

GOLDEN GATE  
**NATIONAL  
PARKS**  
CONSERVANCY

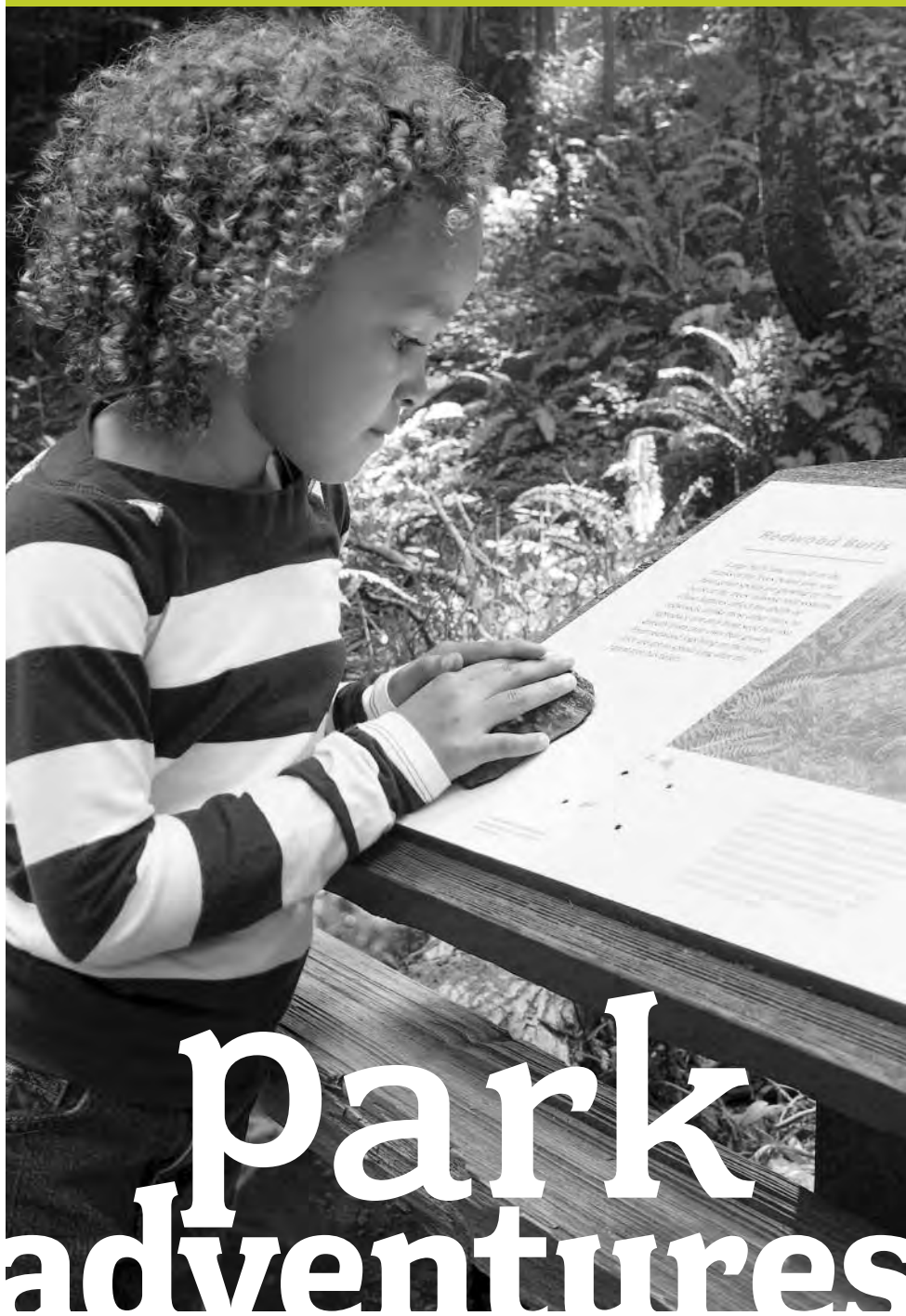
PARKS FOR ALL FOREVER™



# WINTER calendar & events

DECEMBER 2010

JANUARY, FEBRUARY 2011



# park adventures

## COMPASS POINTS

**No Time to Hibernate: Volunteer this Winter During Planting Season!**

Nearly 150,000 native plants have been grown in our Native Plant Nurseries and have been waiting their whole lives to become part of vital habitats throughout the Golden Gate National Parks. Help these plants fulfill their destinies! By coming out to the park this winter (November–March) and planting at our coastal bluffs, wetlands, forest, and grasslands you help revitalize our ecosystems and support many of the wildlife species that are so dependant on these special plants.

Don't wait—now is the time to get them in the ground while the rainy season is here. We'd be excited to have you join us at ongoing restoration projects throughout San Mateo, San Francisco, and Marin. Individuals and groups are welcome. For details on how you can get involved, visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer), call 561-3044, or e-mail [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org).

**Beautiful Honor: Lands End Work Wins Award for Improving Urban Life**

In October, the National Park Service/Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy were honored with a 2010 Beautification Award for their collaborative work in revitalizing Lands End. Awarded by the civic organization San Francisco Beautiful, this honor recognizes our achievements in improving visitor amenities and Coastal Trail experiences.

This winter, check out the newly enhanced (and recently reopened) USS *San Francisco* Memorial area! Special thanks to the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund, the Horace W. Goldsmith Foundation, the California Coastal Conservancy, community volunteers, and Parks Conservancy members for their ongoing support of the work.

**Get Ready to Fete the 2011 Species of the Year: Mission Blue Butterfly**

To showcase the incredible array of special status species in the Golden Gate National Parks, a "Species of the Year" program makes its debut in 2011. First up—the diminutive but dazzling mission blue butterfly. The "Fire Walk" on 2/26 (see Milagra Ridge section) is just one of the many hikes, walks, and volunteer events this year that will raise awareness of the butterfly's imperiled state and provide opportunities to restore its sensitive habitat.

