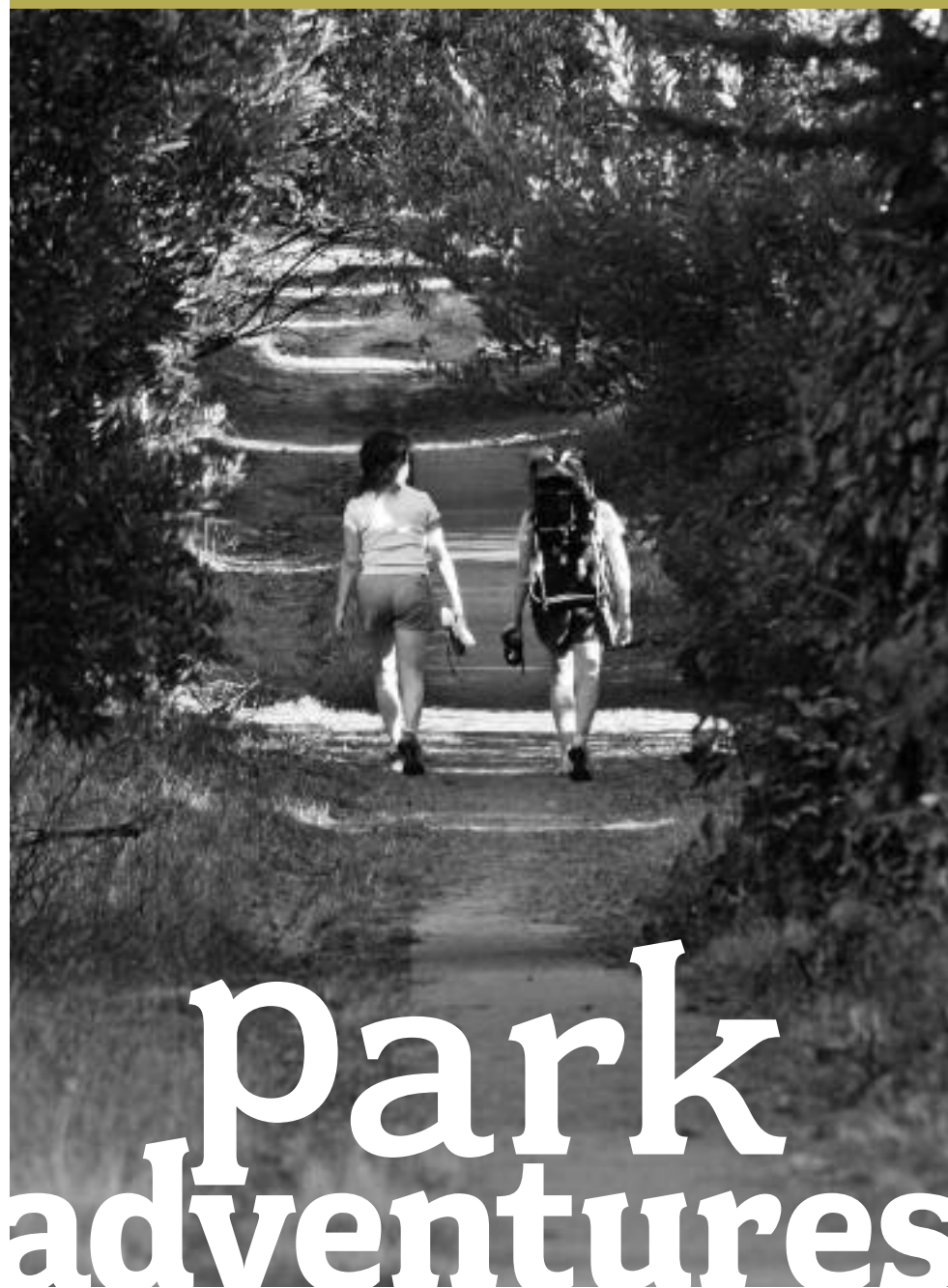


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P A R K N O T E S

COMPASS POINTS

New Mori Point Elevated Trail Provides Fresh View on Wildlife

A “boardwalk” is now open for visitors at Mori Point in Pacifica. The elevated trail—which features wood decking, seating areas, and interpretive signage—was installed to take hikers and bikers through the wetland area without disrupting the movement of water and wildlife.

A collaboration of the National Park Service and Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the project helped restore the hydrological connectivity of three ponds created for the endangered San Francisco garter snake and threatened California red-legged frog. Visitors can now observe wildlife from the elevated trail as the animals cross safely below.

Marine Sanctuary Center on Crissy Field Begins Transformation

Early in 2010, the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary launched a multi-year renovation project of its headquarters in the former Coast Guard Station at Crissy Field. The work on these structures will create an expanded campus to serve as a global icon for marine stewardship and offer greater services to visitors. The GFNMS, a longtime partner of the Golden Gate National Parks, protects 1,300 square miles of one of the most diverse marine environments in the world. Its current visitor center will remain open during construction. For more details, visit www.farallones.org.

Fort Mason Building Made More Environmentally-Friendly

NPS maintenance staff recently rehabilitated the former Port Women Officers’ Quarters (Building 241) at Fort Mason. The work included numerous “green” improvements, including salvaged-lumber partition walls, natural flooring, fluorescent lighting, a 98%-efficient furnace, and accessible bathrooms complete with high-efficiency toilets. Hostelling International will use the building to provide affordable group accommodations.

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Instantly receive the most current park updates, road closures, program changes, upcoming events, and other timely and topical visitor information! Follow @GoldenGateNPS, @RangerBenyBison and/or @AlcatrazIsland to let us know when you’re visiting or to ask questions.

PARKS CONSERVANCY MEMBERS HIKING SERIES

RODEO BEACH TO BATTERIES HIKE

Sunday, March 28, 10 AM—NOON

Hike from the shores of the Pacific at Rodeo Beach up to the batteries lining the cliffs overlooking the ocean. Park Ranger Emeritus John Martini will lead a moderately strenuous hike. See “Marin Headlands” section for full listing.

WILLIAM KENT SOCIETY HIKE:

360 DEGREES OF PACIFICA

Saturday, March 20, 9:30 AM—2:30 PM

Take a tour of the three national park sites in San Mateo County. Join Park Ranger George Durgerian on a 6.5 mile to Milagra Ridge, Sweeney Ridge, and Mori Point. See “San Mateo County” section for details.

FORT BAKER TOURS & INSTITUTE LECTURE

Tuesday, April 20, 4:30—7:30 PM

Join us for one of two hikes and stay for the Institute at the Golden Gate lecture “Why Care About the Sixth Extinction?” Choose from a historic architecture hike with Ranger Kristin Baron or a butterfly nature hike with Ranger Will Elder. See “Fort Baker” section for details.

PARKS CONSERVANCY MEMBERS DAY


Saturday, May 1

Join us for the second annual Members Day festivities! Enjoy a special day in the Presidio, including a sneak peek at the newly re-opened Rob Hill Campground. See “Presidio” section for full listing and details.



How to Sign Up for Member Events

RSVP by calling (415) 561-3060 or e-mailing membership@parksconservancy.org. Member events are free but registration is required. Details and directions will be e-mailed to you after the registration deadline.

Member 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.

D E S T I N A T I O N

A BOLD WAY FORWARD: COLLABORATIVE SPIRIT INSPIRES COMPLETION OF DIAS RIDGE TRAIL PROJECT

By Jennifer Greene Ringgold
Community Engagement Project Manager

IT’S TRUE. The realignment and restoration of the 1½-mile segment of the Dias Ridge Trail in Marin County is now complete. After a 20-year process, the Dias Ridge project has bridged a multi-use gap in the Bay Area Ridge Trail and transformed this deteriorated ranch road into a trail that complements a stunning landscape in the Golden Gate National Parks.

“We did it!” exclaimed Muir Woods Supervising Ranger Mia Monroe, summing up the feeling of relief.

Above Muir Beach, the Dias Ridge Trail unfolds views of the Pacific Ocean and Marin Headlands, provides regional trail links, and connects us to our past. Dias Ridge is named for a Portuguese dairy rancher who once owned large tracts of land in West Marin.

The popular trail was just as well-known for its problems. “Park departments wrung their hands because anything that could be wrong was wrong,” Monroe said. For years, hikers, bikers, and equestrians used the unimproved road, causing erosion and depositing



Newly completed Dias Ridge Trail in the Marin Headlands (photo by Mason Cummings)

sediment in Redwood Creek—home to the endangered coho salmon and threatened steelhead trout. Eroded gullies also created a safety hazard.

Efforts to improve the trail, however, kept running into obstacles. Finally, the elements came together with public leadership (from Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey and the late Superintendent and Bay Area Ridge Trail Council [BARTC] Board member Brian O’Neill), funding (from the BARTC, California Coastal Conservancy, and Federal Lands Recreation Enhance-

ment Act), and the creativity of staff (from the National Park Service, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, Mount Tamalpais State Park, and BARTC).

