 and up. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

Salmon: Struggle for Survival

1/6 (1—3 PM), 1/13 (10 AM—NOON)
Join Ranger Sarah Koenen on a moderate three-mile journey and learn about the lives of coho salmon as the fish return from the ocean to spawn in the waters of Redwood Creek. Dress for cold, wet weather and wear boots as trails may be

muddy. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

Watershed Hike

2/9 (10 AM—4 PM)
Join Ranger Mia Monroe on this program, co-sponsored by the Green Gulch Zen Center, to explore the lower reaches of the Redwood Creek Watershed. This is a strenuous eight-mile hike and will occur rain or shine. Bring lunch and water, and meet at the Muir Woods Visitor Center at 10 AM. No reservations required.

Winter Solstice

12/21 (3—8 PM)
Celebrate the longest night of the year with the tallest trees on earth! This outdoor program is suitable for all ages and will begin at the Visitor Center...rain or shine. Activities and events include the making of solstice crowns, a stage performance of songs, stories, and puppetry, and walking the trails of Muir Woods lit by luminaria. No reservations required. The program is free. This evening can be dark and chilly; we ask visitors to bring a flashlight, dress warmly (layers/blankets), and bring a mug for warm drinks. For details, please call the hotline at 388-2595 as the date approaches.

OCEAN BEACH

ONGOING

Fire Ring Cleanup

12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30 (10 AM—NOON)
Help clean up Ocean Beach in conjunction with the San Francisco Chapter of the Surfriders. Bring gloves; trash bags are provided. Rain cancels. Please check www.sfsurfrider.org/prog.htm to confirm dates and locations.

PRESIDIO

Many of the programs listed here meet at the Presidio Visitor Center, located inside the Presidio Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave. at Arguello Boulevard (Main Post area). The Visitor Center is open daily from 9 AM to 5 PM. For information, call 561-4323 or visit www.nps.gov/prsf.

ONGOING

Crissy Field Cleanup Day

12/15, 1/19, 2/16 (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. Cleanup areas include the east and central beaches and the promenade area. Volunteers meet

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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 cleanups, 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; phone 447-9743 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, which is located at 1244 Appleton Street, San Francisco. Phone 561-4826 for more information and directions.

Presidio Park Stewards

Wednesdays and Saturdays (9 AM—NOON)
Help enhance rare native plant habitat and create important wildlife corridors in the Presidio of San Francisco while learning about dune and serpentine systems and working in diverse habitats. Activities include invasive plant removal and native plant revegetation. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Phone 561-3034, ext. 3445, to RSVP and for information, meeting locations, and directions.

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 the Field Office Building, 1539 Pershing Drive and Lincoln Boulevard (Richmond District). RSVP requested; phone 561-3034, ext. 3445.

The Last Gun

12/1, 12/2, 1/5, 1/6, 2/2, 2/3 (11 AM—3 PM)
How can a 50-ton gun simply disappear? Learn this and more while helping load and aim the last operational gun of its kind. Photos of the century-old Endicott system batteries in action are on display in an underground cartridge room. Rain cancels. Located at Battery Chamberlin, north end of Baker Beach parking lot. 11 AM to 3 PM, first full weekend of each month.

PROGRAMS

A Walk in the Presidio Forest

12/9 (1—3:30 PM)
Join this two- to three-mile moderate

walk to explore the mini-forest planted by the army during the 1800s. Wear comfortable shoes, bring a water bottle, and dress in layers. Rain cancels. Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the Visitor Center located in the Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave.

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

2/2 (1—2 PM)
Listen to an illustrated presentation and hear the story of the hardships faced by the third African-American officer in the U.S. Army. Meet Ranger Will Elder at the Visitor Center located in the Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave. ♿

Crissy Field Aviation Walk

1/19 (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

2/12 (NOON—1 PM)
Join docent Barbara Corff on an easy one-mile walk to check on the

growth of restored habitat at Lower Tennessee Hollow (Thompson Reach). See what riparian life is all about. Envision the future ecotone between the Crissy saltwater marsh and the freshwater of Tennessee Hollow Watershed. Discover Presidio history as we explore the post's Quartermaster Corps supply route. Rain cancels. Meet docent at the northwest corner of YMCA parking lot (Funston and Lincoln). Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Discover Tennessee Hollow Watershed

1/8 (NOON—1 PM)
Join docent Barbara Corff for an easy one-mile walk to learn through firsthand accounts about the scrappy Tennessee Volunteer regiment whose name was given to this encampment during the Spanish-American War. Tour the watershed where volunteer regiments pitched tents, drilled, and prepared to be shipped to the Philippines. Visit a historic bridge over the stream and a meadow where plants were tended for the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition. Rain cancels. Meet docent at the Officers Club, corner of Moraga Avenue and Arguello Boulevard. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

PARK EVENTS

El Presidio de San Francisco

1/26 (1—2 PM)
Come discover the connections between the Presidio, the Missions, the Native Peoples, and the rest of the world at this illustrated presentation. Meet Ranger Marcus Combs at the Officers Club, corner of Moraga Avenue and Arguello Boulevard. ♿

From Post to Park

12/12, 1/16, 2/13 (1—2:30 PM)
Learn about the past, present, and future of the Presidio on a moderate one-mile walk. Meet docent Rich Harned at the Officers Club, corner of Moraga Avenue and Arguello Boulevard. Reservations required; phone 561-4323. ♿

Pedaling the Presidio

12/16 (10 AM—NOON)
Cycle through time. Spin your pedals and explore history and scenery on this six-mile, moderately strenuous bicycle ride through the Presidio. Helmet required. Meet Ranger James Osborne at Crissy Field Center, corner of Halleck and Mason Streets. Reservations required; please call 561-4323.