Learn more about the butterfly in the "Destination" article below, and stay tuned for upcoming events.

## PARKS CONSERVANCY MEMBERS HIKING SERIES

**FORT POINT OPEN HOUSE & WARMING HUT SHOPPING PARTY**  
**Thursday, December 2, 3:30–7 PM**

Hear the fascinating stories of Fort Point during a members-only open house, and then enjoy an after-hours shopping party at the Warming Hut—featuring hot chocolate, cookies, and 20%-off discounts. See "Fort Point" section for details.

**SPECIES OF THE YEAR**  
**ENDANGERED SPECIES HIKE**


**Saturday, January 8 and**  
**Saturday, January 22, 10 AM–12:30 PM**

Come celebrate the endangered mission blue butterfly—our first ever "Species of the Year"—and learn more about all the rare and special-status species in Golden Gate. See "Mori Point" section for details.

**How to Sign Up for Member Events**

Members Hiking Series events are free and open to Parks Conservancy members. Registration is required. Confirmation will be e-mailed to you *after* the registration deadline. These events "sell out" and participation in a particular hike is not guaranteed, although we do our best to accommodate everyone.

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 the calendar pages. Become a Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy member and support your national parklands! To learn about other benefits of membership, please visit [www.parksconservancy.org/membership](http://www.parksconservancy.org/membership).

**REDWOOD CREEK RESTORATION:**  
**BEHIND THE SCENES**

**Thursday, February 10, 10 AM, NOON, 2 PM**  
Join Parks Conservancy experts and get an insider's look at the restoration project at Muir Beach and Redwood Creek Watershed. Learn how our efforts will help the endangered coho salmon. See "Muir Woods/Muir Beach" section for details.

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

**HILL 129 TO HAWK HILL: A HISTORY OF CHANGED LANDSCAPE UNFOLDS, HIGH ABOVE THE GOLDEN GATE**

By Aleutia Scott, Natural Resources Specialist

**B**ATTERY 129, PERCHED ABOVE THE GOLDEN GATE in the Marin Headlands, was constructed for an enemy that never came. Built during World War II to protect two large guns concealed under dozens of feet of concrete and earth and camouflaged with native vegetation, the battery was virtually invisible—and ultimately unused. Two gun emplacements, ammunition magazines, storage rooms, and tunnels were constructed but the battery was never armed.

As the military realized that the greatest threats would come through the air—and not from battleships besieging the Golden Gate—coast artillery defenses were phased out. And though Hill 129 (aka Hawk Hill) was never assailed by enemy attackers, it suffered an invasion of a different kind.

Over the past 30 years, non-native Monterey pine trees have spread into native grasslands across the parks—likely arriving as hitchhikers in soil and machinery the military brought in to create fortifications such as Battery 129. On Hawk Hill, the trees blot out



**Hawk Hill in foreground, circa 1972. Note extent of forest around the buildings. (Photo courtesy of Park Archives)**

historic views and displace important native habitat.

While the hill is named for the raptors that fly over during the migration season, ecologists are interested in it for a species with much smaller wings—the mission blue butterfly. This diminutive butterfly, one of the first invertebrates to be protected under the Endangered Species Act, is wholly dependent on grassland habitat and the lupine plants that grow there.

Mission blues lay their eggs on three species of lupine that serve as the sole food source for their caterpillars. Because mission blues typically only travel about 160 feet from where they first emerged (and their

mature flight stage lasts only six to eight weeks!), it is a challenge for the butterflies to follow the movement of their host lupine, which thrive in recently disturbed sites across coastal prairie and scrub.

Because mission blues are such weak fliers, roads, trails, and dense stands of trees can prevent them from finding additional lupines, nectar plants, and mates. The trees at Hawk Hill act as just such a barrier between areas of lupine on either side of the ridge-line between the Rifle Range and Conzelman Road. Removing the trees—and restoring habitat around Hawk Hill—will help reunite two butterfly populations and allow mission blues to follow lupine growth.

Restoring butterfly habitat is just one component of improvements slated for Hawk Hill. In addition to the ongoing installation of a Coastal Trail segment connecting Hawk Hill to Conzelman Road, work planned for the future includes construction of restrooms and gathering areas, stabilization of historic structures, installation of new signage, improvements to parking and traffic and circulation, and establishment of accessible pathways and overlooks.

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## HOW TO USE PARK ADVENTURES

*Park Adventures* features walks, talks, volunteer opportunities, and other programs offered by the National Park Service, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and the Presidio Trust. Most programs are free (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.

### MARIN HEADLANDS

**Battery Townsley Open House** NOON-4 PM

**Beginning Birding** 9:30-11:30 AM

**Coastal Defenses of San Francisco**

1:30-2:30 PM

**Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay**

11 AM-NOON

### PRESIDIO

**The Last Gun: Pearl Harbor Remembered**

11 AM-3 PM

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### FORT BAKER

**20 Years of Exploration and Discovery to Protect the World's Most Exotic Places**

6:30-8:30 PM

### PRESIDIO

**Tennessee Hollow Watershed Transformed: What's New?**

NOON-1 PM

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### FORT POINT

**Open House and Warming Hut Shopping Party** 

3:30-7 PM

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### PRESIDIO

**Shuttle Through Time**

11-11:45 AM

**Holiday Lights**

5:30-6 PM

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### MARIN HEADLANDS

**Nike Missile Site Open House**

12:30-3:30 PM

### PRESIDIO

**Presidio Birdlife** 9:30-11:30 AM

**The Last Gun: Pearl Harbor Remembered**

11 AM-3 PM

**The Presidio's First Commander**

1-2:30 PM

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### FORT POINT

**Candlelight Tour**

6:30-8 PM

### MARIN HEADLANDS

**Greening of the Headlands**

12:30-3 PM

### MUIR BEACH

**Keep Our Beaches Beautiful**

10 AM-NOON

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### PRESIDIO

**Ridge to Bridge Ride**

10 AM-1 PM

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### PRESIDIO

**Shuttle Through Time**

11-11:45 AM

### PRESIDIO

**Winter Solstice Night Walk**

4-7 PM

### MILAGRA RIDGE

**Of Bombs and Butterflies**

NOON-2 PM

### MUIR WOODS

**Winter Wonderland**

10 AM-NOON

### PRESIDIO

**Winter Solstice Night Walk**

4-7 PM

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### PRESIDIO

**A Walk in the Forest**

10 AM-1 PM

### MUIR WOODS

**Winter Solstice**

3-8 PM

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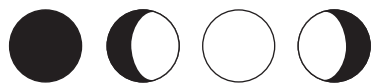
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**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Battery Townsley Open House  
NOON-4 PM

