

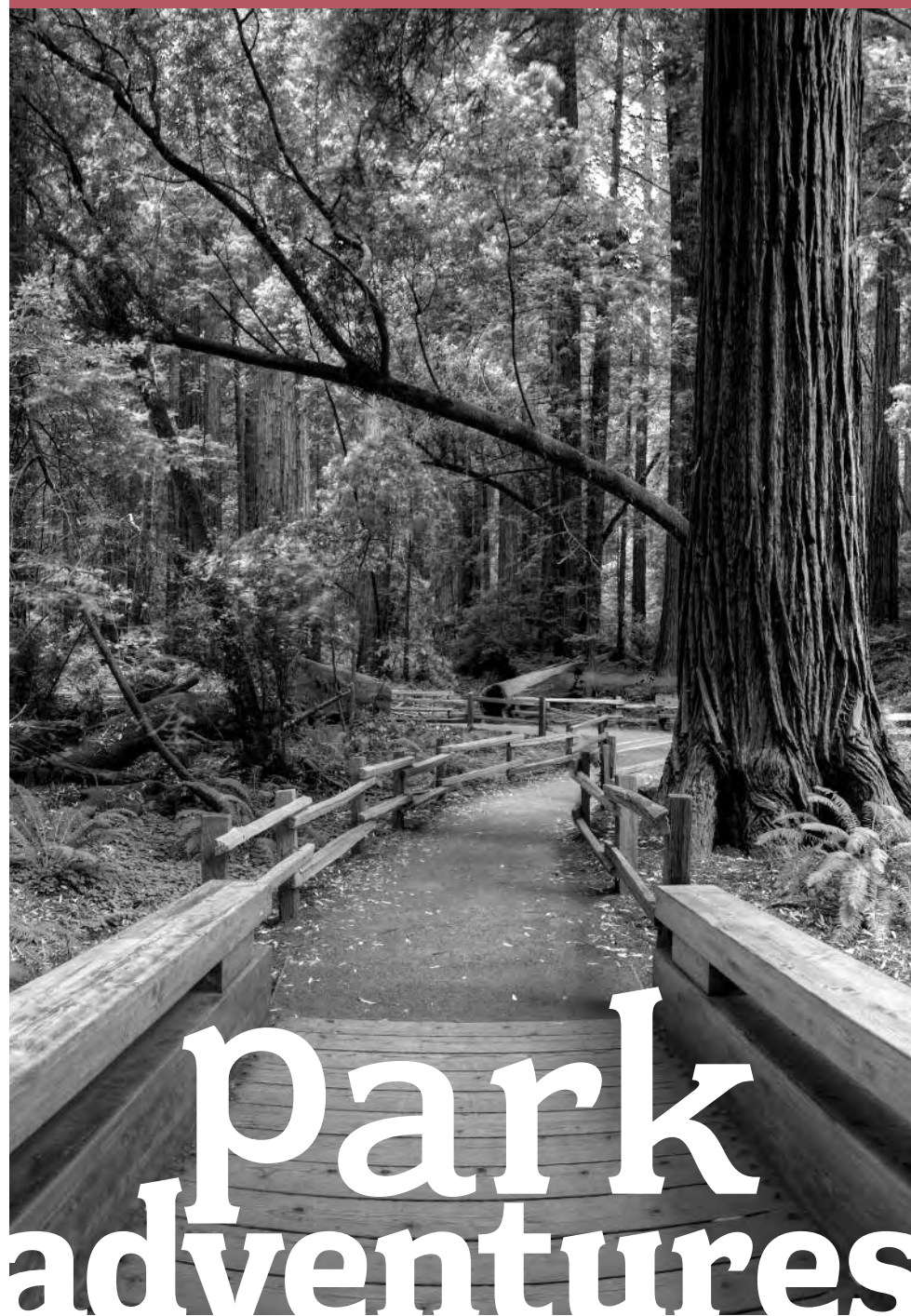
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**NATIONAL  
PARKS**  
CONSERVANCY

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# SPRING calendar & events

MARCH, APRIL, MAY 2011



# park adventures

## COMPASS POINTS

**Run for the Seals Helps Heal Animals at Marine Mammal Center**

The 27th Run for the Seals on March 12 will support the Marine Mammal Center in its work to provide essential meals, meds, and miracles to patient pups. All proceeds from this event, which starts at Rodeo Beach in the Golden Gate National Parks, will benefit the Center's work. With a hilly four-mile route and a leisurely two-mile alternative, the event is open to all ages and abilities and perfect for runners, hikers, families, dogs on leash, and teams. Participants with the best ocean-themed costume can win a prize! Participants are invited to the Center afterwards to enjoy free food, drinks, and tours. Registration fees apply; register at [www.runfortheseals.org](http://www.runfortheseals.org) through March 9, 2011.

**Crissy Field Center Camps Keep Kids Busy, Learning in Summer**

Crissy Field Center's two-week day camps are designed to give children in-depth experiences in our urban environment and Golden Gate National Parks. Through outdoor investigations, field outings, and hands-on projects, campers learn about important ecological concepts. Camps include Archi-Techies, Enviromaniacs, Junior Rangers, Seaside Sleuths, and Things with Wings. Camps begin in June and run through the first week in August. Registration opened in the second week of February. Financial aid available to qualified applicants. Camps are for children entering grades 1-6 in the fall. For program details, schedule, and registration: visit [www.crissyfieldcenter.org](http://www.crissyfieldcenter.org) or call (415) 561-7764.

**Conservancy Members' Day Celebrates Crissy Field's 10th Birthday**

On May 1, celebrate the 10th anniversary of the transformation of Crissy Field, which was magnificently restored through a community effort led by a gift from the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund. Continue to support this beautiful park—and all our Golden Gate National Parks—by joining the Parks Conservancy, and then come to the party! The day will feature a picnic on the airfield and many fun guided hikes. To learn more, visit [www.parksconservancy.org/membersday](http://www.parksconservancy.org/membersday), call (415) 561-3060, or e-mail [membership@parksconservancy.org](mailto:membership@parksconservancy.org).

**Come Explore and Enjoy Muir Beach Following Recent Improvements**

The National Park Service and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy has completed Phase 2 of the restoration work at Muir Beach. Visitors can enjoy coast views from an improved two-mile stretch of the Coastal Trail and get a bird's eye view of the new creek alignment. Grab a free copy of the new *Muir Beach Quest*, available near the Muir Beach kiosk, and refer to this *Park Adventures* for volunteer events and walks.

## PARKS CONSERVANCY MEMBERS HIKING SERIES

**CRISSY FIELD HISTORY HIKE**

Saturday, March 5, 10 AM—NOON

Learn more about Crissy Field's history as an airfield, drill ground for Buffalo Soldiers, Grand Prix racetrack, and site of an intelligence school! See "Crissy Field" section for details.

**WILLIAM KENT SOCIETY MARIN HIKE**

Saturday, March 19, 10 AM—3 PM

Join the Parks Conservancy's leadership circle and explore Dias Ridge, Redwood Creek, and more restoration sites in this beautiful watershed. See "Marin Headlands" section for details.

**PRESIDIO HABITATS HIKE**

Friday, April 8, 2—4 PM

Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of Presidio Habitats, a site-based art exhibition celebrating the Presidio. The exhibit closes May 15, so don't miss this chance. See your national park like you've never seen it before. See "Presidio" section for details.

**LANDS END HIKE: WILDFLOWER WANDER**

Thursday, May 19, 1—3:30 PM

Join us for a stroll through newly restored areas of Lands End with the Parks Conservancy's own Alex Hooker and see one of the showiest floral displays in the Bay Area. See "Lands End" section for details.

**MEMBERS DAY 2011**

Sunday, May 1 (see "Compass Points" to the left)

**How to Sign Up for Member Events**

Members Hiking Series events are free and open to Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy members. Registration is required. Confirmation will be e-mailed to you *after* the registration deadline. To register, call (415) 561-3060 or send an e-mail to [membership@parksconservancy.org](mailto:membership@parksconservancy.org).

Member events are designated by  in this book.

Become a Parks Conservancy member to enjoy these hikes and other great benefits; visit [www.parksconservancy.org/membership](http://www.parksconservancy.org/membership).

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

**RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA: A SHORT NOTE ABOUT A LONG STORY**

By George Durgerian, Park Ranger

**S**ECURING THE VAST RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA has been a goal for so long for so many that some thought it would never come to fruition. The impending transfer of the 3,858-acre property from the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) to National Park Service stewardship is just the most recent phase of protection of this land. From an early point in Rancho's history, protection—of claims, crops, citizens, and open space—has served as the overriding theme.

The Spanish, concerned about Russian settlements advancing southward in Alta California, established footholds at the Presidio and Rancho San Pedro (present-day Pacifica). In 1839, two-time *alcalde* (magistrate) of Yerba Buena (today's San Francisco), Francisco Guerrero y Palomares, was granted Rancho Corral de Tierra. Guerrero grew crops on its famously productive soil and grazed cattle in the box canyons that gave the area its name—"Earthen Corral."