“This project is a great example of how many people—with vision and persistence—helped make the stars align to finally get this done,” said Kate Bickert, Associate Director of Park Projects with the Parks Conservancy. “Restoration of the landscape is so satisfying,” added Steve Griswold, an NPS trail planner.

The new trail is closed until spring 2010 to allow the vegetation to take hold. Last fall, the Parks Conservancy hosted walks for the public to gather feedback on the final design. “The changes made to address comments received during the hikes will make this trail a model for safety and environmentally sensitive design,” said Don Herzog, longtime BARTC volunteer.

Through the winter, the Conservation Corps North Bay and other volunteers planted 25,000 native plants. A re-opening celebration is scheduled for spring 2010. For details, contact trailsforever@parksconservancy.org or call (415) 561-3054.

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MARIN HEADLANDS
Birding in the Headlands
 9:30–11:30 AM
Battery Townsley Open House
 NOON–4 PM
MUIR BEACH
Coho Salmon and Spring Walk
 9–11 AM
PRESIDIO
The Last Gun
 11 AM–3 PM

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PRESIDIO
Quartermasters of Tennessee Hollow Watershed
 NOON–1 PM

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PRESIDIO
National Cemetery Walk
 10 AM–NOON

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Marsh Mud Grab 10 AM–NOON
FORT POINT
Brass Band Concert 1–2:30 PM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Pinnipeds at Point Bonita 1–4:30 PM
PHLEGER ESTATE
Saved at the Buzzer 9:30 AM–2:30 PM
PRESIDIO
Three Flags Over the Presidio 11 AM–NOON

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PRESIDIO
Unsung Heroes
 NOON–1 PM

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PRESIDIO
From Post to Park
 1–3 PM

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PRESIDIO
Walk Crissy Field and Learn its History
 11 AM–12:30 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER EcoCareer Day 10 AM–3 PM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Wildflowers at the Interface 10 AM–NOON
Historic Fort Baker Tour 1–2 PM
Cats of the Marin Headlands 6–9 PM
MORI POINT Mori Point Meander NOON–2:30 PM
PRESIDIO
Crissy Field Cleanup Day 9 AM
Little War, Big Impact 1–3 PM
SAN MATEO COUNTY
William Kent Society Hike: 360 Degrees of Pacific 9:30 AM–2:30 PM

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LANDS END
Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 10–11 AM
MARIN HEADLANDS
Wildflower Walk: Watch Spring Come Alive in the Headlands!
 10:30 AM–2:30 PM
Rambling Round Rodeo Cove 11 AM–1 PM
PRESIDIO Pedaling the Presidio 1–3 PM
SWEENEY RIDGE
Sweeney Ridge From Sneath Lane
 NOON–3 PM

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FORT BAKER
Institute Lecture Series: Science to Action
 6:30–7:30 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER
Digital Photography for Beginners 10 AM–NOON
Come to Your Senses at Crissy Field 2–4 PM
FORT POINT
Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON
MUIR WOODS
A Creek Runs Through It 9 AM–2 PM
PRESIDIO
National Cemetery Walk
 10 AM–NOON

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MARIN HEADLANDS
Rodeo Beach to Batteries Hike 10 AM–NOON
PRESIDIO
Wings Over Crissy Field
 1–3 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS
Sunset/Full Moon Walk to Point Bonita Lighthouse
 7–9 PM
MUIR WOODS
Muir Woods by Moonlight
 6:30–8:30 PM

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

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HOW TO USE PARK ADVENTURES

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

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER Fabulas de Flores 2–3 PM
FORT FUNSTON Cleanup Day 9:30 AM
FORT POINT
 Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON
LANDS END
 Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 10–11 AM
MARIN HEADLANDS
 Nike Missile Site Open House 12:30–3:30 PM
PRESIDIO
 The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM
 A Walk with Juan Bautista De Anza 1–3 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS
 Birding in the Headlands
 9:30–11:30 AM
 Battery Townsley Open House
 NOON–4 PM
MUIR BEACH
 Coho Salmon and Spring Walk
 9–11 AM
PRESIDIO
 The Last Gun
 11 AM–3 PM

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PRESIDIO
 Golden Poppy Tour
 NOON–1 PM

PRESIDIO
 National Cemetery Walk
 10 AM–NOON

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FORT POINT
 Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON
MUIR WOODS
 Photography Hike 9 AM–NOON
 Blooming Wonders 10 AM–NOON
PRESIDIO
 The Presidio From Gold Rush To the Civil War
 11 AM–12:30 PM

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MUIR WOODS
 Redwoods to the Ocean Hike
 9:30 AM–2:30 PM
PRESIDIO
 Ridge to Bridge Ride
 10 AM–1 PM

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FORT BAKER
 Institute at the Golden Gate:
 Turning the Tide
PRESIDIO
 From Post to Park
 1–3 PM

FORT BAKER
 Institute at the Golden Gate:
 Turning the Tide

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FORT BAKER
 Institute at the Golden Gate:
 Turning the Tide
PRESIDIO
 Walk Crissy Field
 and Learn its History
 11 AM–12:30 PM

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AT MULTIPLE SITES Golden Gate Trail Season Kickoff 9 AM–NOON
CRISSY FIELD CENTER Earth Stroll 10 AM–2 PM
FORT POINT Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON
MARIN HEADLANDS Search for the Mission Blue Butterfly 2–4 PM
MUIR BEACH The Salmon Crossroads 10–11 AM
MUIR WOODS Gravity Car Hike 9–11:30 AM
PRESIDIO
 Crissy Field Cleanup Day 9 AM
 Shuttle Through Time NOON–12:45 PM
SAN MATEO COUNTY
 360 Degrees of Pacifica 9/9:30 AM–3 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS
 Family Wildflower Walk
 10:30 AM–2:30 PM
 Earth Day Celebration 11 AM–4 PM
 Tennessee Valley Ramble
 11 AM–1 PM
MILAGRA RIDGE
 Of Bombs and Butterflies
 NOON–2 PM
PRESIDIO
 A Walk in the Presidio
 Forest 10 AM–1 PM

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FORT BAKER
 Fort Baker Tours 
 4:30–6:30 PM
 Institute Lecture
 Series: Why Care
 About the Sixth
 Extinction?
 6:30–7:30 PM

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AT MULTIPLE SITES Teens on Trails: National Youth Service Day 9:30 AM–12:30 PM
CRISSY FIELD CENTER Flower Fables 2–3 PM
FORT POINT
 Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON, Brass Band Concert 1–2:30 PM
MARIN HEADLANDS
 Historic Fort Baker Tour 1–2 PM, Family Camp 3 PM–4/25 (NOON)
MORI POINT Mori Point Meander NOON–2:30 PM
MUIR BEACH The First People and Their Environment 10 AM–NOON
PRESIDIO
 Presidio Birdlife 9:30–11:30 AM
 National Cemetery Walk 10 AM–NOON

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PRESIDIO
 People Make a Difference
 1–3 PM

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FORT MASON
 GGRO Volunteer Meeting
 7–9:30 PM
MARIN HEADLANDS
 Sunset/Full Moon Walk
 to Point Bonita Lighthouse
 7:30–9:30 PM
MUIR WOODS
 Muir Woods
 by Moonlight
 7–9 PM

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FORT MASON
 GGRO Volunteer Meeting
 7–9:30 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER El Presidio 2–3 PM
FORT FUNSTON Cleanup Day 9:30 AM
FORT MASON GGRO Volunteer Meeting 10 AM–12:30 PM
FORT POINT Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON
LANDS END Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 10–11 AM
MARIN HEADLANDS
 Nike Missile Site Open House 12:30–3:30 PM
 Headlands in Bloom 1–4 PM
PRESIDIO Members Day
 The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS
 Battery Townsley Open House
 NOON–4 PM
MUIR BEACH
 Coho Salmon and Spring Walk
 9–11 AM
PRESIDIO
 The Last Gun
 11 AM–3 PM

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PRESIDIO
 National
 Cemetery Walk
 10 AM–NOON

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER
 Spring Community Campfire 5–7 PM
FORT POINT
 Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON
MUIR WOODS
 International Migratory Bird Day 8 AM–2 PM
PRESIDIO
 A Walk with Juan Bautista De Anza 1–3 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS
 Rambling Round Rodeo Cove
 11 AM–1 PM
MUIR BEACH
 Coastal Caper
 10 AM–NOON
PRESIDIO
 The Guns of San Francisco
 10 AM–NOON
 Irony #9066
 1–2 PM

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PRESIDIO
 Discover Tennessee
 Hollow Watershed
 NOON–1 PM

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PRESIDIO
 Walk Crissy Field
 and Learn its History
 11 AM–12:30 PM

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CRISSY FIELD CENTER
 Summer Camp Open House and Registration
 10 AM–NOON
FORT POINT
 Pier Crabbing
 10 AM–NOON
PRESIDIO
 Crissy Field Cleanup Day 9 AM
 General Pershing's Presidio 11 AM–12:30 PM
 Earth, Wind, and Flowers 1–3 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS
 Birding in the Headlands
 9:30–11:30 AM
 Marine Mammals of the Golden Gate
 10:30 AM–2:30 PM
PRESIDIO
 Buffalo Soldiers in a "Jim Crow" Army
 10 AM–NOON
SWEENEY RIDGE
 Sweeney Ridge From Sneath Lane
 NOON–3 PM