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**PRESIDIO**  
Shuttle Through Time  
11-11:45 AM

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**FORT BAKER** Historic Fort Baker Tour 1-2 PM  
**FORT POINT** Candlelight Tour 6:30-8 PM  
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Species of the Year: Endangered Species Hike **M** 10 AM-12:30 PM  
**MUIR BEACH** Keep Our Beaches Beautiful 10AM-NOON  
**PRESIDIO**  
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The Last Gun 11 AM-3 PM  
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**RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA**  
A Short Walk Through a Long Story 11 AM-1 PM

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**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Beginning Birding  
9:30-11:30 AM  
**PRESIDIO**  
The Last Gun  
11 AM-3 PM

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**FORT POINT**  
Candlelight Tour 6:30-8 PM

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**MUIR WOODS**  
Winter Wonderland  
10 AM-NOON  
**RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA**  
Ride On Through to the Other Side  
10 AM-12:30 PM  
**SWEENEY RIDGE**  
The Russians are Coming!  
NOON-3 PM

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**AT MULTIPLE SITES**  
National Day of Service/  
MLK Day  
**PRESIDIO**  
Buffalo Soldiers  
in a "Jim Crow" Army  
1-3 PM

**FORT BAKER**  
The Essence of Life:  
Freshwater  
6:30-8:30 PM  
**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Full Moon Photo  
Walk to Point Bonita  
4:45-6:45 PM

**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Sunset/Full Moon  
Walk to Point Bonita  
Lighthouse  
4:30-6:30 PM

**PRESIDIO**  
Shuttle Through Time  
11-11:45 AM

**MORI POINT**  
Species of the Year: Endangered Species Hike **M**  
10 AM-12:30 PM  
**PRESIDIO**  
The Presidio Rocks 1-3 PM

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**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Headlands History: Past, Present, Future  
10:30 AM-1:30 PM

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**PRESIDIO**  
Unsung Heroes NOON-1 PM

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**FORT POINT**  
Living History Day 10 AM-5 PM  
**MARIN HEADLANDS**  
Rambling Round Rodeo Cove 11 AM-1 PM  
**MUIR WOODS**  
Muir Woods Earth Day 8:30 AM-NOON (REGISTRATION 8 AM)  
**PRESIDIO**  
Behind the Scenes at Lobos Creek 2-3 PM  
**RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA**  
A Short Walk Through a Long Story 11 AM-1 PM

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

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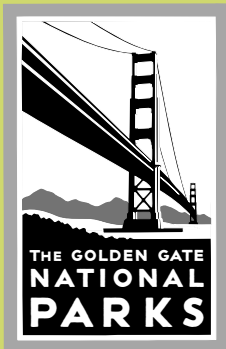
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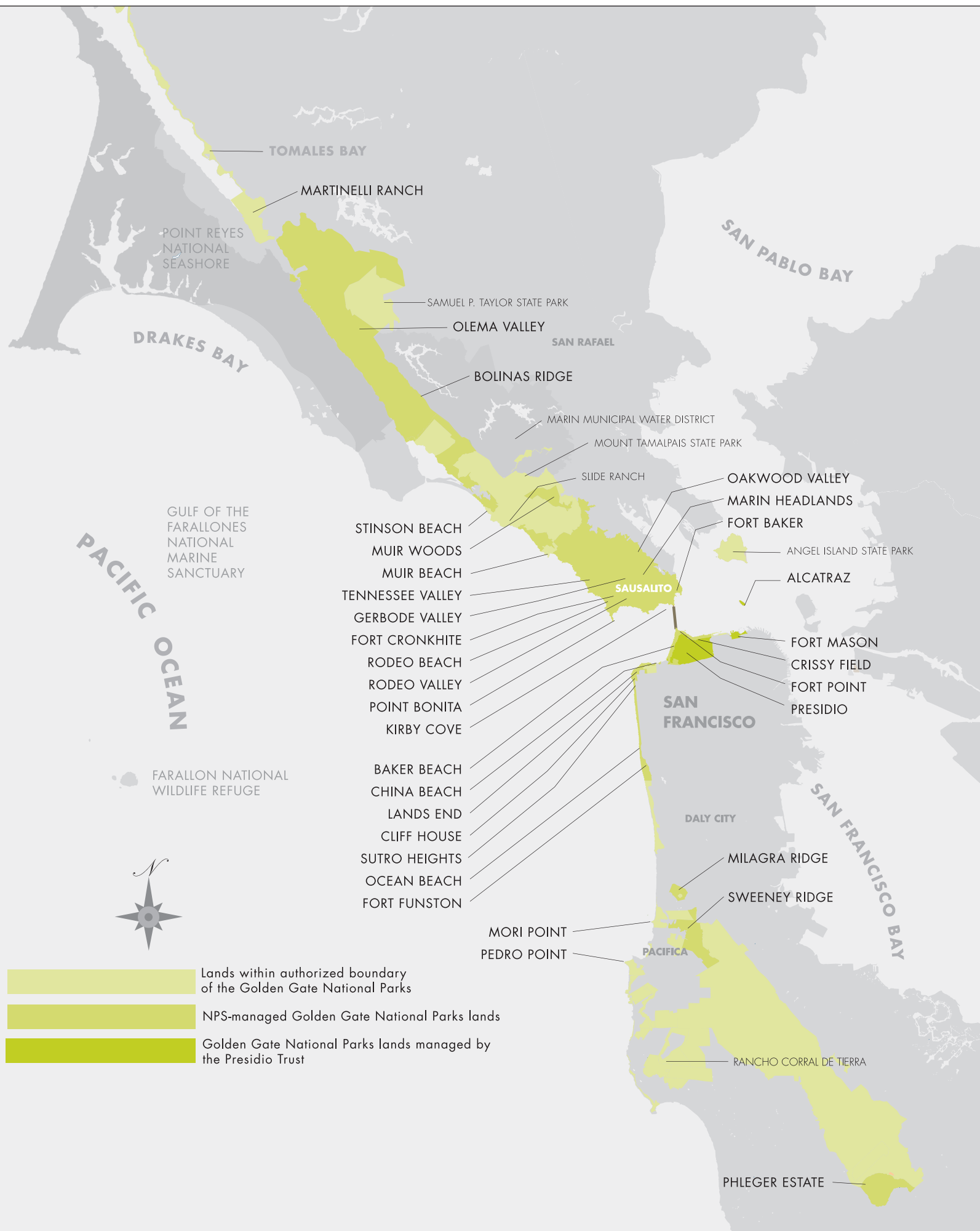
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<p><b>MUIR WOODS</b> Winter Wonderland 10 AM–NOON</p>								
						<p><b>MARIN HEADLANDS</b> Sunset/Full Moon Walk to Point Bonita Lighthouse 5:30–7:30 PM <b>PRESIDIO</b> Walk Crissy Field and Learn Its History 11 AM–12:30 PM</p>	<p><b>FORT POINT</b> Candlelight Tour 6:30–8 PM <b>MUIR WOODS</b> Time Travel Among the Redwoods 9 AM–NOON</p>	
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<p><b>MARIN HEADLANDS</b> Point Bonita Family Time Portal 10:30 AM–1:30 PM <b>MILAGRA RIDGE</b> Of Bombs and Butterflies NOON–2 PM <b>PRESIDIO</b> Pedaling the Presidio 1–3 PM <b>RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA</b> Ride On Through to the Other Side 10 AM–12:30 PM</p>	<p><b>AT MULTIPLE SITES</b> Teens on Trails: Presidents Day 10 AM–1 PM <b>PRESIDIO</b> Buffalo Soldiers in a “Jim Crow” Army 1–3 PM</p>						<p><b>MARIN HEADLANDS</b> Tennessee Valley Ramble 11 AM–1 PM <b>MILAGRA RIDGE</b> Mission Blue Butterfly Fire Walk NOON–2 PM</p>	
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Alcatraz Island  
 Baker Beach  
 Bolinas Ridge  
 China Beach  
 Cliff House  
 Crissy Field  
 Fort Baker  
 Fort Cronkhite  
 Fort Funston  
 Fort Mason  
 Fort Point  
 Gerbode Valley  
 Kirby Cove