Like the Spanish before them, American farmers continued to grow cold-weather crops such as brussels



Improved trails are part of the plan for the Rancho parcel

sprouts, cabbage, and artichokes. In the early 20th century, mobster Ciro "The Artichoke King" Terranova saw the potential for 40% profits in selling the delicacy and began his own "protection" (racket, that is!). Local farmers were forced to sell their entire crop to Terranova or have their plants cut down.

Some of those same farmers were affected by an attempt to protect the U.S. during World War II. In the wake of the Pearl Harbor attack, Japanese farm families in the area were interned, in most cases leaving behind the ruins of their farmhouses on the Rancho.

After WWII, suburbs sprawled southward from San Francisco, prompting coastsiders to seek an-

other type of protection. Open space advocates wrote up the Local Coastal Plan in 1980, designating the Rancho lands, Montara, Moss Beach, and El Granada, as "rural"—a category meant to thwart plans for large-scale developments and golf courses.

Meanwhile, POST began working with the community to identify and protect important parcels. POST leader Audrey Rust—known locally as "the Patron Saint of Unpopular Vegetables" for saving farmland—drove a hard bargain and POST ultimately bought Rancho, listed at \$50 million, for \$29.75 million.

The purchase includes one of the largest undeveloped swaths in San Mateo County, a property that borders McNee Ranch, San Pedro Valley County Park, and the San Francisco Watershed on the north and east, and Wicklow open space to the south. The NPS and Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy will recruit park neighbors and volunteers to help build trails, restore habitat, monitor wildlife, and write the next chapter in the protection of Rancho. We hope Alcalde Guerrero would approve.

See "Rancho" section for upcoming hikes and walks.

# MARCH

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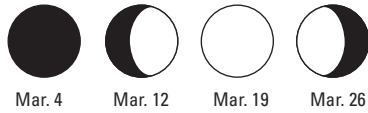
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Mar. 4

Mar. 12

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## MARIN HEADLANDS

**Birding in the Headlands** 9:30–11:30 AM  
**Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay** 11 AM–NOON  
**Battery Townsley Open House** NOON–4 PM  
**Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay** 1:30–2:30 PM  
**MORI POINT** Mori Point Meander 1–3:30 PM  
**MUIR BEACH** Muir Beach Spring Walk 9–11 AM  
**PRESIDIO**  
**The Last Gun** 11 AM–3 PM

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## PRESIDIO

**Tennessee Hollow Watershed Today and Tomorrow**  
 NOON–1 PM

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## PRESIDIO

**National Cemetery Walk**  
 10 AM–NOON

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## MARIN HEADLANDS

**Run for the Seals** (SEE COMPASS POINTS, PAGE 1)  
**Rambling Round Rodeo Cove** 11 AM–1 PM  
**MUIR BEACH**  
**Keep Our Beaches Beautiful** 10 AM–NOON  
**PRESIDIO**  
**Presidio Birdlife** 9:30–11:30 AM  
**Three Flags of the Presidio** 11 AM–NOON  
**RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA**  
**A Short Walk Through a Long Story**  
 11 AM–1 PM

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## MARIN HEADLANDS

**Wildflower Walk: Watch Spring Come Alive**  
 10:30 AM–1:30 PM

## MUIR WOODS

**Sunday Sunset Stroll** 6:30–8:30 PM

## PRESIDIO

**The Guns of San Francisco** 10 AM–NOON

## RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA

**Ride On Through...** 10 AM–12:30 PM

## SWEENEY RIDGE

**The Russians are Coming!** NOON–3 PM

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## MUIR WOODS

**Forever Spring**  
 9–11:30 AM

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## AT MULTIPLE SITES

**Teens on Trails**  
 9:30 AM–12:30 PM

## 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 (exceptions noted) 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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SUNDAY

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SATURDAY



April 3

April 11

April 17

April 24

**PRESIDIO**  
Shuttle  
Through Time  
10:45–11:30 AM

**FORT POINT**  
Pier Crabbing  
10 AM–NOON  
**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Nike Missile Site Open House  
12:30–3:30 PM  
**PRESIDIO**  
The Last Gun  
11 AM–3 PM  
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1–2:30 PM

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**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Birding in the Headlands 9:30–11:30 AM  
Let's Move Outside! 10–11:30 AM  
Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay 11 AM–NOON  
Battery Townsley Open House NOON–4 PM  
Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay 1:30–2:30 PM  
**MUIR BEACH**  
Muir Beach Spring Walk 9–11 AM  
**PRESIDIO**  
The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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**PRESIDIO**  
Irony #9066  
NOON–1 PM

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**PRESIDIO**  
National  
Cemetery Walk  
10 AM–NOON

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**PRESIDIO**  
Presidio Habitats  
Hike   
2–4 PM

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**LANDS END**  
Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 11 AM–NOON  
**MUIR BEACH**  
Keep Our Beaches Beautiful 10 AM–NOON  
**MUIR BEACH**  
Swim or Die 9:30 AM–3 PM  
**PHLEGER ESTATE**  
Saved at the Buzzer  
9:30 AM–2:30 PM  
**PRESIDIO**  
Three Flags of the Presidio 11 AM–NOON

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**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Let's Move Outside! 10 AM–1:30 PM  
Pinnipeds at Point Bonita 12:30–4:30 PM  
**MORI POINT**  
Mori Point Meander 1–3:30 PM  
**MUIR WOODS**  
Best View Ever 9:30 AM–2:30 PM

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**PRESIDIO**  
Annual Poppy  
Celebration  
NOON–1 PM

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**PRESIDIO**  
From Post to Park  
1–3 PM

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**PRESIDIO**  
Shuttle  
Through Time  
10:45–11:30 AM

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**AT MULTIPLE SITES**  
Golden Gate Trail Season Kickoff  
9 AM–NOON  
**FORT BAKER**  
Historic Fort Baker Tour 1–2 PM  
**FORT POINT** Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON  
**MUIR WOODS**  
Photography Hike 9 AM–NOON  
**PRESIDIO**  
The Presidio From Gold Rush  
To the Civil War 11 AM–12:30 PM

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**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Let's Move Outside! 10–11:30 AM  
Family Spring Adventure & Open House 10:30 AM–3 PM  
Earth Day Family Celebration 11 AM–4 PM  
Sunset/Full Moon Walk to Point Bonita Lighthouse 7–9 PM  
**MILAGRA RIDGE**  
Of Bombs and Butterflies NOON–2 PM  
**MUIR WOODS** Muir Woods After Hours 7–9 PM  
**PRESIDIO** Pedaling the Presidio 1–3 PM  
**RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA**  
Ride On Through to the Other Side 10 AM–12:30 PM

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**PRESIDIO**  
Shuttle  
Through Time  
10:45–11:30 AM

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**AT MULTIPLE SITES**  
Teens on Trails 9:30 AM–12:30 PM  
**CRISSY FIELD** Earth Stroll 10 AM–3 PM  
Story Time: Flower Fables 2–3:30 PM  
**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Tennessee Valley Ramble 11 AM–1 PM  
**MUIR BEACH**  
Wildflowers of the Coast Range 1–3:30 PM  
**PRESIDIO** Nat'l Cemetery Walk 10 AM–NOON  
**RANCHO CORRAL** A Short Walk  
Through a Long Story 11 AM–1 PM

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**MUIR WOODS**  
Forever Spring  
9–11:30 AM

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**PRESIDIO**  
A Walk in  
the Presidio Forest  
10 AM–1 PM

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**PRESIDIO**  
Shuttle  
Through Time  
10:45–11:30 AM

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**FORT POINT**  
Pier Crabbing  
10 AM–NOON  
**PRESIDIO**  
Earth, Wind, and Flowers  
1–3 PM

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SUNDAY

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SATURDAY

**CRISSY FIELD**  
Members Day 2011   
**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Birding in the Headlands 9:30–11:30 AM  
Let's Move Outside! 10–11:30 AM  
Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay 11 AM–NOON  
Battery Townsley Open House NOON–4 PM  
Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay 1:30–2:30 PM

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**FORT MASON**  
GGRO Volunteer Recruitment Meeting 7–9:30 PM

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**FORT MASON**  
GGRO Volunteer Recruitment Meeting 7–9:30 PM

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**FORT MASON**  
GGRO Volunteer Recruitment Meeting 10 AM–12:30 PM  
**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Nike Missile Site Open House 12:30–3:30 PM  
Springtime Splendor in the Headlands NOON–3 PM  
**PRESIDIO**  
The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM  
**RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA**  
A Short Walk Through a Long Story 11 AM–1 PM

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**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Let's Move Outside! 10–11:30 AM  
Headlands in Bloom: Mother's Day Family Program 1–4 PM  
**MORI POINT**  
Mori Point Meander 1–3:30 PM  
**MUIR WOODS**  
Calorie Burner 9:30 AM–3 PM  
**PRESIDIO**  
The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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**PRESIDIO**  
Irony #9066 NOON–1 PM