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FORT BAKER
 Institute Lecture
 Series: Indigenous
 Peoples and
 Conservation
 6:30–7:30 PM

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MUIR WOODS
 United Nations Day
 at Muir Woods
PRESIDIO
 From Post to Park
 1–3 PM

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FORT POINT
 Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON
 Brass Band Concert 1–2:30 PM
MORI POINT
 Mori Point Meander
 NOON–2:30 PM
PRESIDIO
 National Cemetery Walk
 10 AM–NOON

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PRESIDIO
 Pedaling the Presidio
 1–3 PM

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

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FORT POINT
 Pier Crabbing
 10 AM–NOON
PRESIDIO
 Three Flags Over the Presidio
 11 AM–NOON

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PRESIDIO
 Memorial Day 2010
 10:30 AM–NOON

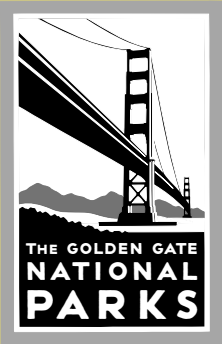
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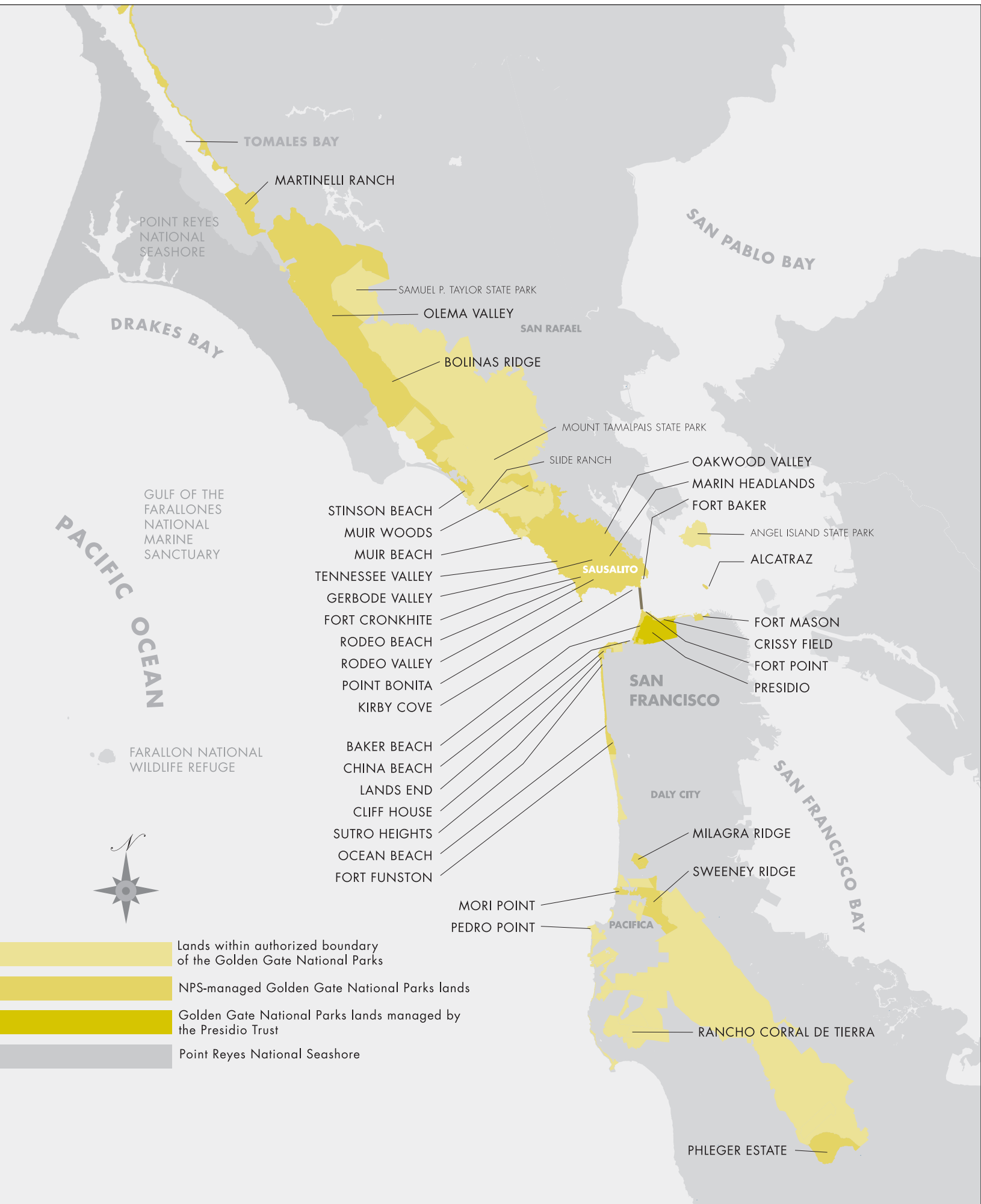
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Alcatraz Island
 Baker Beach
 Bolinas Ridge
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 Fort Baker
 Fort Cronkhite
 Fort Funston
 Fort Mason
 Fort Point
 Gerbode Valley
 Kirby Cove

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

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



PARK EVENTS



AT MULTIPLE SITES

ONGOING

Golden Gate Trail Season Kickoff

4/17, (9 AM—NOON); Golden Gate Trail Crew continues third Saturdays Celebrate a new season of trail work and join the Trails Forever Team and our Golden Gate crew of trail volunteers. Starting in April and continuing every third Saturday of the month, come help repair, maintain and enhance trails, and protect sensitive natural habitat throughout the Golden Gate National Parks. For project locations and details, contact us at 561-3044, volunteer@parksconservancy.org or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

The Presidio Trust Trail Crew meets second Tuesdays of the month, from 10 AM to NOON.

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 561-4747 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 331-0732 to register.

Park Stewardship

Saturdays (10 AM—1 PM)

The Park 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.

Weed Watchers

Times vary, call ahead

Weed Watchers patrol national park trails in San Mateo, San Francisco, and Marin counties, detecting and

Help Our National Park, Visit a Theme Park!

The Golden Gate National Parks Volunteer Program is participating in the "Give a Day, Get a Disney Day" initiative through Disney and the HandsOn Network. Volunteer a day in our parks and get a FREE one-day admission to a theme park at a Disneyland® Resort or Walt Disney World® Resort. The national program aims to mobilize 1 million people across the country to give back to their communities.

We have specific projects that qualify for the Disney program. To participate, **volunteers must pre-register at www.disneyparks.com** and sign up for a listed Golden Gate National Parks project. We'll contact you to confirm and provide project details. Once you volunteer, you'll get access to your ticket voucher. For details, call 561-3077, e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org, or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

mapping weeds as they first invade. If you enjoy leisurely hikes through the parks but also want to help protect natural resources, then this is the perfect opportunity for you.

Volunteers are trained in identification of priority invasive plants along with the methods to map and report their findings.

After attending a training session, volunteers can join any of the weekly guided surveys or adopt their own trails. GPS training is also provided for those interested. Appropriate for adults and teens. Registration required. For more information, call 331-5023 or e-mail jenn_jordan@nps.gov.

PROGRAMS

Teens on Trails

Cesar Chavez Day 3/30;
National Youth Service Day 4/24
9:30 AM—12:30 PM

Need to fulfill service credits at your school? Use your day off as a "day on" and celebrate the holiday by helping restore your national park.

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.

PARK EVENTS

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 project locations and details, contact us at 561-3044, volunteer@parksconservancy.org or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

ALCATRAZ



Open daily (except for December 25 and January 1). Join ranger-led programs, use self-guiding brochures, and take the compelling cellhouse audio tour to learn about this historic island (transcripts of the cellhouse audio tour are available for hearing-impaired visitors).

A captioned video introduction about Alcatraz history is shown every 30 minutes in the museum theater. Additional exhibits containing Alcatraz artifacts and other historic items are located in the new museum store in the basement level of the cellhouse. Phone 561-4900,

9 AM to 4 PM, for program and general information. The SEAT (shuttle) transport is available for wheelchair users and visitors physically unable to walk up the quarter-mile, 12 percent-grade hill to the cellhouse. Children under 14 must be escorted by an adult; service animals allowed.

Daily ferry service to Alcatraz originates at Pier 33, and the cellhouse audio tour can be purchased with ferry tickets. Visit www.alcatrazcruises.com or phone 981-ROCK for ticket reservations. Note: Alcatraz tickets frequently sell out as much as one week in advance. Visit the Alcatraz website at www.nps.gov/alcatraz.

ONGOING

Alcatraz—Escape from Reality

This exhibit explores the connections between Alcatraz and Hollywood.