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



# PARK EVENTS

## AT MULTIPLE SITES

### ONGOING

#### Habitat Restoration Team

Sundays (9:30 AM—2:30 PM)

The Habitat Restoration Team 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 collecting seeds (spring through fall).

Appropriate for adults and youth (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Locations vary; phone 561-4747 for details, directions, and carpool availability.

#### Invasive Plant Patrol

Wednesdays (10 AM—2 PM)

The Invasive Plant Patrol finds new areas 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 about four hours.

Appropriate for adults and youth (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary, and dates can be 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 protects endangered species, restores natural habitat and historic features, and improves trails at key sites. Volunteer days combine hands-on service with natural or cultural history lessons. To join us, contact us at 561-3044 or [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org).

#### Weed Watchers

Times vary, call ahead

Weed Watchers detect and map weeds as they first invade. Volunteers are trained to identify priority invasive plants 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 provided for those who are interested.

Appropriate for adults and teens. Registration required. Contact: call 331-5023 or e-mail [eric\\_wrubel@nps.gov](mailto:eric_wrubel@nps.gov).



### PROGRAMS

#### National Day of Service/ MLK Day: Help Grow Your National Park

1/17

Join us for another historic Day of Service on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Celebrate your day off as a "day on" and help grow our national parklands. We will feature projects at park sites in Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties, with activities including trails maintenance, planting, habitat restoration, and beach cleanups. To learn more, visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer), call 561-3077, or e-mail [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org).

#### Teens on Trails: Presidents Day

2/21 (10 AM—1 PM)

This holiday is a great way to fulfill

service credits for school and help restore your national park. This project is just for teens so come with friends, classmates, or your school club. Join the Trails Forever Team to maintain trails and restore habitat at some of our most scenic park sites! For more information, visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer), call 561-3068, or e-mail [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org).

### ALCATRAZ

Open daily (except for Thanksgiving, December 25 and January 1).

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

To learn more about this historic island, visit [www.nps.gov/alcatraz](http://www.nps.gov/alcatraz).

### 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 to loan an assistive listening device for your visit.

■ Audio tour transcripts 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.

■ Stationary 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.

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

CC Indicates a program that is closed-captioned.

♿ Indicates either full or partial wheelchair accessibility.

# PARK EVENTS

### 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*, *200 Years on the Rock*, *Fortress Alcatraz*, and more.

#### Alcatraz Historic Gardens

The historic gardens, once created by military and prison staff and inmates, are being reclaimed as a joint project of the Garden Conservancy, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and National Park Service.

#### ■ Open Gardens

Wednesdays  
(10 AM—NOON)

#### ■ Guided Docent Tours

Fridays and Sundays  
(9:30 AM on the Alcatraz dock; take 9:10 AM boat) Docent tour is free, but purchase of boat ticket required.

#### ■ 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/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer) for application and details. Note that registration is required.

### We Hold the Rock

In 1969, a group of Native Americans began a 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 interviews with former occupiers.

#### Alcatraz Night Tour

Limited to just a few hundred visitors, the Alcatraz Night Tour programs include special topics, tours, and activities not offered during daytime hours. 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.