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**PRESIDIO**  
Tennessee Hollow Watershed Today and Tomorrow NOON–1 PM

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**PRESIDIO**  
National Cemetery Walk 10 AM–NOON

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**PRESIDIO**  
Shuttle Through Time 10:45–11:30 AM

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**FORT BAKER** Fort Baker Revealed 1–3 PM  
**FORT POINT** Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON  
**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Rambling Round Rodeo Cove 11 AM–1 PM  
The Wonderful World of the Butterfly 11 AM–NOON  
**MUIR BEACH**  
Keep Our Beaches Beautiful 10 AM–NOON  
**MUIR WOODS**  
International Migratory Bird Day 8 AM–2 PM  
**PRESIDIO** Crissy Field Aviation Walk 10 AM–NOON  
General Pershing's Presidio 1–2:30 PM

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**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Let's Move Outside! 10–11:30 AM  
Marine Mammals of the Golden Gate 10:30 AM–1:30 PM  
**MILAGRA RIDGE**  
Of Bombs and Butterflies NOON–2 PM  
**MUIR BEACH**  
Muir Beach Spring Walk 9–11 AM  
**RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA**  
Ride On Through to the Other Side 10 AM–12:30 PM

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

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**PRESIDIO**  
From Post to Park 1–3 PM

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**LANDS END**  
Lands End Hike: Wildflower Wander  1–3:30 PM  
**MUIR WOODS**  
United Nations Day at Muir Woods

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**AT MULTIPLE SITES**  
Endangered Species Day  
**LANDS END**  
Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate 10–11 AM  
**PRESIDIO**  
Three Flags of the Presidio 11 AM–NOON  
Story Time In Your National Park: Coyote at Lobos Dunes 2–3:30 PM

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**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Family Explorers Sail 9:30 AM–NOON  
**PRESIDIO**  
Patriotism and Prejudice 1–3 PM

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**PRESIDIO**  
Shuttle Through Time 10:45–11:30 AM

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**FORT POINT**  
Pier Crabbing 10 AM–NOON  
**PRESIDIO**  
National Cemetery Walk 10 AM–NOON  
A Walk with Juan Bautista De Anza 1–2:30 PM

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**MUIR WOODS**  
Forever Spring 9–11:30 AM

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**PRESIDIO**  
Memorial Day 2011 10:30 AM–NOON  
Memorial Day Cemetery Walk NOON

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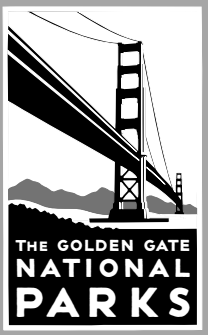
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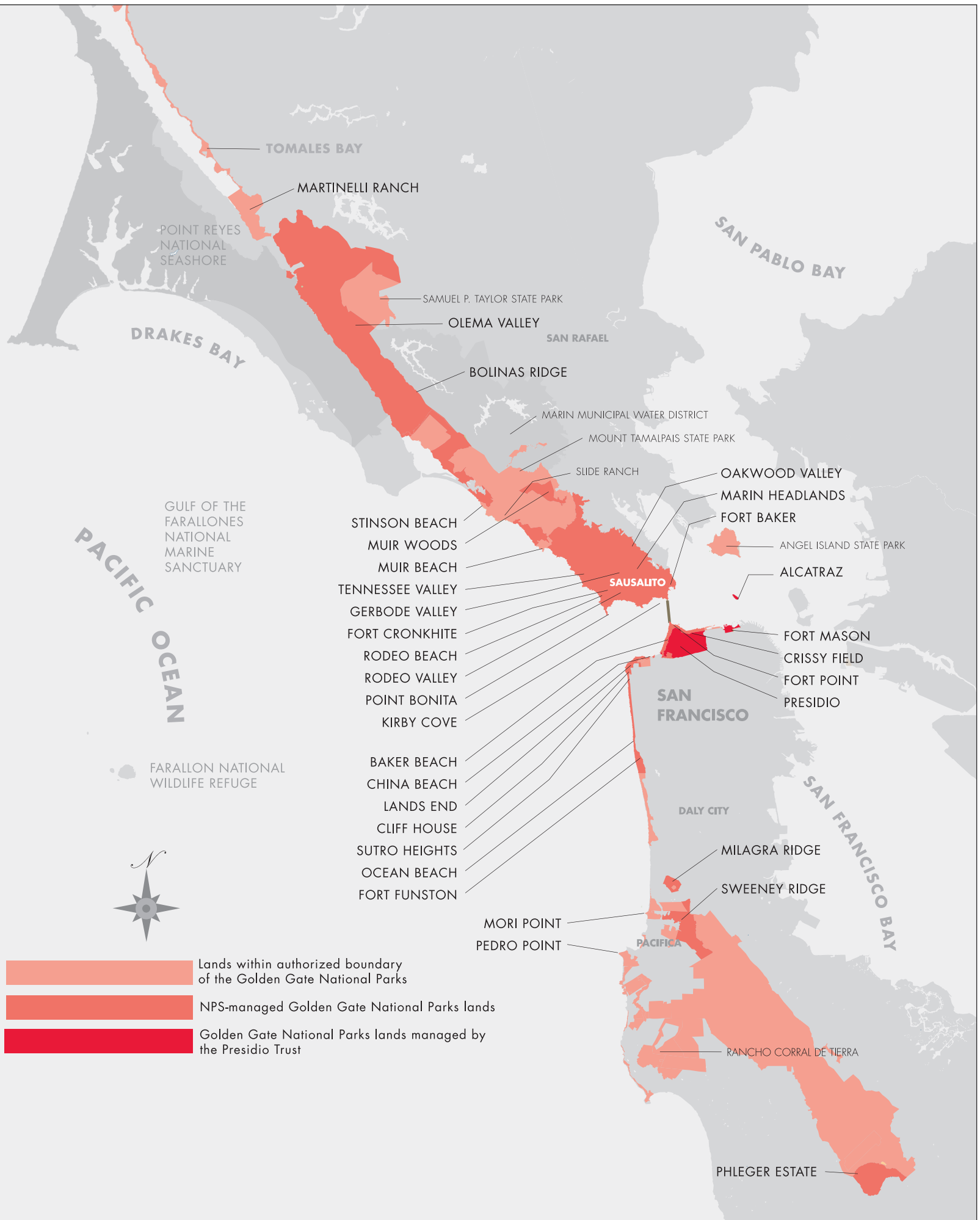


May 24



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

Lands End  
 Marin Headlands  
 Martinelli Ranch  
 Milagra Ridge  
 Mori Point  
 Muir Beach  
 Muir Woods  
 Oakwood Valley  
 Ocean Beach  
 Olema Valley  
 Pedro Point  
 Phleger Estate  
 Point Bonita  
 Presidio  
 Rodeo Beach  
 Rodeo Valley  
 Stinson Beach  
 Sutro Heights  
 Sweeney Ridge  
 Tennessee Valley



# PARK EVENTS



## April Showers Bring Park Volunteer Power!

April is a big Month of Service in the Golden Gate National Parks. Celebrate National Volunteer Week (4/10—4/16), National Park Week (4/16—4/24), and Earth Day (4/22) by pitching in at one—or several—of our drop-in volunteer opportunities!

We have activities for everyone, including trail work, habitat restoration, weeding and vegetation management, growing plants, beach cleanups and more. Regularly scheduled and group programs are available at park sites in Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties. Enjoy some time in the Golden Gate National Parks while making a difference. Bring your family and friends!

For more information, contact us at (415) 561-3077 or [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org) or visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer).

## AT MULTIPLE SITES

### ONGOING

#### Golden Gate Trail Season Kickoff

4/16, continuing on 3rd Saturdays (9 AM—NOON)

Celebrate the 2011 season of trail work with the Trails Forever Team and our Golden Gate Trail Crew! Starting in April, and continuing every 3rd Saturday of the month, 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 (415) 561-3068, [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org) or visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer).

The Presidio Trail Crew meets second Tuesdays of the month, from 10 AM to 1 PM.

#### 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—2:30 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

### ■ Marin County

Saturdays, 10 AM—1 PM

### ■ San Francisco

Thursdays and Saturdays, 1—4 PM

### ■ San Mateo County

Saturdays, 10 AM—1 PM

The Park Stewardship Program works to restore and maintain priority parklands within the Golden Gate National Parks. Whether protecting an endangered species, restoring a historic feature, or improving a trail, community support is the key to ensuring the long-term protection of these unique park sites. Work day events include a combination of hands-on service and short natural or cultural history lessons. Come out and lend a hand! For schedule details, contact us at 561-3044, [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org), or visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer).

#### Weed Watchers

Times vary, call ahead

Weed Watchers patrol national park trails in San Mateo, San Francisco, and Marin Counties, detecting and mapping weeds as they first invade. If you enjoy leisurely hikes through the parks but also want to help

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.