What's New on Alcatraz?

The Garden Conservancy, in partnership with the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, completed construction of the Rose Garden greenhouse in January. This new greenhouse sits inside the historic foundations of the former greenhouse, and will once again become the center of gardening operations on the island. For more information, visit www.alcatrazgardens.org

Alcatraz Historic Gardens Volunteers

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

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

Discover Alcatraz Birdlife

Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays (10:30 AM—3 PM)

Generations of seabirds occupied Alcatraz until the military fortress was established in the 1850s. Once the cellhouse closed and the National Park Service took over the island,

the protection offered to the birds as well as the island's topography and location led to the return of the birds.

Today, thousands of regionally-significant waterbirds nest in large colonies, and at least four large breeding colonies can easily be seen in action. Please join our docents, who are available with information and equipment to help you view these unique waterbird colonies. Docents are stationed on the island April 1—August 30. Generally, docents are available additional days/hours. Please call 561-4908 to inquire about other times or, if you are interested in becoming a bird docent, about our March training opportunity.

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



April is Service Month!

Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day, as well as the National Park and Volunteer Weeks, all month long in the Golden Gate National Parks. With spring upon us, we have many projects throughout the parks and we need your help!

We have activities suitable for everyone, including trail work, habitat restoration, weeding and vegetation management, growing plants, beach clean-ups and more.

Regularly scheduled and group programs are available at park sites in Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties. It's fun, it's healthy, and it makes a difference. For details, contact us at 561-3077, e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org, or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

PARK EVENTS

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

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



The Crissy Field Center location at 603 Mason St. in the Presidio is closed during the Doyle Drive Replacement Project, although Café Crissy at that address will remain open.

Center programs and operations are now located in the interim Center at the eastern end of East Beach. The new facility, a showcase of sustainable design and construction, features the Beach Hut café which is open to the public seven days a week, 9 AM to 5 PM.

Operated cooperatively by the National Park Service and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the Crissy Field Center encourages 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 reservations. Pre-registration is recommended for most programs, but drop-ins are welcome on a space-available basis.

All programs meet at the new Crissy Field Center location, 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

Come to Your Senses at Crissy Field

3/27 (2—4 PM)

Come experience the sights, sounds, smells, and flavors of Crissy Field on a one-mile easy walk along the Crissy Marsh. Look for crabs, taste strawberry treats, listen to legends, smell a seashore habitat, and touch the sands of Crissy Field as we play in the sand under the cypress trees. Things to bring on this walk: sand toys, walking shoes, layered clothing, and your love of nature.

Free: for the whole family; pre-registration is required—please call 561-2805. Meet Ranger Fatima Colindres in front of the new Crissy Field Center, 1199 East Beach in the Presidio.

Digital Photography for Beginners

3/27 (10 AM—NOON)

Just get a digital camera or don't own one yet? Learn the basics of digital photography in our Media Lab and then head out to the marsh with one of our own digital cameras (or bring your own). Once you take your photos, return to the Media Lab and learn how to download and store photos on your computer or photo archive program. For ages 14 and up. \$15 per person. Registration required; visit www.crissyfield.org or call 561-7765.

Earth Stroll

4/17 (10 AM—2 PM)

Join us for an Earth Day celebration for a healthy planet—and a healthy you. Bring the whole family for a fun, interactive adventure at the many activity stations around East Beach and Crissy Field. Guided by your very own Eco-Passport, play eco-games, visit with live animals, and engage in fun activities that are designed to help you connect with this little corner of our planet.

All ages. \$5 per family of five. Free *Let's Go Chipper: Let's Stroll to Crissy Field* story for the first 500 children ages 6 and under registering online.

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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 fall, explore Crissy Field and hear stories of flowers and other Presidio tales. Call 561-2805 for details.

- **Use sus Sentidos en Crissy Field!** 3/6 (2—4 PM)*
- **Fabulas de Flores** 4/3 (2—3 PM)*
- **El Presidio** 5/1 (2—3 PM)*

* Programs presented in Spanish with English translation provided.

EcoCareer Day

3/20 (10 AM—3 PM)

Get the "dirt" on jobs for the environment! At this 8th annual event, 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 educational, volunteer, and job opportunities for this summer at the resource fair. For high school students. Free (including lunch and giveaways). Registration recommended; visit www.crissyfield.org or call 561-7765.

El Presidio*

5/1 (2—3 PM)

Tome un paseo de regreso al Presidio Olvidado. La historia de España y México sigue aquí. Conózcala por medio de lugares históricos que visitaremos durante su visita. Comienza en el Officers' Club edificio 50 Moraga y Arguello.

Gratis: Para toda la Familia. Inscripción anticipada es requerida; para registrarse 561-2805.

Fabulas de Flores*

4/3 (2—3 PM)

Disfrute una tarde en el arroyo Thompson's Hollow mientras escucha cuentos y leyendas indígenas sobre las plantas del área. Cosas que puede traer: zapatos cómodos, ropa calentita y su amor por la naturaleza y los cuentos. Comienza enfrente del edificio 223 Halleck en el Presidio. Gratis: Para toda la Familia. Inscripción anticipada es requerida. Llame a la Guarda Bosques Fátima Colindres para mas información o para registrarse; 561-2805.

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Flower Fables

4/24 (2—3 PM)

Enjoy an afternoon at Thompson's Hollow as you listen to native plant stories. Things to bring: comfy shoes and layered clothing, and your love of nature and storytelling. Free: For the whole family; pre-registration is required; 561-2805. Meet Ranger Fatima Colindres at Building 223 Halleck Street in the Presidio.

Summer Camp Open House and Registration

5/15 (10 AM—NOON)

This is a last-minute opportunity for parents and caregivers to secure a summer spot for your youth. Come meet camp staff and see some of the great experiences campers had last year. This open house may be your last chance before all of our sessions are filled to capacity. For families with interested campers entering grades 1 through 6 in fall.

Marsh Mud Grab

3/13 (10 AM—NOON)

Take the rare opportunity to put on hip-waders and tromp through the marsh with our Urban Ecology Educator to collect samples to bring

back to the lab for a closer look under the microscopes. This activity is fun for the entire family. For ages 8 and up. \$15 per participant. Registration recommended; visit www.crissyfield.org or call 561-7765.

Spring Community Campfire

5/8 (5—7 PM)

Enjoy a traditional campfire this spring on the Crissy Field Center plaza. Enjoy storytelling, games, and general merriment as we watch the sunset. We'll even make s'mores and sip hot cider by the fire. All ages. \$8 per person, 18 months and up. Registration recommended; visit www.crissyfield.org or call 561-7765.

Use sus Sentidos en Crissy Field!*

3/6 (2—4 PM)

En nuestro paseo vamos a buscar cangrejos y saborearemos dulces de fresa. Escucharemos leyendas culturales y oleremos el hábitat del océano. Cosas que puede traer: juguetes para la arena, zapatos cómodos, ropa calentita y su amor por la naturaleza. Comienza enfrente del nuevo Centro Crissy Field 1199 East Beach en el Presidio. Gratis: Para toda la Familia. Inscripción anticipada es requerida; 561-2805.

FORT BAKER

ONGOING

Fort Baker Stewardship

First Mondays (10 AM—NOON)



Help grow and care for landscapes at historic Fort Baker to enhance the visitor experience and preserve this national historic site. First Monday of every month. For

more information, call 289-3112 or e-mail joe_huang@nps.gov.

PROGRAMS

Indigenous Peoples and Conservation: From Rights to Resource Management

5/18 (6:30—7:30 PM)

Many indigenous communities depend directly on natural ecosystems for their livelihoods. Indigenous peoples are therefore vital partners in conservation, but they often face challenges stemming from immigration of farmers and ranchers, logging, and mineral exploitation. They have responded to these threats and raised their voices to demand greater protection for their

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traditional rights to the renewable resources. Kristen Walker Painemilla (Executive Director, Indigenous & Traditional Peoples Program, Conservation International) will discuss their successful ongoing campaigns. Presented at Cavallo Point—the Lodge at the Golden Gate, in collaboration with Conservation International. Tickets \$15; free for Parks Conservancy members and Cavallo Point guests. Register at www.instituteatgoldengate.org/lectures, call 561-3560, or e-mail events@instituteatgoldengate.org. Part of the “Conversations with Eco-Innovators” lecture series of the Institute at the Golden Gate.

Science to Action: Linking Deep Scientific Research to the Real World

3/23 (6:30—7:30 PM)

Conservation International’s Center for Applied Biodiversity Science is the fifth-most cited research institution in the world but the only one that is linked to field operations in more than 40 countries across the globe.

Dr. Celia Harvey (Vice President, Global Change and Ecosystem Services, Center for Applied Biodiversity Science, Conservation International) will share how CI scientists are providing spatial planning, real-time

monitoring, and other scientific research that are critical to guiding conservation strategies on the ground.

Presented at Cavallo Point—the Lodge at the Golden Gate, in collaboration with Conservation International.