### 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 is open seven days a week, weather permitting; phone 750-0415 for information. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/goga/clho.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/clho.htm).

### CRISSY FIELD



#### Crissy Field Mystery Trail Challenge

Available every day,  
9 AM—4 PM

Recommended for families and groups with children ages 5 to 10. Come down

to the Warming Hut, near the fishing pier at the western end of Crissy Field, where you'll find a booklet that directs you down the Mystery Trail to nine secret plaques along a one-mile waterfront trail. A prize awaits you if you find them all!

Free. For groups of 20 or more, please call 561-3040 to register and to ensure that supplies are available.

#### 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 remains open. Center operations are now located at East Beach in the interim Center, a showcase of sustainable design and construction. The public is invited to visit the Beach Hut café, adja-

cent to the Center. The café is open seven days a week, 9 AM TO 5 PM.

Operated cooperatively by the National Park Service and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the 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 workshops for youth and families, camps, and seasonal events. For a quarterly catalog and more information, call 561-7765 or visit our website [www.crissyfield.org](http://www.crissyfield.org).



### 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).

### PROGRAMS

#### Twenty Years of Exploration and Discovery to Protect the World's Most Exotic Places

12/7 (6:30—8:30 PM)

The Rapid Assessment Program (RAP) at Conservation International employs teams of scientists to collect biological information needed for conservation action in unexplored tropical areas. RAP scientists have discovered hundreds of new plant and animal species, from Papua New Guinea to Peru. Dr. LeeAnne Alonso will present the highlights from the past 20 years and 65 RAP surveys.

Tickets: \$15. FREE for Parks Conservancy members and Cavallo Point guests. Contact the Institute at the Golden Gate to register for tickets:

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[events@instituteatgoldengate.org](mailto:events@instituteatgoldengate.org) or 561-3560. Part of the “Conversations with Eco-Innovators” series of the Institute, in collaboration with Conservation International.

## The Essence of Life: Freshwater

1/18 (6:30—8:30 PM)

Imagine the river basins of the future... what do we want from our rivers, lakes, and wetlands? How can we make sure there is freshwater security for people and nature?

Cristina Mittermeier, executive director of the International League of

Conservation Photographers (ILCP) and co-author of the new book, *Fresh Water: The Essence of Life*, will discuss the power of photography to illuminate these critical questions.

Tickets: \$15. FREE for Parks Conservancy members and Cavallo Point guests. Contact the Institute at the Golden Gate to register for tickets: [events@instituteatgoldengate.org](mailto:events@instituteatgoldengate.org) or 561-3560.

Part of the “Conversations with Eco-Innovators” series of the Institute in collaboration with Conservation International.



## Historic Fort Baker Tour

1/8, 2/12 (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. Meet architectural historian Kristin Baron at the Cavallo Point reception building, 601 Murray Circle. This easy, 1-mile walk has one slightly steep hill. Program limited to 20; heavy rain cancels. For reservations and parking details, call 331-1540.

## FORT FUNSTON

### Fort Funston Nursery and Stewardship

Saturdays (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

The Fort Funston Nursery Green Team volunteers participate in seed collection, propagation, transplanting, pruning, weeding, and outplanting. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP is requested; phone 239-4247 for information and registration.

## 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. Visit [www.nps.gov/fopo](http://www.nps.gov/fopo) to learn more.

## ONGOING

### “Building the Golden Gate Bridge”

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

### Cannon Loading Demonstrations

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

### “Fort Point, Guardian of the Golden Gate”

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

Fort Point staff offers a variety of programs; see schedule at entrance.

## Fort Point Open House and Warming Hut Shopping Party

12/2 (3:30—7 PM) M

Join us for a special members-only open house at Fort Point and after-hours shopping party at the Warming Hut! Rangers and other docents will share the fascinating story of Fort Point, nestled under the Golden Gate Bridge. See the array of historic cannon, the powder magazine, officers' quarters, and soldiers' barracks—as well as a stunning view of the Bay.

Come to Fort Point anytime between 3:30 and 5 PM to wander around the Civil War-era fort. Then join us at the Warming Hut for a special after-hours shopping party featuring hot chocolate, cookies, and storewide 20% discounts just in time for the holidays. Feel free to come for just the open house or just the shopping party.

Free. **Required registration deadline: December 1.**

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

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## PROGRAMS

### Candlelight Tour

12/11, 1/8, 1/15, 2/5, 2/19 (6:30—8 PM)

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

### Living History Day

1/29 (10 AM—5 PM)

Join the American Civil War Association as they bring the fort to life with military music, marching, and colorful uniforms. Talks and demonstrations are given throughout the day. For information, call 556-1693.

## LANDS END

## ONGOING

### Park Stewardship: San Francisco

Thursdays and Saturdays (1—4 PM)

Help restore coastal habitat and enhance our trail systems at Lands End and along the Presidio bluffs! Volunteer activities include weeding, watering, seed collection, litter removal, and winter planting. Appropriate for adults, families, and youth ages 14 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under 18). Locations vary; phone 561-4864.

## MARIN HEADLANDS



The Marin Headlands Visitor Center is open daily, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. 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 to check out for free, with advanced reservations at the Visitor Center; call 331-1540.

Unless otherwise noted, programs require reservations. For information and reservations, call 331-1540. Visit [www.nps.gov/goga/marin-headlands.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/marin-headlands.htm).

## ONGOING

### Battery Townsley Open House

12/5, 1/2, 2/6 (NOON—4 PM)

Battery Townsley at Fort Cronkhite was San Francisco's most extensive—and most secret—World War

### Visit the Marine Mammal Center

Open Daily (10 AM—5 PM)

Enjoy a one hour docent-led tour or our new audio tour! Both tours guide you around the exhibits and to the viewing areas and show how the Marine Mammal Center cares for the seal and sea lion patients—as well as what scientists have learned about the ocean.

To learn more, visit [www.marine-mammalcenter.org/visiting-us](http://www.marine-mammalcenter.org/visiting-us).