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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 [eric.wrubel@nps.gov](mailto:eric.wrubel@nps.gov).

## PROGRAMS

### Endangered Species Day: Year of the Mission Blue

5/21

From Muir Beach to Milagra Ridge, get hands-on with restoration projects to benefit the park's imperiled species! The Golden Gate National Parks are home to more federally-protected species than any other unit of the National Park System in continental North America. These species include the California red-legged frog, coho salmon, mission blue butterfly, and Presidio clarkia.

In honor of these plants and animals, we are recognizing the mission blue butterfly as our first annu-

al "Species of the Year!" Please join the effort to protect the mission blue and other park wildlife by helping to heal their habitats.

For information, contact us at (415) 561-3077, [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org) or visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer).

#### Teens on Trails

■ Furlough Day  
3/25 (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

■ Cesar Chavez Day  
3/31 (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

■ National Youth Service Day  
4/23 (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

Hit the trails with Teens on Trails! Use your day off as a day on and celebrate the holiday by helping restore your national park.

Volunteering on trails is fun, rewarding, and great exercise—and it counts for volunteer hours! These days are just for teens, so come with friends, classmates, or your school club and help do trail maintenance and habitat restoration on some of the most scenic trails in the park. For locations and details, contact us at (415) 561-3068 or [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org) or visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer).

## ALCATRAZ



Open daily (except for Thanksgiving, 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.

A captioned video introduction about Alcatraz history is shown every 30 minutes in the island 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.

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

### ONGOING

#### Ranger-led Programs

Personally given programs are offered daily by staff and volunteers. 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 Historic Gardens

The historic 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.

#### ■ Open Garden:

Wednesdays (10 AM—NOON)

#### ■ Guided Docent Tour:

Fridays and Sundays (9:30 AM on the Alcatraz dock; take 9:10 AM boat)

Docent tour is free, but purchase of boat ticket is required.

## What's Growin' On With the Alcatraz Gardens?

Get an insider's perspective on all the "growings-on" at the Alcatraz Historic Gardens by visiting [www.alcatrazgardens.org/blog](http://www.alcatrazgardens.org/blog). Project Manager Shelagh Fritz writes about recent discoveries, greenhouse reports, volunteer news, and the science (and fun!) of restoring this historic treasure.

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

Help join the effort and volunteer! Docents and gardeners needed! Visit [www.parksconservancy.org](http://www.parksconservancy.org) for application and details. Note that registration is required for this program.

## 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.

# PARK EVENTS

## Alcatraz Night Tour

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

for ticket reservations. For program information, phone 561-4926.

## Accessibility Features

■ 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.

■ Ask at Pier 33 for the loan of an assistive listening device for the

duration of your visit.

■ Transcripts of the cellhouse audio tour are available for hearing-impaired visitors.

■ Ask about the visually accessible descriptor version of the audio tour.

■ Braille versions of the cellhouse audio tour are available for vision-impaired visitors.

■ Stationary park ranger programs, provided at least once daily, are

marked on the island's program board with a wheelchair symbol.

■ Please ask about accommodations for any program given.

## CLIFF HOUSE

Enjoy views of the Pacific Ocean and Seal Rocks from the public outdoor terraces. 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 also open seven days a week, weather permitting; phone 750-0415 for information. Visit the Cliff House website at [www.nps.gov/goga/clho.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/clho.htm).

## CRISSY FIELD

### ONGOING

#### Crissy Field Mystery Trail Challenge

Available every day, 9 AM—4 PM

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



## Crissy Field History Hike

3/5 (10 AM—NOON)

Learn more about Crissy Field's history as an airfield, drill ground for Buffalo Soldiers, Grand Prix race-track, and site of an intelligence school! Join Stephen Haller, senior historian with the National Park Service, for an easy two-mile hike. Meet at the Beach Hut café next to the new Crissy Field Center at East Beach.

Free. **Required registration deadline: February 23.**

To register or to become a Parks Conservancy member, call 561-3060 or e-mail [membership@parksconservancy.org](mailto:membership@parksconservancy.org).



## 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 is still 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.

A partnership of the National Park Service, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and Presidio Trust, 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 week-end workshops for youth and families, summer camps, and seasonal events. For a complete quarterly catalog, and registration and scholarship information, call 561-7765 or visit the Center website [www.crisseyfieldcenter.org](http://www.crisseyfieldcenter.org).

all? A prize awaits you if you can! Recommended for families and groups with children ages 5 to 10. Free. For groups of 20 or more, please call 561-7765 to register and to ensure that adequate supplies are available.

## PROGRAMS

### Earth Stroll: An Earth Day Celebration

4/23 (10 AM—3 PM)

This Earth Day is the perfect day to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the revival of Crissy Field. This year, bring the whole family to one of San Francisco's favorite parks on April 23 for *Earth Stroll: An Earth Day Celebration for a Healthy Planet, Healthy You*.

Fun activities and games—hosted by some of the Bay Area's leading environmental organizations—will engage the hearts, minds, and bodies of everyone in your family. There will also be live music, live animal demonstrations, and ranger-led hikes. So, come stroll down to beautiful East Beach on Crissy Field and be a part of this historic celebration. The event is open to everyone. \$5 suggested donation to receive a *Commemorative 10th Anniversary*

*Crissy Field Activity Passport*. This Earth Day-themed event is jointly produced by the Crissy Field Center and the Presidio Community YMCA. Crissy Field Center is a partnership of the National Park Service, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and Presidio Trust.

### Story Time in Your National Park: Flower Fables of Crissy Field

4/23 (2—3:30 PM)

Enjoy an afternoon of stories at the Crissy Field Marsh. Listen to native plant stories from the time before time. Bring something to sit on, a hat and jacket, and your love of nature and storytelling.

Meet Ranger Fatima Colindres in front of the Beach Hut located on East Beach of Crissy Field. Free; all ages; pre-registration is required. Call 561-4323.

### Use Your Senses at Crissy Field

3/26 (2—3:30 PM)

Come experience sites sounds, smells and flavors of Crissy Field and the marsh! Look for crabs, taste strawberry treats, listen to legends, smell a sea shore habitat, and touch the sands of Crissy Field as we play

on the beach under the cypress trees. Things to bring on this walk: sand toys, walking shoes, layered clothing, and your love of nature. Free; all ages. Meet Ranger Fatima Colindres in front of the Beach Hut located on East Beach of Crissy Field. Reservations required; please call 561-4323.

## 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. For more information, call 289-3112 or e-mail [joe\\_huang@nps.gov](mailto:joe_huang@nps.gov).

### PROGRAM

#### Fort Baker Revealed

5/14 (1—3 PM)

Learn about nature and history at Fort Baker on a moderate two-mile walk. Meet Ranger Will Elder at the kiosk in front of the Bay Area Discovery Museum, near corner of Center and New Breitung roads, Fort Baker. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

## Historic Fort Baker Tour

3/5, 4/16 (1—2 PM)

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

## FORT FUNSTON

### Fort Funston Nursery and Stewardship/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 out-planting. 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

### PROGRAMS

#### GGRO Volunteer Recruitment Meetings

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



Since 1983, the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory has trained community volunteers to monitor migrating birds of prey in the Marin Headlands using counting, banding, and telemetry techniques. We are looking for new Hawkwatch volunteers for the fall 2011 season. Come hear how you can get involved at a no-obligation volunteer recruitment meeting. (There are three meetings scheduled, you only need to attend one.)

All three meetings are held downstairs at Building 201 Fort Mason, park headquarters. Please call 331-0730 for more information.

# PARK EVENTS

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## Lands End Hike: Wildflower Wander

5/19 (1–3:30 PM)

Join us for a stroll through newly restored areas of Lands End with the Parks Conservancy's own Alex Hooker and experience one of the showiest floral displays in the Bay Area. Volunteers have planted over 100,000 native plants at Lands End, creating an incredible palette of color and texture during the peak season in May. You'll be treated to seaside daisy, yarrow, pearly everlasting, checkerbloom, and the rare San Francisco wallflower. Alex's knowledge of indigenous plants and restoration ecology is not to be missed!

Free. **Required registration deadline: May 9.** To register or to become a Conservancy member: 561-3060 or [membership@parksconservancy.org](mailto:membership@parksconservancy.org).




## FORT POINT

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 website at [www.nps.gov/fopo](http://www.nps.gov/fopo).

## ONGOING


### "Building the Golden Gate Bridge"

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

## Cannon Loading Demonstrations

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

## "Fort Point, Guardian of the Golden Gate"

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

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

## PROGRAMS

### Pier Crabbing

3/26, 4/2, 4/16, 4/30, 5/14, 5/28  
(10 AM—NOON)

Learn about crabbing in San Francisco Bay. We'll discuss bait, equipment, and regulations, then try your luck with our nets. Reservations required; please phone (415) 556-1693.