Tickets \$15; free for Parks Conservancy members and Cavallo Point guests. Register at www.instituteatgoldengate.org/lectures, call 561-3560, or e-mail events@instituteatgoldengate.org. Part of the “Conversations with Eco-Innovators” lecture series of the Institute at the Golden Gate.

Turning the Tide 2010

4/14—4/16

Turning the Tide—the signature program of the Institute at the Golden Gate—convenes some of the world’s foremost innovators on global sustainability.

At the 2009 event, Nobel Laureates, Pulitzer winners, CEOs, nonprofit pioneers, youth activists, and trailblazing scientists and artists forged new and dynamic collaborations.

See why these leaders called it “amazing,” “essential,” and “inspiring on many levels.” Join us at Cavallo Point—the Lodge at the Golden Gate, America’s newest national park lodge—for Turning the Tide 2010. To register or to learn about the free live webcast of the event, visit www.instituteatgoldengate.com/turningthetide.

Why Care About the Sixth Extinction?

4/20 (6:30—7:30 PM)

“Mass extinctions” have struck our planet five times over the history of life on Earth. The most recent of these, 65 million years ago, was caused by an asteroid impact and was responsible for killing the dinosaurs. Now, human activities have

accelerated extinction rates to the level of a mass extinction. Join Dr. Thomas Brooks (Conservation Priorities and Outreach, Center for Applied Biodiversity Science, Conservation International) in a discussion of the central questions about the Sixth Extinction. What are the dimensions of this extinction crisis? What are its causes? And how will our lives and livelihoods benefit from stopping it?

Presented at Cavallo Point—the Lodge at the Golden Gate, in collaboration with Conservation International. Tickets \$15; free for Parks Conservancy members and Cavallo Point guests. Register at www.instituteatgoldengate.org/lectures, call 561-3560, or e-mail events@instituteatgoldengate.org. Part of the “Conversations with Eco-Innovators” lecture series of the Institute at the Golden Gate.

FORT FUNSTON

ONGOING


Fort Funston Cleanup Day

3/6, 4/3, 5/1 (9:30 AM)

Bring dogs, friends, and family to help keep Fort Funston clean for everyone. Held in conjunction with Fort Funston Dogwalkers. Bring



Fort Baker Tours & Institute at the Golden Gate Lecture

4/20 (4:30 PM—7:30 PM) 

Join us for a hike around historic Fort Baker and the country’s newest national park lodge, Cavallo Point—the Lodge at the Golden Gate. Fort Baker is also home to the Institute at the Golden Gate (a program of the Parks Conservancy in partnership with the National Park Service) as well as many historic structures that recently have been rehabilitated. Choose from two tours: an architectural tour with Ranger Kristin Baron or a butterfly nature hike with Ranger Will Elder. Stay for the Institute at the Golden Gate lecture, “Why Care About the Sixth Extinction?”, which is free for members. (See listing on this page.)

Free. Required registration deadline: Friday, April 16.

To register for this members event or to become a Conservancy member, call 561-3060 or e-mail membership@parksconservancy.org.

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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

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

Times vary, call ahead

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). Registration required; phone 561-4199 for details and to RSVP.

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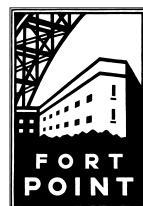
GGRO Volunteer Recruitment Meetings

4/28, 4/29 (7—9:30 PM),
5/1 (10 AM—12:30 PM)

Fascinated by raptors? Love the birds-eye view from the Marin Headlands? Come learn about the volunteer opportunities with the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory!

Get the full story, ask questions, and sign up to be a 2010 volunteer hawk watcher or bander. Meet at Park Headquarters in Upper Fort Mason. For more information, call 331-0730 or visit www.ggro.org.

FORT POINT




website at www.nps.gov/fopo.

The Fort will be open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, from 10 AM to 5 PM. Phone 556-1693 to verify access hours. For more information, visit the Fort Point

ONGOING


“Building the Golden Gate Bridge”

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

Cannon Loading Demonstrations

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

“Fort Point, Guardian of the Golden Gate”

Award-winning, 30-minute video program about the history of Fort Point from 1776 through World War II. Shown throughout the day.  The Fort Point staff offers a variety of programs; a schedule is posted at the Fort’s entrance.

PROGRAMS

Pier Crabbing

3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29 (10 AM—NOON)

Learn about crabbing at the Fort Point Pier.

We’ll discuss bait, equipment and regulations, then let you try your luck with our nets. Reservations required; call 556-1693.

Fort Point Garrison Brass Band Concerts

3/13, 4/24, 5/22 (1—2:30 PM)

Sing along, tap your toes, or get up and waltz to musical airs dating back to the Civil War.

The Fort Point Garrison Brass Band provides afternoon concerts at old Fort Point.

Reservations required; please phone 556-1693.

LANDS END

ONGOING

Lands End Stewardship

Thursdays and Saturdays (1—4 PM)



Become a Lands End Steward and help restore unique coastal habitat and enhance the trail systems along Lands End.

Appropriate for adults, families, and youth ages 14 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18).

Meeting locations vary; phone 561-4864 or send an e-mail to lands_end@parksconservancy.org for details and more information.

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Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate

3/21, 4/3, 5/1 (10—11 AM)

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.

MARIN HEADLANDS

The Marin Headlands Visitor Center, once an army chapel, is open daily, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, and is a great place to begin your park explorations, relax after a hike, or enjoy our award-winning exhibits. Please note the Visitor Center 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 with advanced notice; please call 331-1540.

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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

3/7, 4/4, 5/2 (NOON—4 PM)

Open the first 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 tunnels; during the Cold War, it was used as an underground research facility.

Rodeo Beach To Batteries Hike

3/28 (10 AM—NOON) 

Hike from the shores of the Pacific at Rodeo Beach up to the batteries lining the cliffs overlooking the ocean. Ranger Emeritus John Martini will lead a moderately strenuous hike. Please wear layers and bring water and comfortable shoes. Meet at Rodeo Beach parking lot.

Free. Required registration deadline: Monday, March 15.

To register for this members event or to become a Conservancy member, call 561-3060 or e-mail membership@parksconservancy.org.

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

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

Marin Headlands Junior Rangers

Calling all Junior Rangers! A fun opportunity for young people, ages 8-12, to explore the Marin Headlands is now available free from the Visitor Center.

Pick up your booklet and take the day to learn the area's fascinating stories. Become a Marin Headlands Junior Ranger on your next visit.



Marin Headlands Nursery

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

Each year, this plant nursery grows over 30,000 plants to restore habitats in 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

3/6, 4/3, 5/1 (12:30—3:30 PM)

Open the first Saturday of each month, and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons. Unique in the National Park Service, this restored Cold War anti-aircraft missile site has intriguing stories to tell. Leashed pets are welcome. For updated visiting hours or tours, phone 331-1453. Buildings above ground are wheelchair accessible. Also visit 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 half-mile trail is steep in places. For more information, phone 331-1540. Visit the website at www.nps.gov/pobo.htm.

Tennessee Valley Native Plant Nursery and Stewardship

Tuesdays (10 AM—NOON, 1—4 PM)

The Tennessee Valley Nursery grows plants for more than a dozen restoration sites in the parks. Help improve native habitat by removing invasive plants, out planting, trans-

planting 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

Birding in the Headlands

3/7, 4/4, 5/16 (9:30—11:30 AM)

Spring comes alive along Rodeo Lagoon. Bring your binoculars and field guides and join volunteer Jane Haley for an easy walk to discover our spring visitors. For ages 8 and up; no dogs. Rain cancels. Reservations required; please call 331-1540.

Cats of the Marin Headlands

3/20 (6—9 PM)

On this moderate four-mile round trip sunset/dusk hike to Tennessee Beach, we will be on the lookout for cats that inhabit or visit the Headlands: the feral cat, the bobcat, and of course, the mountain lion. Along the way, we'll make stops to learn more about these stealthy cats. As a bonus, we'll enjoy a postcard sunset over the Pacific. Bring layers, water, snack, and flashlight. Limit 25 people. Meet Steffen Bartschat at the Tennessee Valley trailhead. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

PARK EVENTS

Earth Day Celebration at Headlands Institute

4/18 (11 AM—4 PM)

Join us to learn new ways that you and your family can be environmental stewards! Enjoy naturalist-led hikes across the coastal hills, take part in stewardship projects to support the park's natural environment, create your own Earth-Day inspired arts and crafts, and enjoy healthy snacks. Free, drop-in program.

Registration appreciated, but not required; call 331-1548 or visit www.headlandsinstitute.org/family.

Family Camp

4/24 (3 PM)—4/25 (NOON)

The days are getting longer, the flowers are still blooming, and the weather is beginning to dry out. Perfect time for a family camping trip! Bring your family (with kids aged 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. Program ends at NOON on May 2. Limit 10 families or 32 people. Leave your e-mail address (or physical mail address) at visitor center and the trip leader will contact you. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Family Wildflower Walk

4/18 (10:30 AM—2:30 PM)

Bring your family for an exploration of spring in its most spectacular! We will be looking for what is blooming, and we will also discuss other plants, birds, insects, and whatever else may catch our eyes. We'll play nature games, make art, and enjoy a beautiful spring day together in the Marin Headlands. Meet at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. Registration requested by 4/14; call 331-9622.