II military fortification. It is now open to the public the first Sunday of each month. 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.

### Coastal Camp at Headlands Institute

Summer is quickly approaching and Coastal Camp is gearing up for another wonderful summer! Registration for Summer 2011 begins the last week of January. Visit [www.coastalcamp.org](http://www.coastalcamp.org) for information on camp sessions and registration.

### Family Programs at Headlands Institute

The Headlands Institute's Family Programs are designed to help your family connect with your local national park, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Enjoy your park while you learn more about nature and get ideas about how your family can help care for the environment. Visit our website [www.headlandsinstitute.org/family](http://www.headlandsinstitute.org/family) for information on events this winter.

### Marin Headlands Junior Rangers

Calling all Junior Rangers! A fun opportunity for young people, ages 8-12, to explore the Marin Headlands is now available free from the Visitor Center. Pick up your booklet and 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! The dedication and support of our volunteers are vital in the effort to grow plants, collect seeds, maintain the nursery facility, and more. Ap-

propriate for adults and youth ages 11 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP requested; phone 332-5193 for details.

### Nike Missile Site Open House

12/4, 2/5 (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. To learn more, visit [www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm). Note: Nike Missile Site will not be open January 1, 2011.

### Park Stewardship: Marin County

Saturdays, 10 AM—1 PM

Become a Park Steward and 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, e-mail [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org) or visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer).

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## Point Bonita Lighthouse

Open Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays (12:30–3:30 PM)



Meet Point Bonita docents along the lighthouse trail. This hidden, historic setting offers breathtaking views and many stories. The half-mile trail is steep in places.

For more information, phone 331-1540. Visit the website at [www.nps.gov/goga/pobo.htm](http://www.nps.gov/goga/pobo.htm). Please note the Point Bonita Lighthouse will not be open December 25, 2010.

## 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.



## PROGRAMS

### Beginning Birding

12/5, 1/9, 2/6 (9:30–11:30 AM)

Winter brings many waterfowl to the Marin Headlands. Take an easy walk along Rodeo Lagoon with volunteer Jane Haley to see them. Bring binoculars, field guides. For ages 8 and up; no pets. Rain cancels. For reservations call 331-1540.

### Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay

12/5, 2/6 (1:30–2:30 PM)

The Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay have played an important

part in many major events in American history. Join docent Warren Riley for an illustrated presentation of the Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay, 1850 to 1950, and learn of the attempts to provide this area with the best defenses of the day. For reservations, call 331-1540.

### Full Moon Photo Walk to Point Bonita

1/18 (4:45–6:45 PM)

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

### Greening of the Headlands

12/11 (12:30–3 PM)

For centuries, people listened to music and decorated their homes with greenery during winter's dark days. Join us and return to those simpler days by making ornaments in an atmosphere laced with music and friendship. Materials provided. Meet artist Katrina Wagner at the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. Reservations required, phone 331-1540.

## Headlands History: Past, Present, Future

1/23 (10:30 AM–1:30 PM)

Come join an experienced YMCA Point Bonita naturalist for a day of exploring the fascinating history of the Marin Headlands—from the coast Miwoks to the present.

We will explore the military installations, the history of the Portuguese dairy ranchers and Spanish vaqueros, and possibly the Nike Missile base. Meet at YMCA Point Bonita at 10:30 AM. Bring a lunch. Moderate grade; two to four miles.

Fee: \$10/adult, \$5/children. Pre-reg-

istration preferred; drop-ins require cash or check. Call YMCA Point Bonita, at 331-9622, for details or to pre-register.

## Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay

12/5, 2/6 (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

## MORI POINT

### Species of the Year Endangered Species Hike

1/8, 1/22 (10 AM–12:30 PM)

Did you know that the Golden Gate National Parks are home to more threatened and endangered species than any other national park in the continental U.S.? Come celebrate the endangered mission blue butterfly, our first ever Species of the Year, and learn more about all the "special status" plants and animals in our parks, such as the San Francisco garter snake and the California red-legged frog.

Free. **Required registration deadline: January 10.**

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Golden Gate and often provided life-saving services. Join docent Warren Riley for an illustrated talk inside the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

## Point Bonita Family Time Portal

2/20 (10:30 AM–1:30 PM)

Bring your whole family for a fun filled day exploring the history of the Marin Headlands. An experienced YMCA Point Bonita naturalist will take you on a hike to the historic Point Bonita Lighthouse, where you will have a chance to see harbor seals and incredible views. We will also explore the military batteries. Meet at YMCA Point Bonita at 10:30 AM. Bring a bagged lunch. Easy to moderate grade; one to two miles. Fee: \$10/adult, \$5/children. Pre-registration preferred; drop-ins require cash or check. Call YMCA Point Bonita at 331-9622 to pre-register.

## Rambling Round Rodeo Cove

1/29 (11 AM–1 PM)

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



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

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

1/19 (4:30–6:30 PM)

2/18 (5:30–7:30 PM)

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

### Tennessee Valley Ramble

2/26 (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.

## MILAGRA RIDGE

### Mission Blue Butterfly Fire Walk

2/26 (NOON–2 PM)

This past fall, park biologists and wildland firefighters teamed up on an innovative project to restore mission blue butterfly habitat using controlled burns and vegetation removal. As we await the first butterflies in March, you'll visit the test plots and see the techniques used.

Turn north (uphill) at the traffic light at the intersection of Sharp Park Road and College Drive, and meet at the gate.

For information, call (415) 561-4323. Pets not allowed, as we'll briefly walk off the trails.

## Of Bombs and Butterflies

12/19, 2/20 (NOON–2 PM)

Enjoy an easy stroll with Nike Veteran David Bridgman along Pacifica's Milagra Ridge—a former gun emplacement, Nike missile site and now the last stand for a quarter-sized endangered butterfly. Turn north (uphill) at the traffic light at the intersection of Sharp Park Road and College Drive, and meet at the gate. Leashed pets welcome. For information, call (415) 561-4323.