People Make a Difference

2/17 (1—3 PM)
Feeling powerless? Parks showcase

how individuals can make positive changes to society. Hear about these people and their contributions on an easy, one-mile walk. Meet Ranger James Osborne at the Warming Hut, at the west end of Mason Street. ♿

San Francisco Rocks

12/15 (1—2 PM)
Learn the 160 million year story that underlies the San Francisco at this illustrated presentation. Meet Ranger Will Elder at the visitor center located in the Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave. ♿

The Presidio Invites the World!

2/9 (1—2 PM)
San Francisco celebrated the opening of the Panama Canal and its recovery from the 1906 Earthquake and Fire with the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. This illustrated presentation provides views of the fair as it was recorded in postcards of the time. Meet docent Bob Bowen at the Visitor Center located in the Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave. ♿

The Story of the Buffalo Soldiers

2/10 (1—3 PM)
Who were the Buffalo Soldiers?

How did they inspire a popular reggae song by Bob Marley? Who gave General Pershing the nickname,



“Blackjack?” Were African-Americans some of the first “Park Rangers?” Dress in layers and wear comfortable shoes. Rain cancels. Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the Lombard Gate for a moderate two-mile hike and discover the answer to these questions and more!

Unsung Heroes

1/20 (NOON—1 PM)
Presidio history has been made by men and women, generals and nurses, planners and protestors—people of all races and 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. ♿

Wings Over Crissy Field

1/20 (1—3 PM)
Born from the remnants of the 1915 World's Fair (Panama-Pacific Exhibition), Crissy Field became the site of some of the most daring innovations in the early history of

aviation. Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the Warming Hut, at the west end of Mason Street for an easy two-mile walk. Reservations required; call 561-4323. ♿

World War II on the Presidio

12/8, 2/24 (1—2 PM)
Join an illustrated talk to hear about the Western Defense Command and other tales of the Presidio during World War II. Meet Ranger Marcus Combs at the Visitor Center located in the Officers Club, 50 Moraga Ave. ♿

STINSON BEACH

The beach is open daily for picnics and recreational activities, from 9 AM to shortly after sunset. *Please note: no lifeguards on duty during winter.* 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

Sweeney Ridge Saunter

1/13 (11 AM—2 PM)
Hike the greatest place you've never been! Walk with Nike veteran David Bridgman to hear about the defense of Sweeney Ridge—from the Spanish explorers to Nike missiles to neighborhood activists—all while enjoying sweeping views of the Pacific and the Bay. Leashed pets welcome. Meet at Skyline College Parking lot #2 in San Bruno. From Skyline Boulevard, turn west at College Drive, go south (left) at the “T” intersection and go one-third mile. Look for sign to parking lot #2. Reservations requested; phone (415) 561-4323.

PARK PARTNERS



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

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



THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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



THE PRESIDIO TRUST

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

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There are three easy ways to join:

- 1) Call: (415) 561-3060
- 2) E-mail: membership@parksconservancy.org.
- 3) Join online at: www.parksconservancy.org.

WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

LOCATION	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Habitat Restoration Team	9:30 AM-2:30 PM						
Invasive Plant Patrol				10 AM-2 PM			
Lands End Stewardship					1-4 PM		1-4 PM
Presidio Park Stewards				9 AM-NOON			9 AM-NOON
Presidio Plant Patrol						1-4 PM	
Site Stewardship							10 AM-1 PM
Weed Watchers*	9:30 AM-2 PM				9:30 AM-2 PM		
Fort Funston Nursery							9:30 AM-12:30 PM
Marin Headlands Nursery				1-4 PM			9 AM-NOON
Presidio Nursery				1-4 PM			1-4 PM
Redwood Creek Nursery				10 AM-1 PM			10 AM-1 PM
Tennessee Valley Nursery			10 AM-NOON, 1-4 PM				
Alcatraz Gardens*				8:30 AM-12:30 PM		8:30 AM-12:30 PM	
Crissy Field Landscape					9 AM-NOON		
Fort Mason Gardeners*			9 AM-NOON				
Trail Crew Volunteers							9 AM-NOON (1ST & 3RD SAT., APR-DEC)

SPREAD SOME HOLIDAY CHEER IN THE PARKS!

Nothing brightens a dark winter day like some time in the Golden Gate National Parks! Help preserve and protect these special places at one of our many drop-in volunteer opportunities available in Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties. All of them offer a great way to meet others who enjoy the parks as much as you do!

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

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

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

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

*Registration required; please call (415) 561-3077.

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, a day, 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 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

MUIR WOODS www.nps.gov/muwo

PRESIDIO www.nps.gov/prsf

RELATED WEB SITES

CRISSY FIELD CENTER www.crisseyfield.org

FORT MASON CENTER www.fortmason.org

GOLDEN GATE CLUB www.presidio.gov

GOLDEN GATE RAPTOR OBSERVATORY
www.ggro.org

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

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

PRESIDIO TRUST www.presidio.gov

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

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

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