## LANDS END

## ONGOING

### Park Stewardship: San Francisco

Thursdays and Saturdays (1–4 PM)

Become a Park Steward and help restore unique San Francisco coastal habitat and enhance our trail systems at Lands End and along the Presidio bluffs. Volunteer activities include weeding, watering, seed collection, litter removal, sign and fence maintenance, and winter planting. Join us for an afternoon of outdoor fun and hands-on education. Appropriate for adults, families, and youth ages 14 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary; phone 561-4864 for more information.

## PROGRAMS

### Shipwrecks at the Golden Gate

4/9 (11 AM—NOON), 5/21 (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; please call (415) 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.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs require reservations. For general information and to make reservations, phone the Marin Headlands Visitor Center at 331-1540. Information online at [www.nps.gov/goga/marin-headlands.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/marin-headlands.htm).

## ONGOING

### Battery Townsley Open House

3/6, 4/3, 5/1 (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 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.

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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.



## William Kent Society Marin Hike

3/19 (10 AM—3 PM)

Join fellow William Kent Society members for a behind-the-scenes, seven-mile hike through recently completed Marin trails that showcase gorgeous vistas and vital ecological restoration work. Parks Conservancy Project Coordinator and Resource Specialist Catey Ritchie and National Park Service Vegetation Ecologist Chris Friedel will lead you through an educational and beautiful tour of Dias Ridge, Redwood Creek, and more. Enjoy a complimentary picnic lunch at Muir Beach. Parts of the hike are strenuous.

Open to William Kent Society members.

**Required RSVP deadline: Friday, March 11.**

To RSVP and to learn more about joining the William Kent Society, contact Sarah Charuknant at (415) 561-3024 or [scharuknant@parksconservancy.org](mailto:scharuknant@parksconservancy.org).

## Marin Headlands Junior Rangers

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

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

## Marin Headlands Nursery

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

Come grow with us at the Marin Headlands Native Plant Nursery! Each year, this nursery grows over 30,000 plants to restore habitats within the Marin Headlands.

The dedication and support of 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

3/5, 4/2, 5/7 (12:30—3:30 PM)

Open the first Saturday of each month, and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Unique in the National Park Service, this restored Cold War anti-aircraft missile site has intriguing stories to tell. Leashed pets are welcome. For updated visiting hours or tours, phone



331-1453. Buildings above ground are wheelchair accessible. Visit the website at [www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm).

## Park Stewardship: Marin County

Saturdays (10 AM—1 PM)

Become a Park Steward and help restore critical habitat and enhance our trail systems in key sites in Marin. Join us for outdoor fun and hands-on education—while making a real difference for your national parks! Meeting locations vary; phone 561-3044 or e-mail [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org) or visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer) for full details.

## 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. Please note that the suspension bridge crossing to the lighthouse is closed until spring of 2012. During open hours you will be able to access the area up to the east side of the suspension bridge. For more information, phone 331-1540. Visit the Point Bonita Lighthouse website at [www.nps.gov/goga/pobo.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/pobo.htm).

## Tennessee Valley Native Plant Nursery and Stewardship

Tuesdays (10 AM—NOON, 1–4 PM)

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

# PARK EVENTS

## PROGRAMS

### Butterfly Extravaganza

3/26 (10 AM—1:30 PM)

Join us in the Marin Headlands to learn more about the mission blue butterfly (*Icaricia icariodes missiounensis*), which was first discovered in San Francisco in 1937. With most of its grassland habitat lost to development, the mission blue (light iridescent blue and roughly the size of a quarter) became one of the first insects added to the federal endangered species list in 1976. Today, mission blue butterflies survive only in parts of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Twin Peaks, and San Bruno Mountain. Come learn more about these endangered butterflies through fun activities for the whole family. To learn more, call 331-1540.

This event is part of a yearlong celebration of the mission blue, the 2011 Species of the Year in the Golden Gate National Parks. For details, visit [www.sfnps.org/species](http://www.sfnps.org/species).

### Birding in the Headlands

3/6, 4/3, 5/1 (9:30—11:30 AM)

Welcome the spring migrants back to the Marin Headlands! Take an easy walk along Rodeo Lagoon with

volunteer Jane Haley to discover what birds visit us and come here to nest. Meet at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. Bring binoculars and field guides. For ages 8 and up; no pets. Rain cancels. For reservations call 331-1540.

### Coastal Camp Open House

3/26 (1—4 PM)

Summer Camp is just around the corner. Join us at the Headlands Institute campus for an opportunity to meet our camp staff, participate in a family hike, visit our Marine Lab, and find out more about fabulous day camp programs. This is a drop-in event. Registration is appreciated but not required. To register visit: [www.headlandsinstitute.org/family](http://www.headlandsinstitute.org/family).

### Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay

3/6, 4/3, 5/1 (1:30—2:30 PM)

The Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay have played an important part in major historical events including the end of the Mexican American war, the Gold Rush, California statehood, the Civil War, WWI, and WWII. Each event prompted further improvements to coastal defense capabilities.

Join docent Warren Riley for an il-

lustrated presentation of the Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay—1850 to 1950. We will discuss the advancements and thinking behind the many attempts to provide this critical area with the best and most advanced defenses of the day. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

### Earth Day Family Celebration

4/17 (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. This is a drop-in event. Registration is appreciated but not required. To register visit: [www.headlandsinstitute.org/family](http://www.headlandsinstitute.org/family).

### Family Explorers Sail

5/22 (9:30 AM—NOON)

Set sail for family adventure on the schooner *Seaward*. Headlands Institute has partnered with Call of the Sea to create this unique 2.5 hour sailing experience. Sail departs from the dock outside Bay Model, Sausalito. All ages are welcome. To register please visit: [www.headlandsinstitute.org/family](http://www.headlandsinstitute.org/family).

### Family Night Hike & Campfire

3/19 (6—8:30 PM)

Enjoy the great outdoors after the sun sets with a fun-filled family friendly hike and campfire. Gather 'round the campfire for songs, fun games, and S'mores. All ages are welcome. To register visit: [www.headlandsinstitute.org/family](http://www.headlandsinstitute.org/family).

### Family Spring Adventure & Open House

4/17 (10:30 AM—3 PM)

In honor of Earth Day, we invite you and your family for an exploration of spring in its fullest! Meet at the Visitor Center at either 10:30 am or 1 PM for a Spring Wildflower hike, culminating at our Open House at the top of the hill. Or simply drop by YMCA Point Bonita's Open House anytime between 12:30—3 PM for delicious refreshments and fun Marine & Garden activities for the whole family (visit [www.pointbonitaymca.org](http://www.pointbonitaymca.org) for details & directions). Easy grade hike; about a mile. Drop-ins welcome. Free.

### Headlands in Bloom: Mother's Day Family Program

5/8 (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 sketching techniques, and learn about popular pollinators. Then we'll stop by the Headlands Native Plant Nursery for a stewardship and seed planting project. Baby carriers suggested for children 4 or under. To register: [www.headlandsinstitute.org/family](http://www.headlandsinstitute.org/family).

### Let's Move Outside!

4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15 (10—11:30 AM)

In the spirit of "Let's Move Outside!," this six-week beginner's hiking program and introduction to the park consists of guided hikes for adults and families with school-aged children (ages 7 and up recommended). Participants will learn about the cultural, natural, and historical treasures of the Marin Headlands.

Park volunteers and staff will provide information on park stewardship and history, hiking safety and etiquette, the benefits of "moving outside" for children and adults, and more. This course is designed for beginning hikers. Hikes will begin at the easy level and move up to moderate. This program consists of six Sunday mornings in April and May. Reservations required; please call 331-1540.

# PARK EVENTS

### Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay

3/6, 4/3, 5/1 (11 AM—NOON)

Following the discovery of gold in 1848, the Bay Area experienced one of the most explosive population expansions in modern history. During the latter half of that century, the men and women of the lighthouse service, aided by their light and fog signals, directed hundreds of ships to safe passage through the Golden Gate and often provided life-saving services. These services played a critical role in the growth of a new state. Join docent Warren Riley for an illustrated talk inside the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

### Marine Mammals of the Golden Gate

5/15 (10:30 AM—1:30 PM)

Check out harbor seals resting in Bonita Cove! Look for California sea lions and migrating grey whales from Rodeo Beach or 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 adaptations of our local marine mammals.

Meet at Fort Cronkite parking lot restrooms at 10:30 am. Moderate to strenuous grade, two to five miles. Bring binoculars and a bagged lunch. Pre-registration preferred; drop-ins require cash or check. Please call YMCA Point Bonita, at 331-9622, for details or to pre-register. \$10/adult, \$5/children.

### Pinnipeds at Point Bonita

4/10 (12:30—4:30 PM)

Grab the family and your binoculars and 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 where pinniped patients are nursed back to health and released into the ocean. This is a moderate hike along unpaved trails. Carriers are recommended for children under 4 years of age. No strollers. To register visit: [www.headlandsinstitute.org/family](http://www.headlandsinstitute.org/family).