Headlands in Bloom

5/1 (1—4 PM)

Spring has sprung with thousands of native plants and flowers hugging the hills. We'll head into the hills to identify blooms, practice field sketching techniques, and learn about popular pollinators. Then we'll stop by the Headlands Native Plant Nursery for a volunteer project.

Baby carriers are suggested for children 5 or under. \$7 per person (children under 4, free). Pre-registration required; call 331-1548 or visit www.headlandsinstitute.org/family.

Historic Fort Baker Tour

3/20, 4/24 (1—2 PM)

Come visit Fort Baker's historic

Colonial Revival buildings and learn how this 1905 army post represented a new and improved standard of living for the officers and soldiers stationed here.

Meet architectural historian Kristin Baron at the Cavallo Point reception building, 601 Murray Circle. This easy, one-mile walk has one slightly steep hill climb. Program limited to 20 people; heavy rain cancels. For reservations and parking information, call 331-1540.

Marine Mammals of the Golden Gate

5/16 (10:30 AM—2:30 PM)

Check out harbor seals resting in Bonita Cove! Look for California sea lions and migrating grey whales from the historic Point Bonita Lighthouse! Visit the Marine Mammal Center, and learn about their rehabilitation efforts.

Join an experienced YMCA naturalist for a day of learning all about the fascinating adaptations of our local marine mammals, while exploring the trails of the beautiful Marin Headlands.

Meet at Fort Cronkite parking lot restrooms. Registration requested by 5/12; call 331-9622.

Pinnipeds at Point Bonita

3/13 (1—4:30 PM)

It's pinniped pupping season in the Headlands! Join us on a four-mile roundtrip hike in search of harbor seals at Point Bonita. We'll conclude our day with a visit to the Marine Mammal Center.

This is a moderate hike. Carriers are recommended for children under 5 years. No strollers. Sorry, no dogs. \$7 per person (children under 4, free). Pre-registration required; call 331-1548 or visit www.headlandsinstitute.org/family.

Rambling Round Rodeo Cove

3/21, 5/9 (11 AM—1 PM)

While exploring some Headlands habitats, we'll rove around the la-

Behind Studio Doors

4/18 (NOON—5 PM)

Three times a year, Headlands Center for the Arts invites you behind the studio doors of its Artist in Residence program to witness the creative processes of a broad range of visual and performing arts. Join us for day of conversation, performance, and artistic engagement. www.headlands.org

goon, 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: 331-1540.

Search for the Mission Blue Butterfly

4/17 (2—4 PM)

Join Susie Bennett, a Parks Conservancy butterfly monitor, in the Marin Headlands to search for the endangered mission blue butterfly. She will lead you on a moderate hike where you will learn about the habitat and the restoration work being done to help save this beautiful but rare butterfly.

Meet at the Conzelman commuter lot. Space is limited. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Sunset/Full Moon Walk to the Point Bonita Lighthouse

3/29 (7—9 PM), 4/28 (7:30—9:30 PM), 5/27 (7:30—9:30 PM)

Watch the setting sun and greet the rising moon at this wild edge of the continent. The half-mile trail is steep in places. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Meet park staff and docents at the Point Bonita Lighthouse trailhead. Limited to 40

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people; program fills quickly. Reservations required; phone 331-1540.

Tennessee Valley Ramble

4/18 (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.

Wildflowers at the Interface

3/20 (10 AM—NOON)

Celebrate spring's first weekend with a pilgrimage up the SCA trail in search of wildflowers and breathtaking views of the Golden Gate. This interface of the wild and urban inspires gratitude for our national parks. Wear sturdy shoes and layered clothes for this 2.5-mile round-trip walk. Bring binoculars, water and snack. Rain cancels. Please leave bikes or dogs at home. This narrow trail is steep. Children welcome, age 7 and up. Call the Marin Headlands Visitor Center at 331-1540 for meeting details and to reserve your space.



Wildflower Walk: Watch Spring Come Alive in the Headlands!

3/21 (10:30 AM—2:30 PM)

Spring is in bloom! Come join an experienced YMCA naturalist to explore all the beauty that spring has to offer here in the Marin Headlands. We will take a strenuous and exhilarating trek up Miwok Trail to Wolf Ridge Trail, one of the most beautiful trails in the Marin Headlands! Meet at the Point Bonita YMCA. Registration requested by 3/17; call 331-9622.

MILAGRA RIDGE

Of Bombs and Butterflies

4/18 (NOON—2 PM)

Take an easy stroll with Nike Veteran David Bridgman along Pacifica's Milagra Ridge, former gun emplacement and 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

Mori Point Meander

3/20, 4/24, 5/22 (NOON—2:30 PM)

Join Pacifica historian Jerry Crow, and hear the tales of old Mori's Tavern while strolling through restored habitat for the California red-legged frog and the San Francisco garter snake. Moderate. Leashed dogs welcome. Gather near the gate at the south end of Bradford Way (behind the Moose Lodge). Reservations required, call (415) 561-4323.

MUIR WOODS/ MUIR BEACH



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 information 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 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 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 available in our Visitor Center, at the information table or online.

Marin Stewardship: Muir Beach/Dias Ridge

4th Saturdays (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

Volunteers are needed to help restore the tidal lagoon and creek at Muir Beach and to maintain the recently planted natives along Dias Ridge above. The lives of the endangered Coho salmon, steelhead trout, and red-legged frog are at stake. Help heal this watershed and protect endangered species by planting in winter and weeding year-round.

Join us on the fourth Saturday of every month from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Also, school, business, and community-based programs are available by reservation on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Contact: 561-3044 or volunteer@parksconservancy.org, visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

Muir Beach Cleanup

Second Saturdays (9—11 AM)

Help Big Lagoon on the second Saturday of each month by picking up litter, weeding dunes, and repairing fences. Meet at the south end of the parking lot for a chance to enjoy a special beach and help keep it clean. Drop-ins welcome. For information, call Marcus Combs at 561-4751.

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Muir Woods Junior Rangers

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

Redwood Creek Nursery

Wednesdays (10 AM—1 PM)

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

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A Creek Runs Through It

3/27 (9 AM—2 PM)

Join Park Ranger Joanne Jarvis on a strenuous seven-mile hike along the Redwood Creek watershed. Learn about redwoods, salmon and other hidden secrets of the ancient forest. Dress in layers and wear comfortable hiking shoes. Bring a lunch and water. Heavy rain cancels. Reservations required, phone 388-2596.

Blooming Wonders

4/10 (10 AM—NOON)

Come search for spring wildflowers in Muir Woods and on the surrounding trails! Moderately paced 4-mile hike, a bit strenuous for the first half-mile but we'll be going slowly.

Dress in layers, wear comfortable hiking shoes, and bring water and a snack. Reservations required, phone 388-2596.

Coastal Caper 5/9 (10 AM—NOON)

A hike up the Coastal Trail to the Green Gulch area will provide an opportunity to see showy wildflowers and beautiful landscapes.

This is a four-mile, moderate trail with a 900-foot elevation gain. Meet at the Muir Beach parking lot. Dress in layers, bring water and a snack. Reservations required, phone 388-2596.

Coho Salmon and Spring Walk

3/7, 4/4, 5/2 (9—11 AM)

Take a leisurely spring walk around Muir Beach with Park Ranger Lou Sian and learn about the current status of salmon in Redwood Creek. Get an update on the restoration project at Muir Beach and learn the next steps in the national park's plan to restore areas of the Redwood Creek watershed. Dress in layers, bring water.

Heavy rain cancels. Meet at the Muir Beach parking lot. Reservations required, phone 388-2596.

Gravity Car Hike

4/17 (9—11:30 AM)

The current automobile entrance to Muir Woods was established in 1918. If Muir Woods was established as a national monument in 1908, how did most visitors enter the park during its first decade?

Track history with docent Evelyn Rose and embark on a moderate roundtrip hike that will trace the lower reaches of the Mount Tamalpais and Muir Woods Railway. Passengers either arrived by train or on the thrilling Gravity Car that glided passengers effortlessly down the mountain, a ride considered by many to not be for the faint at heart! Hike begins and ends at Muir Woods Visitor Center. Group limited to 15. Reservations required, phone 388-2596.

International Migratory Bird Day

5/8 (8 AM—2 PM)

Join us at Muir Woods for our 10th annual International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) FREE event filled with activities and fun for all ages. IMBD is observed every year by hundreds of thousands of people. Throughout the Western Hemisphere, people flock to parks, community centers,

wildlife refuges, and town squares to learn more about wild birds, take action to conserve birds and their habitats, and simply have fun.

If you were ever 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 and join us for the IMBD celebration! For more information, visit www.nps.gov/muwo or phone 388-2596.