## MUIR WOODS/ MUIR BEACH



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

\$5 per person, ages 16 and up. Phone the Muir Woods Hotline at 388-2595 for program information and updates on hours, seasonal

news, and trail conditions. All programs meet at the Visitor Center unless otherwise indicated.

Visit [www.nps.gov/muwo](http://www.nps.gov/muwo) for more information.

## ONGOING

### Daily Programs

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

### Forest Discovery Quest

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

### Keep Our Beaches Beautiful

12/11, 1/8, 2/12 (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

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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 details and meeting location, e-mail [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org) or call 561-4751.

## Muir Woods Junior Rangers

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

## Park Stewardship: Marin County

Saturdays, 10 AM—1 PM

Become a Park Steward and help restore critical habitat and enhance our trail systems at key sites of the Redwood Creek Watershed (Muir Beach, Dias Ridge) and other locations in Marin.

Join us for outdoor fun and hands-on education—while making a difference for your parks! Meeting locations vary; phone 561-3044 or

## Salmon Season is Here!

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

e-mail [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org) or visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer) for details.

## 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.

## PROGRAMS

### Muir Woods Earth Day

1/29 (8:30 AM—PM; registration 8 AM)

Volunteer at our annual Muir Woods Earth Day celebration! Enjoy the majestic redwoods while helping with planting, habitat restoration and weed removal, mulching, tending the forest floor, and trail maintenance. All participants are invited to stay for lunch. Individuals and groups welcome.

To learn more, visit [www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer](http://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer), call 561-3077, or e-mail [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org).

## Time Travel Among the Redwoods

2/19 (9 AM—NOON)

Can lessons learned from the past help us prepare for our future? Can natural and human-made features in Muir Woods help us discover what our future may hold? Join docent Evelyn Rose for an easy, two-mile, interactive hike in Redwood Canyon to travel through time and mingle with nature and history. Hike begins and ends at Muir Woods Visitor Center. Group limited to 15. Severe weather cancels. Reservations required; phone 388-2596.

## Winter Solstice

12/21 (3—8 PM)

Celebrate the longest night of the year and a full moon with the tallest trees on earth! This outdoor program is suitable for all ages and will begin at the Visitor Center...RAIN OR SHINE. Activities include the making of solstice crowns, a stage performance of songs, stories, and puppetry, and walking the trails of Muir Woods lit by luminaria.

Free, no reservations required. Daytime activities 3—5 PM; evening festivities 5:30—8 PM. It can be dark and chilly; we ask visitors to bring a flashlight, dress warmly, and bring a

## Redwood Creek Restoration: Behind the Scenes

2/10 (10 AM, NOON, 2 PM)

Join Parks Conservancy project staff to get a members-only look at the extensive restoration work taking place at Muir Beach and Redwood Creek in Marin. Learn more about how the Parks Conservancy staff is working to create an entirely new stream path by relocating fish, harvesting native gravel, replanting, and more. Also explore the new, re-routed Coastal Trail from the project site up to the ridge line! Meet at Muir Beach parking lot.

Free. **Required registration deadline: January 31.** To register or to become a Parks Conservancy member, call 561-3060 or send an e-mail to [membership@parksconservancy.org](mailto:membership@parksconservancy.org).

mug for warm drinks. For updates, check [www.nps.gov/muwo](http://www.nps.gov/muwo) or call 388-2595 as the date nears.

## Winter Wonderland

12/19, 1/16, 2/13 (10 AM—NOON)

Join Ranger Lou Sian to learn about winter's natural wonders. Look for spawning salmon, mushroom displays, and more! Dress for cold, wet weather and wear boots as trails may be muddy. For information and reservations, phone 388-2596.

## OCEAN BEACH

### Keep Our Beaches Beautiful

First and Third Sundays (10 AM—NOON)

This program is an easy team-building project that takes only a few

hours and 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 Pacific garbage patch! For meeting location on Ocean Beach and details, e-mail [volunteer@parksconservancy.org](mailto:volunteer@parksconservancy.org) or call 561-4751.

## PRESIDIO



Find out about Presidio programs at the Presidio Visitors Center, located at the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Ave. at Arguello Blvd. (Main Post). Open daily 9 AM—5 PM.

For information call 561-4323 or visit [www.nps.gov/prsf](http://www.nps.gov/prsf).

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## ONGOING

### Presidio Shoreline (Crissy Field and Area A) Maintenance and Landscape

Thursdays and 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.

Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP is requested; call 561-3044.

### Park Stewardship: San Francisco

Thursdays and Saturdays, (1—4 PM)

Become a Park Steward and help restore San Francisco coastal habitat and enhance our trail systems along the Coastal Bluffs in the Presidio.

Activities include weeding, watering, seed collection, litter removal, and winter planting. Join us for an afternoon of fun and hands-on education.

Appropriate for adults, families, and youth ages 14 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Locations vary; please phone 561-4864 for details.

### Presidio Forestry

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 through weeding, mulching, and other stewardship activities. Come meet others who love the Presidio forest! For information: 561-5333 or [volunteer@presidiotrust.gov](mailto:volunteer@presidiotrust.gov).



### Presidio Native Plant Nursery

Wednesdays and Saturdays (1—4 PM)

Learn to grow and care for native plants by transplanting seedlings, pruning, composting, seed collecting, and outplanting. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18).

Meet at the nursery, which is located at 1244 Appleton Street, San Francisco. For more information, call 561-4826.

### Presidio Park Stewards

Wednesdays, Saturdays, Third Sundays (9 AM—NOON)

Help enhance rare native plant habitat and create important wildlife corridors while learning about dune and serpentine systems. Activities include invasive plant removal and native plant revegetation.

Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meet at Presidio Transit Center, 215 Lincoln Boulevard. Please phone 561-3030, ext. 3445, to RSVP and for information.