### Rambling Round Rodeo Cove

3/12, 5/14 (11 AM—1 PM)

While exploring some Headlands habitats, we'll rove around the lagoon, valley, and beach, seeking what's "uniquely Headlands." Meet Katrina Wagner at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center for this moder-

ate three-mile hike. Heavy rain cancels. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

### The Wonderful World of the Butterfly

5/14 (11 AM—NOON)

See the world through the eyes of the mission blue butterfly! Join Susie Bennett (NPS Natural Resource Specialist) and Claire Beyer (Parks Conservancy Project Coordinator and Resource Specialist) for a walk through the different types of habitat that these endangered butterflies inhabit.

Meet at Rifle Range parking lot, along Bunker Road just west of the McCullough intersection. Walking will be a combination of moderate and steep terrains, including up and down timber steps and trails.

Please wear long pants and closed toes shoes to minimize exposure to ticks and poison oak. You may want to bring sunscreen, water, and a snack as well. Binoculars and cameras are fun, too.

This event is part of a yearlong celebration of the mission blue, the 2011 Species of the Year in the Golden Gate National Parks. For details, visit [www.sfnps.org/species](http://www.sfnps.org/species).

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

3/19 (6:30—8:30 PM), 4/17 (7—9 PM), 5/17 (7:30—9 PM)

Watch the setting sun and greet the rising moon at this wild edge of the continent. The half-mile trail is steep in places. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight.

Meet park staff and docents at the Point Bonita Lighthouse trailhead. Limited to 40 people; program fills quickly. Reservations required; phone 331-1540.

### Tennessee Valley Ramble

4/23 (11 AM—1 PM)

On a moderate two-mile, one-way hike to the beach, examine patterns of life on the landscape and imagine how humans have figured in the picture over time. Stay and enjoy lunch on the beach, or hike back at your own pace. Meet Katrina Wagner at the Tennessee Valley trailhead. Heavy rain cancels. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

### Wildflower Photography Hike

3/19 (9:30 AM—NOON)

Bring your camera and tripod to photograph spring wildflowers on this moderate two- to three-mile

hike. Bring your camera manual if you would like help in operating your camera. Meet Al Greening at the visitor center. Phone 331-1540 for reservations.

Limit to 10, but may be able to accommodate a few more.

### Springtime Splendor in the Headlands

5/7 (NOON—3 PM)

Join Susie Bennett, NPS Natural Resource Specialist, for a hike along the Coastal Connector Trail at Hawk Hill to look at and learn about the special wildflowers and butterflies of the Marin Headlands.

Please meet at the Hawk Hill parking lot at the end of Conzelman, just before the one-way section. The walk features segments down and up steep timber steps and traverses a little less than one mile. Please wear long pants, closed toes shoes, sunscreen, and bring water and a snack. Binoculars and cameras are fun too. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

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# PARK EVENTS

## Wildflower Walk: Watch Spring Come Alive

3/20 (10:30 AM—1:30 PM)

Spring is in bloom! Come join an experienced YMCA naturalist to explore all the beauty that spring has to offer. Our hike will begin with an exhilarating trek up Miwok Trail to Wolf Ridge. Enjoy views of Mount Tamalpais and Tennessee Valley, and an incredible diversity of wildflowers. Moderate to strenuous grade; five miles. Participants must be in good physical condition.

Meet at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center at 10:30 AM. Bring binoculars, a wildflower guide, and a bagged lunch. Pre-registration preferred; drop-ins require cash or check. Please call YMCA Point Bonita, at 331-9622, for details or to pre-register. \$10/adult, \$5/children.

## MILAGRA RIDGE

### Of Bombs and Butterflies

4/17, 5/15 (NOON—2 PM)

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

section of Sharp Park Road and College Drive, and meet at the gate. For information, call (415) 561-4323. Leashed pets welcome.

This event is part of a yearlong celebration of the mission blue, the 2011 Species of the Year in the Golden Gate National Parks. For details, visit [www.sfnps.org/species](http://www.sfnps.org/species).

## MORI POINT

### Mori Point Meander

3/6, 4/10, 5/8 (1—3:30 PM)

Join Pacifica historian Jerry Crow, and hear the tales of Old Mori's tavern while strolling through restored habitat for the red-legged frog and San Francisco garter snake. Leashed dogs welcome. Directions:

Turn north off Highway 1 at Bradford Way. Park on the roadside at the south end of Bradford Way (behind the Moose Lodge).



## MUIR WOODS/ 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. 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](http://www.nps.gov/muwo) for more information or follow us on Twitter @MuirWoodsNPS.

Plan your visit during National Park

Week—April 16-24, 2011—when entrance to all national parks is free. You can even celebrate John Muir's birthday (April 21) with a quiet walk through what he called "the best tree-lover's monument in all the forests of the world." Or, try our new self-guided cultural tour brochure, available at the Visitor Center.

## 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.

### Redwood Discovery: A Quest At Muir Woods

Muir Woods National Monument is offering an exciting and fun self-guided booklet that is designed for families or groups. This rhyming guide through the forest provides clues that lead to a treasure box. This booklet is free and available in our Visitor Center, at the information table, or online.

### Keep Our Beaches Beautiful

Second Saturdays (10 AM—NOON)

Help Big Lagoon 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 561-4751.

### Voices of Muir Beach: A Quest Along Redwood Creek

Make walking from the parking lot to the beach an adventure! This rhyming, humorous activity to discover the secrets of Muir Beach takes just a half-hour to do. Solve the riddles and sort out the clues that are often in plain view and find the prize at the end of your quest. This booklet is free and available in our Visitor Center, online, or at the Muir Beach kiosk.

### Muir Woods Junior Rangers

Young people between the ages of 6 and 12 can become Muir Woods Junior Rangers. This booklet is free and available in our Visitor Center, at the information table, or online.

### 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.

# PARK EVENTS

## PROGRAMS

### Best View Ever

4/10 (9:30 AM—2:30 PM)

Ramble through the base of an ancient coast redwood forest, then climb 1,100 feet up to emerge well above the trees. Be excited to eat your lunch at the most scenic spot in Marin! It's all downhill from there...ending the four-mile, strenuous hike at the Muir Woods Visitor Center. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, dress in layers, bring lunch and plenty of water. Heavy rain cancels. Reservations required, phone 388-2596.

### Calorie Burner

5/8 (9:30 AM—3 PM)

This strenuous (but awesome) seven-mile hike will make a loop through the redwood forest via Bootjack Trail. Get ready to hike up many, many steps, crossing small bridges and spotting beautiful little waterfalls along the way. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, dress in layers, bring lunch and plenty of water. Heavy rain cancels. Reservations required, phone 388-2596.

### Forever Spring

3/27, 4/24, 5/29 (9—11:30 AM)

Bring your family on this slow and

moderate walk through the redwood forest on the Fern Creek Trail to Camp Alice Eastwood and back. Discover wild mushroom gardens, banana slug trails, the Native American uses of plants, ghost redwoods, and more.

Learn about the families who came here by gravity train more than 100 years ago. Appropriate for ages 6 and above. No strollers please. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, dress in layers, bring water and a light snack.

### International Migratory Bird Day

5/14 (8 AM—2 PM)

Join us at Muir Woods for our 11th annual International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD), a 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, refuges and town squares to learn more about wild birds, take action to conserve birds and their habitats, and simply have fun. Bring the family and join us for the IMBD celebration! For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/muwo](http://www.nps.gov/muwo) or phone 388-2596.



### Muir Beach Spring Walk

3/6, 4/3, 5/15 (9—11 AM)

Explore the newly-created section of the Coastal Trail and get a hillside view of the new creek channel on this moderate walk above Muir Beach.

The Redwood Creek Restoration at Muir Beach improves wildlife habitat and the creek and wetlands ecosystem, but it also touches on many lives of the past.

Learn about the history of this popular recreation spot and its connection with the natural world on this two-mile walk above and around historic Big Lagoon. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, dress in layers, bring water and a light snack.

### Muir Woods After Hours

3/19 (6:30—8:30 PM), 4/17 (7—9 PM), 5/17 (7:30—9:30 PM)

Explore the evening magic of Muir Woods, learning about the secret nightlife of an old-growth redwood forest. This special walk begins one hour before sunset and will conclude with the dark of night! We'll listen for owls, look for bats, and use our senses to guide us through the trails. This is an easy, two-mile walk on paved trail. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight. Children under 8 not advised. Reservations required, phone 388-2596.

### Photography Hike

4/16 (9 AM—NOON)

Grab your camera and join Al Greening to photograph Muir Woods and spring wildflowers on this moderate two- to three-mile hike. Bring a tripod for long exposures and your camera manual if you would like help in operating your camera.

Dress in layers, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water and a snack. Heavy rain cancels. Reservations required, phone 388-2596.

### Sunday Sunset Stroll

3/20 (6:30—8:30 PM)

Looking for somewhere amazing to watch the sun sink into the ocean? Meet at the Muir Beach Overlook and go for a two-mile round trip hike to soak in an incredible view of the sunset. Please wear comfortable walking shoes; bring a flashlight and jacket. Heavy rain cancels. Reservations required, phone 388-2596.