Muir Woods by Moonlight

3/29 (6:30—8:30 PM), 4/28 (7—9 PM), 5/27 (7:30—9:30 PM)

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

Photography Hike

4/10 (9 AM—NOON)

Grab your camera and join Al Greening to search for good views of the redwoods, Redwood Creek, and spring wildflowers. Walk will cover three miles and include trails leading

off of the canyon floor. Bring a tripod for long exposures. Dress in layers, wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring water and a snack. Heavy rain cancels. Reservations required, phone 388-2596.

Redwoods to the Ocean Hike

4/11 (9:30 AM—2:30 PM)

Explore several ecosystems as we hike from Muir Woods to Stinson Beach, including redwoods, chaparral, and the beach. This is a five-mile strenuous hike, with lots of ups and downs (1,000 feet of elevation gain), but very rewarding views!

Please note: this is a one-way hike. Please arrange for your own transportation back to your vehicle or plan to hike back to Muir Woods at your own pace. Dress in layers, bring water and a lunch. Heavy rain cancels. Reservations required, phone 388-2596.

The First People and Their Environment

4/24 (10 AM—NOON)

Join Nick Tipon of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria on this informative, one-mile walk around Muir Beach and learn how the original inhabitants survived the last ice age. Nick will describe the local

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native plants and their use in the Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo culture. Learn how Native Americans were influenced by climate change, what adaptations they made to endure, and how these lessons may apply to society today. Well-behaved dogs on leash welcome. Heavy rain cancels. Meet at the Muir Beach parking lot. Reservations required, phone 388-2596.

The Salmon Crossroads

4/17 (10—11 AM)

Join fishery biologist Michael Reichmuth on this talk and walk discussing the Coho salmon life cycle and, in particular, the transition that salmon must make during their freshwater to saltwater transition. The walk will include a visit to our

downstream migrant trap where participants will view our current monitoring program at work. We will also discuss the salmon habitat in lower Redwood Creek and what changes the National Park Service has made in order to improve salmon habitat in this area. Meet at the Muir Beach parking lot. Rain or shine. Reservations required, phone 388-2596.

United Nations Day at Muir Woods

5/19

Take a walk in peace and quiet to Cathedral Grove, a beautiful old-growth redwood setting and historic site where United Nations delegates met in 1945. Plan your own thoughtful visit or check park website

(www.nps.gov/muwo) for special events to join.

OCEAN BEACH

ONGOING

Ocean Beach Cleanup

First and third Sundays (10 AM—NOON)

Help keep Ocean Beach clean and safe for all of us to enjoy. Join the Golden Gate National Parks and longtime park partner Surfrider Foundation for twice-monthly beach cleanups. Meeting location varies. For more information, visit www.sfsurfrider.org or call 561-4751.

PHLEGER ESTATE

Saved at the Buzzer

3/13 (9:30 AM—2:30 PM)

How did five idealists on a budget save a \$30 million forest? Join Park Ranger George Durgerian and find out, while hiking through the quietest redwood and mixed evergreen woodlands in the Golden Gate National Parks. Fairly strenuous, 6.5 miles. Meet at lot beyond entrance kiosk at Huddart County Park in Woodside. Note: Huddart charges a \$5 entrance fee. Call (415) 561-4323 for reservations and information.

PRESIDIO



Find out about Presidio programs and activities at the Presidio Visitors Center, located at the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue at Arguello Boulevard (Main Post).

Open daily 9 AM to 5 PM. For information call 561-4323 or visit www.nps.gov/prsf.

ONGOING

Area A (Presidio Shoreline) Maintenance and Landscape

Saturdays (9 AM—NOON)

Volunteer to enhance the visitor experience at various sites throughout the coastal region of the Presidio. Project locations include East Beach, Crissy Promenade, Crissy Airfield, Baker Beach, and China Beach. Projects include winter beach cleanups, vegetation pruning, sand removal, and broad-leaf plant removal. For details, please call 561-2899.

Crissy Field Cleanup Day

3/20, 4/17, 5/15 (9 AM)

Bring dogs, friends, and family to this monthly event and help keep



Crissy Field clean of litter and dog waste. Bring gloves; trash bags are provided. Clean-up areas include the east and central beaches and the promenade area. Volunteers meet the third Saturday of the month at the East Beach parking lot picnic tables. E-mail Crissy Field Dogs at crissyfielddog@sbcglobal.net for 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 re-seeding from greenbelt areas. Appropriate for adults and youth ages

Members Day in the Presidio

5/1

Join us for the second annual Members Day festivities! Enjoy a special day in the Presidio with other Parks Conservancy members to celebrate all that you make possible in the parks.

Be among the first to see the newly re-opened Rob Hill Campground, take a hike on new and refurbished trails, and enjoy the company of fellow park supporters. Bring a picnic lunch. **Free. Required registration deadline: Friday, April 16.**

For times and full details on the day and to RSVP, please visit www.parksconservancy.org/membersday or call 561-3060.

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10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP is requested; call 561-2899.

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, call 561-4826.

Presidio Park Stewards

Wednesdays, Saturdays, and 3rd Sundays (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

3/6, 3/7, 4/3, 4/4, 5/1, 5/2 (11 AM—3 PM)

How can a 50-ton gun simply disappear? Learn this and more while helping load and aim the last operational gun of its kind. Photos of the century-old Endicott system batteries in action are on display in an underground cartridge room. In case of rain, call 561-4323 for schedule. Located at Battery Chamberlin, north end of Baker Beach parking lot. Open 11 AM to 3 PM, first full weekend of each month.

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A Walk in the Presidio Forest

4/18 (10 AM—1 PM)

Join a strenuous five-mile walk through the trees planted by the U.S. Army over 100 years ago as a ranger shares a historical narrative. Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the visitor center located in the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

A Walk with Juan Bautista De Anza

3/6, 4/3, 5/8 (1—3 PM)

“¡Vayan subiendo!” Mount up! This was a familiar call from Spanish Colonel Juan Bautista de Anza during the historic 1,200 mile expedition up from Sonora to San Francisco Bay in 1775-76. Listen to untold stories of this unique Afro-Latino and European immigration. Join “Colonel Anza” for a moderate one-mile, living history hike on the Anza National Historic Trail. At hike's end, partake in Spanish chocolate while overlooking the Golden Gate! Meet Ranger Eddie Arias at the Officers' Club, corner of Moraga Ave. and Arguello Blvd. Reservations required; call 561-4323. This program can be delivered in Spanish by arrangement.

Buffalo Soldiers in a “Jim Crow” Army

5/16 (10 AM—NOON)

The Buffalo Soldiers have been immortalized in song by reggae star Bob Marley and heroically portrayed in Hollywood movies. This tour will concentrate on the story of the elite African American 9th Cavalry and the moral dilemma of honorably serving in San Francisco during the era of racial segregation. Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the Officers' Club, corner of Moraga Ave. and Arguello Blvd. Reservations required; call 561-4323. ☺

Crissy Field Aviation Walk

3/6 (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. ☺

Discover Tennessee Hollow Watershed

5/11 (NOON—1 PM)

Learn about the scrappy volunteer regiment from Tennessee whose name was given to this encampment during the Spanish American War. Tour the watershed where regiments of volunteers pitched tents,

drilled, and prepared to be shipped to the Philippines. Visit a historic bridge over the stream and a meadow where plants were tended for the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition. Meet docent Barbara Corff at the visitor center located in the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Earth, Wind, and Flowers

5/15 (1—3 PM)

Learn how unusual geologic and weather conditions have produced a unique ecosystem at the Presidio on a moderate 1.5-mile walk. Bring a camera and wear comfortable shoes and warm layers.

Jewish in Modern China

Through photographs, documents, and memorabilia, learn of a unique and little-known chapter in Chinese and Jewish history. Between 1840 and 1949, three waves of Jewish immigrants entered China and lived in harmony with their Chinese neighbors. Open February 24, 2010 — May 16, 2010, Wednesday to Sunday, 11 AM to 5 PM, FREE; Presidio Officers' Club Exhibition Hall, 50 Moraga Avenue. www.presidio.gov

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

From Post to Park

3/17, 4/14, 5/19 (1–3 PM)

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

General Pershing's Presidio

5/15 (11 AM–12:30 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 1.5-mile walk.

Meet docent Bob Bowen at the flagpole near Arguello Blvd. and Moraga Ave. Reservations required; call 561-4323. ☺

Golden Poppy Tour

4/6 (NOON–1 PM)

Join docent Barbara Corff to sing the poppy song, hear stories and lore, and celebrate our state flower at the serpentine grasslands of Tennessee Hollow Watershed. Meet at Inspiration Point Overlook on Arguello Av-

enue for an easy, one-hour walk. Reservations required; 561-4323.

Irony #9066

5/9 (1–2 PM)

Come learn about the Japanese-American experience during World War II. Hear how Japanese-American soldiers were recruited for secret training because of their heritage, while at the same time their families were interned for the same reason.