### Swim or Die

4/9 (9:30 AM—3 PM)

Discover how Redwood Creek salmon fight for survival. Follow the salmon's challenging upstream swim to their spawning grounds in Muir Woods. This is a six-mile roundtrip hike through flowering coastal chaparral and shaded woodlands that will end up back at Muir Beach. Dress in layers, wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring water, lunch, and a snack. Meet at the Muir Beach picnic tables. Heavy rain cancels. Reservations required; please e-mail Bob Flasher at [bflasher@parksconservancy.org](mailto:bflasher@parksconservancy.org).

# PARK EVENTS

## 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 the Muir Woods website [www.nps.gov/muwo](http://www.nps.gov/muwo) for special events.

## Wildflowers of the Coast Range

4/23 (1–3:30 PM)

Marvel at the awesome colors of springtime in the coastal chaparral along the Dias Ridge Trail above Muir Beach. Dress in layers, wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring water and a snack.

Meet at the Muir Beach picnic tables. Heavy rain cancels. Meet at the Muir Beach picnic tables. Reservations required, phone 561-3044 or e-mail [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org).

## OCEAN BEACH

### Keep Our Beaches Beautiful

First and Third Sundays (10 AM–NOON)

The “Keep Our Beaches Beautiful”

program is an easy, team-building project that takes only a few hours and contributes to your community. Your help is needed now more than ever. This program helps wildlife habitat both locally and globally. The debris you pick up will not be washed out to sea to be ingested by sea life or added to the garbage patch in the central North Pacific. For meeting location on Ocean Beach and details, e-mail [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org) or call 561-4751.

## PHLEGER ESTATE

### Saved at the Buzzer

4/9 (9:30 AM–2:30 PM)

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



The Presidio Visitor Center is closed due to renovation work at the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue at Arguello Boulevard (Main Post). For updates and more information on the closure, call 561-4323 or visit the Presidio website at [www.nps.gov/prsf](http://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 447-9376.

### Crissy Field Landscape

Thursdays (9 AM–NOON)

Help keep Crissy Field clean, green, and free of invasive weeds. Projects include winter beach cleanups, trail

maintenance along the promenade, broad-leaf plant removal, and re-seeding from greenbelt areas. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP is requested; call 447-9376.

### Park Stewardship: San Francisco

Thursdays and Saturdays, (1–4 PM)

Become a Park Steward and help restore unique San Francisco coastal habitat and enhance our trail systems along the Coastal Bluffs in the Presidio. Volunteer activities include weeding, watering, seed collection, litter removal, sign and fence maintenance, and winter planting. Join us for an afternoon of outdoor fun and hands-on education. Appropriate for adults, families, and youth ages 14 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary; phone 561-4864 for more information.

### Presidio Forestry

First and Second Fridays (9 AM–NOON)

Help the Presidio Trust take care of young trees in the Presidio's reforestation areas. Volunteers assist with maintenance of these areas



### Presidio Habitats Hike

4/8 (2–4 PM)

Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of Presidio Habitats, a site-based art exhibition celebrating the wild Presidio. We'll begin at the Exhibition Pavilion and embark on a three-mile guided hike of the outdoor art works. Soak up stunning views, explore hidden historic gardens and forests, stroll along one of the Presidio's newest trails, and see the Presidio like never before.

**Free.** Required registration deadline: Wednesday, March 30.

To register or to become a Parks Conservancy member, call 561-3060 or e-mail [membership@parksconservancy.org](mailto:membership@parksconservancy.org).

# PARK EVENTS



through weeding, mulching, and other stewardship activities. Please join us for a fun and rewarding experience, and meet others like you who love the Presidio forest! For information: 561-5333 or [volunteer@presidiotrust.org](mailto:volunteer@presidiotrust.org).

## 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 and Saturdays (9 AM–NOON), Sundays (10 AM–1 PM)

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 Presidio Transit Center, 215 Lincoln Blvd. Phone 561-3030, 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 Presidio Transit Center, 215 Lincoln Blvd. RSVP requested; phone 561-3030, ext. 3445.

## The Last Gun

3/5, 3/6, 4/2, 4/3, 5/7, 5/8 (11 AM–3 PM)

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

## PROGRAMS

### A Walk in the Presidio Forest

4/25 (10 AM–1 PM)

Join a strenuous five-mile walk

through the trees that the U.S. Army planted over 100 years ago with a park ranger who will share a historical narrative.

Meet Ranger Rik at the Main Post flag pole, Pershing Square, near corner of Moraga Ave. and Graham St. Reservations required; please call 561-4323.

## A Walk with Juan Bautista De Anza

5/28 (1–2:30 PM)

“Vayan subiendo!” was a familiar call from Lt. Colonel 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 to settle Alta California and discover the people, places, and things that helped make this dream a reality.

Meet Ranger Eddie Arias for a moderate one-mile hike along the Anza National Historic Trail starting at the Main Post flag pole, Pershing Square, near corner of Moraga Ave. and Graham St., and ending at the Golden Gate Bridge entrance (wear comfortable shoes!).

Reservations required; please phone 561-4323.

## Annual Poppy Celebration

4/12 (NOON–1 PM)

April is Poppy Month! We'll see what's blooming, sing a poppy song, learn about its native uses, and hear about the naturalists who discovered our state flower. Meet docent Barbara Corff at Inspiration Point Overlook on Arguello Avenue for a short, easy, one-hour walk. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

## Crissy Field Aviation Walk

5/14 (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. ♿

## Earth, Wind, and Flowers

4/30 (1–3 PM)

Learn how unusual geologic and weather conditions have produced a unique ecosystem at the Presidio on a moderately strenuous one-mile walk. Bring a camera and wear comfortable shoes and warm layers. Meet Ranger Will Elder at Merchant Road parking near Golden Gate Bridge toll plaza and Battery Boutelle. Reservations required; 561-4323.

# PARK EVENTS

## From Post to Park

4/13, 5/18 (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 Main Post flag pole, Pershing Square, near corner of Moraga Ave. and Graham St. Reservations required; call 561-4323. ☎

## General Pershing's Presidio

5/14 (1–2:30 PM)

Visit sites from "Black Jack" Pershing's time and learn about Army life at the Presidio in the years just prior to World War I on an easy 1.5-mile walk. Meet docent Bob Bowen at the flagpole Pershing Square, near corner of Moraga Ave. and Graham St. Reservations required; 561-4323. ☎

## Irony #9066

4/4, 5/9 (NOON–1 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. ☎

## Main Post History Tour

3/25 (2–4 PM)

Join a moderate two-hour tour of the Main Post historic district and hear insights and details of its 200 year history. Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the Main Post flag pole, Pershing Square, near corner of Moraga Ave. and Graham St. ☎

## Presidio Memorial Day 2011

5/30 (10:30 AM–NOON)

Join us for a Main Post parade and National Cemetery program. Parade begins at Main Post Parade Ground. Program takes place in the San Francisco National Cemetery at the Presidio. For details, call 561-5500.

## Memorial Day Cemetery Walk

5/30 (NOON)

Join park rangers for a National Cemetery tour after the Memorial Day Commemoration. Time is an estimate; call for updated listing of times. Meet at the San Francisco National Cemetery.

## Moraga, The Presidio's First Commander

3/5 (1–2:30 PM)

Jose Joaquin Moraga, the Presidio's first commander, was ordered by the Viceroy of New Spain to build

the Presidio of San Francisco in 1776. Join Ranger Eddie for a stroll of the Comandante's headquarters and discover often untold stories of Moraga's journey up from New Spain and of his first encounters with Ohlone/Costanoan Native Americans. Meet at the Main Post flag pole, Pershing Square, near corner of Moraga Ave. and Graham St. Reservations required; 561-4323.

## National Cemetery Walk

3/10, 3/26, 4/7, 4/23, 5/12, 5/28 (10 AM–NOON)

Hear about Medal of Honor recipients, a Union spy, an Indian scout, Buffalo Soldiers, and others buried here. Dress warmly. This one-mile walk has a steep uphill climb. Rain cancels. Meet docent Galen Dillman at the cemetery entrance gate, corner of Lincoln Blvd. and Sheridan Ave. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

## Ohlone, The First Stewards

4/2 (1–2:30 PM)

Enjoy an easy half-mile stroll around the Presidio's Main Post and hear about the intimate relationship Native Americans once had with the San Francisco Peninsula. Discover how the Ohlone/Costanoan people

managed the land well before recent restoration efforts, demonstrating that they served as the first stewards of the natural landscape we know today as the Golden Gate National Parks. Meet Ranger Eddie Arias in front of the Beach Hut, located on East Beach of Crissy Field. Reservations required; 561-4323.

## Patriotism and Prejudice

5/22 (1–3 PM)

Japanese-American soldiers trained here for intelligence work and were sent to war as their families were moved to internment camps. Learn about this poignant irony on an easy, half-mile walk. Meet Ranger James Osborne at the Presidio Transit Center, Lincoln Blvd. and Graham Street. Rain cancels. Reservations required; phone 561-4323. ☎

## Pedaling the Presidio

4/17 (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. Rain cancels. Meet Ranger James Osborne in front of the Beach Hut located on East Beach of Crissy Field. Reservations required; please call 561-4323.

## Presidio Birdlife

3/12 (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 Beach Hut located on East Beach on Crissy Field. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

## Shuttle Through Time

3/4, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/13, 5/27 (10:45–11:30 AM)

Take the PresidiGo shuttle and travel through time as you hear stories spanning the centuries. Meet Ranger Jose Roldan at the Presidio Transit Center, corner of Graham Street and Lincoln Blvd. ☎

## Story Time in Your National Park: Coyote at Lobos Dunes

5/21 (2–3:30 PM)

Enjoy an afternoon of stories at Lobos Dunes. Listen to native coyote stories from the time before time. Find out what happened to Coyote when he decided to ride a star! Bring something to sit on, a hat and jacket, and your love of nature. Free; all ages. Meet Ranger Fatima Colindres at 29 MUNI bus stop, on right after Presidio 25th Ave. Gate, across from Bowley St. and Lincoln Blvd. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

# PARK EVENTS

## Tennessee Hollow Watershed Today and Tomorrow

3/8, 5/10 (NOON–1 PM)

We'll walk the boundaries of the watershed and talk about the restoration efforts, planting, and planning that is in process this spring.

Meet docent Barbara Corff at Inspiration Point on Arguello Blvd. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

## The Guns of San Francisco

3/20 (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

4/16 (11 AM–12:30 PM)

Field artillery, infantry, dragoons, and deserters. Erasmus Keyes, Henry Halleck, William Tecumseh Sherman, and Eadweard Muybridge.

They are all among the cast of characters who played prominent roles in the volatile era from the Gold Rush to the Civil War when the Pre-



sidio grew from a frontier outpost to a major military installation and defender of the Golden Gate. Meet docent Bob Bowen at the Main Post flag pole, Pershing Square, near corner of Moraga Ave. and Graham St. Reservations required; please phone 561-4323.

## Three Flags of the Presidio

3/12, 4/9, 5/21 (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 Ranger Jose Roldan at the Presidio Transit Center, corner of Graham Street and Lincoln Blvd.

## RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA

Ranch Corral de Tierra will formally turn over to the Golden Gate National Parks early in 2011. While visiting Rancho Corral de Tierra, please note that Ocean View Farms, Moss Beach Ranch and Ember Ridge Stables are privately run operations.

Please do not feed or touch any animals or enter any buildings without the staff's permission.

## PROGRAMS

### A Short Walk Through a Long Story

3/12, 4/23, 5/7 (11 AM–1 PM)

Join Park Ranger George Durgerian on a short, easy stroll in Rancho Corral de Tierra. Learn how the Peninsula Open Space Trust joined the community to preserve this open space, get an overview of the 3,800 acres here, and see how Rancho connects to other open space. You'll also get a short orientation to Ocean View Farms stables.

Directions: Turn east on 2nd Street in Montara. Turn Right on Farallone Ave and left on 3rd Street. Turn left onto Le Conte and park at the road's end. Bring layers. Maximum of 25

visitors. Reservations required as event details may change; phone (415) 561-4323.

### Ride On Through to the Other Side

3/20, 4/17, 5/15 (10 AM–12:30 PM)

Join legendary mountain biker-turned-instructor Jim Sullivan on a moderate, 11-mile ride from Pacifica to Rancho Corral de Tierra and back. You'll learn basic mountain bike techniques and see how Rancho connects to other open space.

Directions: From Highway 1, turn east onto Linda Mar Boulevard in Pacifica. Turn right onto Peralta (3rd stoplight), following it to Rosita. Turn left on Rosita and park immediately in front of Linda Mar School playground. Maximum of 15 visitors. Reservations required as event details may change; phone (415) 561-4323.

## SAN MATEO COUNTY

### 360 Degrees of Pacifica

3/19 (9/9:30 AM–3 PM)

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

## SUTRO HEIGHTS/SUTRO BATHS

For information, phone 561-4323.

## SWEENEY RIDGE



### The Russians are Coming!

3/20 (NOON–3 PM)

How did Russia "save" Sweeney Ridge? Find out as you hike with one of the most knowledgeable guides in

town. Nike missile veteran David Bridgman will show you how fear of Russia indirectly changed the course of these parklands. The moderately strenuous hike starts at the far west end of Sneath Lane in San Bruno; from Skyline Blvd, turn west and meet at the trailhead. Leashed dogs welcome. Reservations requested; phone (415) 561-4323.

# PARK PARTNERS



## GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVANCY

PARKS FOR ALL FOREVER™

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

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



## THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The National Park Service (NPS) manages the Golden Gate National Parks, as well as 392 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](http://www.nps.gov/goga), or phone (415) 561-4700.



## THE PRESIDIO TRUST

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

### Sign up for Park E-ventures updates

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

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

### 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](mailto:membership@parksconservancy.org).

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

# WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

| PROGRAM   | MONDAY                  | TUESDAY                  | WEDNESDAY                   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                       | SATURDAY                        | SUNDAY                        |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Beaches: Cleanups &amp; Maintenance</b>                                    |                         |                          |                             |           |                              |                                 |                               |
| Muir Beach Cleanup  |                         |                          |                             |           |                              | 10 AM-NOON<br>(2ND SAT)         |                               |
| Ocean Beach Cleanup   |                         |                          |                             |           |                              |                                 | 10 AM-NOON<br>(1ST & 3RD SUN) |
| <b>Habitats: Restore &amp; Monitor Critical Habitat</b>                       |                         |                          |                             |           |                              |                                 |                               |
| Marin Programs  |                         |                          | 10 AM-2:30 PM<br>(SEASONAL) |           |                              | 10 AM-1 PM                      | 9:30 AM-2:30 PM               |
| San Francisco Programs  |                         |                          | 9 AM-NOON                   | 1-4 PM    | 1-4 PM                       | 9 AM-NOON &<br>1-4 PM           | 10 AM-1 PM                    |
| San Mateo Programs  |                         |                          |                             |           |                              | 10 AM-1 PM                      |                               |
| <b>Landscapes &amp; Historic Sites: Groundskeeping &amp; Site Restoration</b> |                         |                          |                             |           |                              |                                 |                               |
| Alcatraz Gardens*   |                         |                          | 8:30 AM-12:30 PM            |           | 8:30 AM-12:30 PM             |                                 |                               |
| Fort Baker Stewardship  | 10 AM-NOON<br>(1ST MON) |                          |                             |           |                              |                                 |                               |
| Presidio Forestry   |                         |                          |                             |           | 9 AM-NOON<br>(1ST & 2ND FRI) |                                 |                               |
| Presidio Shoreline (Crissy Field & Area A)                                    |                         |                          |                             | 9 AM-NOON |                              | 9 AM-NOON                       |                               |
| <b>Plant Nurseries: Grow &amp; Care for Plants</b>                            |                         |                          |                             |           |                              |                                 |                               |
| 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                  |           |                              |                                 |                               |
| Tennessee Valley Nursery  |                         | 10 AM-NOON &<br>1-4 PM   |                             |           |                              |                                 |                               |
| <b>Trails: Repair, Construct, &amp; Monitor Trails</b>                        |                         |                          |                             |           |                              |                                 |                               |
| Golden Gate Trail Crew<br>(Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo)                   |                         |                          |                             |           |                              | 9 AM-NOON<br>(3RD SAT, APR-OCT) |                               |
| Presidio Trust Trail Crew   |                         | 10 AM-1 PM<br>(2ND TUES) |                             |           |                              |                                 |                               |

## SPRINGTIME: SEASON OF FROLIC, VOLUNTEERING

Hope springs eternal in the Golden Gate National Parks! That's because there are always ways for you to give back to our parklands through our many volunteer opportunities. It's fun, it's easy to get started, and it's hard to stop once you discover you're making a real difference for these national parks!

To learn more about the programs listed to the left, see the site-specific pages of this publication, or visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer). Most opportunities are drop-in (unless otherwise noted), but we recommend phoning ahead, as meeting locations, times, and projects may vary. For information, call (415) 561-3044, or e-mail [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org).

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.

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

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# 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  
Cafe 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 Information Line ..... (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 Info 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  
Point Reyes National Seashore .. (415) 464-5100  
Presidio Park Stewards... (415) 561-3030 x 3445  
San Francisco Maritime  
National Historical Park Museum . (415) 561-7100  
Park Stewardship Program ..... (415) 561-3073  
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](http://www.nps.gov/goga)

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

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

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

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

## RELATED WEB SITES

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

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

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

**GOLDEN GATE RAPTOR OBSERVATORY**  
[www.ggro.org](http://www.ggro.org)

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

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

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

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

The National Park Service website ([www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)) includes ParkNet, an online information center for all 393 national park sites.

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