Meet docent Eric Leong at the Presidio transit center, Lincoln Blvd. and Graham Street. Reservations required; call 561-4323. ☺

Little War, Big Impact

3/20 (1–3 PM)

It's been 111 years since the Philippine-American War began. Come see its remaining impact on a one-mile moderately easy walk. Meet Ranger Will Elder at the Officers' Club, corner of Moraga Ave. and Arguello Blvd. Reservations required; call 561-4323. ☺

Memorial Day 2010

5/31 (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 information call 561-5500.

National Cemetery Walk

3/11, 3/27, 4/8, 4/24, 5/6, 5/22 (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. Rain cancels. Meet docent Galen Dillman at the Cemetery Gate, Sheridan Ave. and Lincoln Blvd. Rain cancels. Reservations required; 561-4323.

Pedaling the Presidio

3/21, 5/23 (1–3 PM)

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 in front of the new Crissy Field Center at 1199 East Beach off Mason St. in the Presidio. Reservations required; 561-4323.

People Make a Difference

4/25 (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 in front of the new Crissy Field Center at 1199 East Beach off Mason St. in the Presidio.

Presidio Birdlife

4/24 (9:30–11:30 AM)

See and learn about the diverse Presidio birdlife on a moderate one-mile walk. Meet Ranger Will Elder in front of the new Crissy Field Center at 1199 East Beach off Mason St. in the Presidio. Reservations required; call 561-4323. ☺

Quartermasters of Tennessee Hollow Watershed

3/9 (NOON–1 PM)

See what riparian life is all about. Envision the future ecotone in the Doyle Drive area between the Crissy saltwater marsh and the freshwater of Tennessee Hollow Watershed. Explore this supply route for the post's Quartermaster Corps. Meet docent Barbara Corff at the corner of Halleck Street and Lincoln Boulevard for this easy walk (across from YMCA parking lot). Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Ridge to Bridge Ride

4/11 (10 AM–1 PM)

Experience the national parks strad-

dling the Golden Gate as we cycle to the Marin Headlands and back on a strenuous 12-mile loop. Helmet required. Meet Ranger James Osborne at the Officers' Club, corner of Moraga Ave. and Arguello Blvd.

Shuttle Through Time

4/17 (NOON–12:45 PM)

Take the PresidiGo shuttle and travel through time as you hear stories spanning the centuries. Meet the ranger at the Presidio Transit Center, corner of Graham Street and Lincoln Blvd. Reservations required; call 561-4323. ☺

The Guns of San Francisco

5/9 (10 AM–NOON)

Learn how soldiers manned gun emplacements around the Golden Gate to protect San Francisco's harbor for two centuries. Meet Ranger James Osborne at Battery East parking lot, Lincoln Boulevard, near Golden Gate Bridge. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

The Presidio From Gold Rush To the Civil War

4/10 (11 AM–12:30 PM)

Field artillery, infantry, mounted dragoons (and deserters); Erasmus Keyes, Henry Halleck, William Tecumseh Sherman and Eadweard

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Muybridge were among the cast of characters who played prominent roles in the volatile era from the Gold Rush to the Civil War when the Presidio grew from a frontier outpost to a major military installation

and defender of the Golden Gate. Meet docent Bob Bowen at the Officers Club, corner of Halleck and Mason Streets. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Three Flags Over the Presidio

3/13, 5/29 (11 AM–NOON)

Take a short walk and hear stories of the Presidio while under the flags of Spain, Mexico, and the United States. Meet the ranger at the Officers' Club building 50 Moraga at Arguello. ☺

Unsung Heroes

3/14 (NOON–1 PM)

Presidio history has been made by men and women of all backgrounds and professions. See them and hear their stories in an illustrated talk. Meet Ranger James Osborne at the visitor center located in the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue. Reservations required; call 561-4323. ☺

Walk Crissy Field and Learn its History

3/19, 4/16, 5/14 (11 AM–12:30 PM)

Come out for an easy two-mile walk on the revitalized Crissy Field Shoreline Promenade. Learn about the people who have lived here and how they cared for the environment, and about the recent restoration of the tidal salt marsh and East Beach. Rain cancels.

Meet docent Jeannette Bonifas at the picnic East Beach restrooms, Crissy Field, off Mason St. near Mari-

na Gate. Reservations required; call 561-4323. ☺

Wings Over Crissy Field

3/28 (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. ☺

SAN MATEO COUNTY

360 Degrees of Pacifica

4/17 (9:30 AM–3 PM)

A grand tour of the three national park sites in San Mateo County!

Join Park Ranger George Durgerian on a 6.5 mile, fairly strenuous hike to Milagra Ridge, Sweeney Ridge, and Mori Point. Hear the stories of bombs, bootlegging, and bedeviled bulldozers that make these sites great. Bring lunch, water and good shoes. Meet at Salada Beach Café, 220 Paloma, Pacifica at 9 AM for breakfast or 9:30 for the hike. Call (415) 561-4323 for reservations and information.

STINSON BEACH

The beach is open daily for picnics and recreational activities, from 9

AM to shortly after sunset. For updates on hours and latest surf, tide, road, and weather conditions, phone 868-1922.

SUTRO HEIGHTS/ SUTRO BATHS

For information, phone 561-4323.

SWEENEY RIDGE

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Sweeney Ridge From Sneath Lane

3/21, 5/16 (NOON–3 PM)



See Sweeney Ridge from the bottom up! Join Nike veteran David Bridgman on a walk up from Sneath to the top of the ridge. Along the way you'll enjoy great views of the

watershed and the bay as you pass the Bay Area Discovery Site and the ruins of a Cold War Nike missile site. Fairly strenuous.

Leashed dogs welcome. Directions: Meet at the far west end of Sneath Lane in San Bruno. Reservations requested; phone (415) 561-4323.



William Kent Society Hike: 360 Degrees of Pacifica

3/20 (9:30 AM–2:30 PM) M

Take a tour of the three national park sites in San Mateo County. Join Park Ranger George Durgerian on a 6.5 mile, fairly strenuous hike to Milagra Ridge, Sweeney Ridge and Mori Point. Hear the stories of bombs, bootlegging, and bedeviled bulldozers that make these sites great.

Bring water and good shoes. Meet at Salada Beach Café, 220 Paloma, Pacifica at 9:30 AM.

Open to William Kent Society members. Required registration deadline: Wednesday, March 10.

To learn more about becoming a William Kent Society member, please contact Sarah Charukesnant at 561-3024 or send an e-mail to scharukesnant@parksconservancy.org.

PARK PARTNERS



GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVANCY

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

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



THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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



THE PRESIDIO TRUST

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

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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 Baker Stewardship		10 AM–NOON (1ST MONDAYS)					
Fort Funston Nursery							9:30 AM–12:30 PM
Habitat Restoration Team	9:30 AM–2:30 PM						
Invasive Plant Patrol*				10 AM–2 PM (SEASONAL)			
Lands End Stewardship					1–4 PM		1–4 PM
Marin Headlands Nursery				1–4 PM			9 AM–NOON
Marin Stewardship							9:30 AM–12:30 PM (4TH SATURDAYS)
Muir Beach Cleanup							9–11 AM (2ND SATURDAYS)
Ocean Beach Cleanup	10 AM–NOON (1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS)						
Park Stewardship							10 AM–1 PM
Presidio Nursery				1–4 PM			1–4 PM
Presidio Park Stewards	9 AM–NOON (3RD SUNDAYS)			9 AM–NOON			9 AM–NOON
Presidio Plant Patrol*						1–4 PM	
Presidio Trust Trail Crew			10 AM–1 PM (2ND TUESDAYS)				
Redwood Creek Nursery				10 AM–1 PM			
Tennessee Valley Nursery			10 AM–NOON, 1–4 PM				
Golden Gate Trail Crew							9 AM–NOON (3RD SATURDAYS)

SPRING INTO ACTION ON BEHALF OF YOUR PARKS!

This season is the time to renew and regrow your commitment to protecting, preserving, and improving the Golden Gate National Parks you love so much. Come out and volunteer with us today! Our many drop-in volunteer opportunities—available in Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties—are a great way to pitch in.

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/volunteer.

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, or e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org.

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

* Registration required

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

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS

The Golden Gate National Recreation Area (commonly known as the Golden Gate National Parks) extends 80 miles north and south of the Golden Gate, creating a vast greenbelt along the Pacific Ocean. Within its boundaries are ancient redwoods, historic landmarks, miles of hiking trails, rocky shorelines, rare and endangered species, lush coastal wilderness, and breathtaking vistas. Take an hour, an afternoon, a day, or more and discover the national parks at our doorstep.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police/Fire/Ambulance 911

PARK VISITOR CENTERS, BOOKSTORES, AND CAFÉS

Alcatraz Island Bookstores (415) 561-4922
Alcatraz Ranger Station (415) 561-4900
Beach Hut at Crissy Field Center (415) 561-7761
Café Crissy (415) 561-7756
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) 561-4747
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
Park Stewardship Program (415) 561-3073
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
Stinson Beach Weather (415) 868-1922
Volunteer Information (415) 561-4755
. (415) 561-3077

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

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