### Presidio Plant Patrol

Fridays (1—4 PM)

Help eradicate weeds that pose threats to the native biodiversity of Presidio plants and animals. Work sites are in many 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

12/4, 12/5, 1/8, 1/9, 2/5, 2/6 (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. 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. Special programs on 12/4 and 12/5, when volunteers reenact life at the Golden Gate in the wake of Pearl Harbor.

## PROGRAMS

### A Walk in the Forest

12/20 (10 AM—1 PM)

Take a strenuous six-mile walk through the trees that the U.S. Army

planted over 100 years ago with a ranger who will share their history. Bring water and an optional lunch. Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the visitor center located in the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

### Behind the Scenes at Lobos Creek

1/29 (2—3 PM)

Learn how the rich resources of the diverse Lobos Dunes ecosystem healed the sick, fed the hungry, and quenched the thirst of thousands. Free: All ages. Meet Ranger Fatima Colindres at corner of Bowley and Lincoln Blvd., near 25th Avenue Gate at Route 29 bus stop. Space is limited. Reservations required; please call 561-4323.

### Buffalo Soldiers in a "Jim Crow" Army

1/17, 2/21 (1—3 PM)

This tour tells the story of the elite 9th Cavalry, an all African American unit that served here at the Presidio during the "Jim Crow" era of racial segregation. Meet Ranger Rik Penn at the Lombard Gate, corner of Lyon and Lombard Streets for this easy two-mile walk. Reservations required; call 561-4323. &

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

2/5 (11 AM—NOON)

Hear the story of the hardships faced by the third African-American Officer in the U.S. Army. An illustrated presentation. Meet Ranger Will Elder at the visitor center located in the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Ave. &

## Crissy Field Aviation Walk

1/8 (10 AM—NOON)

Explore Crissy Field and learn about its role in early aviation history on this easy, one-mile walk. Meet docent Don Gray at the Warming Hut, at the west end of Mason Street. Reservations required; please call 561-4323. &

## Holiday Lights

12/3 (5:30—6 PM)

Join this annual family tree-lighting event. Reception to follow. Meet at the corner of Lincoln and Halleck, near the Presidio Fire House. &

## Nature Stories Along the Ecology Trail

2/12 (3—4 PM)

It's story time on the Ecology Trail with a park ranger! This walk begins at the Main Post Visitor Center and

ends at the Inspiration Point Overlook. Explore the Presidio's historic forest and enjoy tales of the plants and animals who live there. Meet Ranger Fatima Colindres at the Presidio visitor center located in the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue. Free: All ages; registration required as space is limited. Phone 561-4323.

## Ohlone, The First Stewards

1/8 (1—2:30 PM)

Come for an easy half-mile walk around Crissy Field Marsh to hear about the intimate relationship native Ohlone/Costanoan people had with the San Francisco Peninsula. Join Ranger Eddie Arias for a walk back in time to discover how animals, plants, and landscape were managed well before our recent restoration efforts. Meet in front of the Beach Hut café by the Crissy Field Center, 1199 East Beach. Reservations required; phone 561-4323.

## Pedaling the Presidio

2/20 (1—3 PM)

Cycle through time. Spin your pedals and explore history and scenery on this six-mile, moderately strenuous bicycle ride through the Presidio. Helmet required. Meet Ranger



James Osborne in front of the relocated Crissy Field Center, near East Beach parking lot. Reservations required; please call 561-4323.

## Presidio Birdlife

12/4 (9:30—11:30 AM)

Learn about Presidio birdlife on a moderate one-mile walk. Rain cancels. Meet Ranger Will Elder in front of the relocated Crissy Field Center at East Beach. Reservations required; phone 561-4323. &

## Presidio Love

2/12 (1—2:30 PM)

"Dosvidanya, my beloved!" cried out Concepcion Arguello, to the handsome Nicolai Petrovich Rezanov as he sailed out the Golden Gate on the *Juno*. Hear of the famous romance between the Spanish daughter of Presidio Comandante Arguello and the Grand Chamberlain to Alexander the First of Russia.

Discover the love stories of the Pre-

sidio. Couples welcome! Meet Ranger Eddie Arias at the Presidio Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Ave. Spaces fill quickly, reserve by calling 561-4323.

## Ridge to Bridge Ride

12/12 (10 AM—1 PM)

Experience the best of the Golden Gate as we cycle to the Marin Headlands and back on a 12-mile loop. Helmet required. Meet Ranger James Osborne at the Officers' Club, corner of Moraga Ave. and Arguello Blvd. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

## Shuttle Through Time

12/3, 12/17, 1/7, 1/21, 2/4, 2/25 (11—11:45 AM)

Take the PresidioGo 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. Reserva-

tions required; call 561-4323. &

## Tennessee Hollow Watershed Transformed: What's New?

12/7 (NOON—1 PM)

See the landscape transformation, hear of the archaeological discoveries that are happening at El Polin Springs, and learn about the Briones family who lived at the springs long ago. Meet docent Barbara Corff at the visitor center located in the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue for this easy walk. Reservations required; phone 561-4323.

## The Presidio Rocks

1/22 (1—3 PM)

Learn the 160-million-year story that underlies the Presidio on this two-mile moderately strenuous walk. Wear comfortable shoes and a coat. Meet Ranger Will Elder at Baker Beach north parking lot by Battery Chamberlin. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

## The Presidio's First Commander

12/4 (1—2:30 PM)

Jose Joaquin Moraga, the Presidio's first Comandante, was ordered by the Viceroy of New Spain to build the Presidio of San Francisco in

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1776. Join Ranger Eddie for a stroll of the comandante's headquarters and hear stories of Moraga's work on the Presidio. Meet at the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

## Unsung Heroes

1/30 (NOON—1 PM)

Presidio history has been made by men and women, generals and nurses, planners and protestors, and people from all backgrounds. Hear their stories during an illustrated talk by Ranger James Osborne. Meet at the visitor center located in the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue. &

## Walk Crissy Field and Learn Its History

2/18 (11 AM—12:30 PM)

Come out for an easy two-mile round trip walk on the revitalized Crissy Field Shoreline Promenade. Learn about the people who have lived here and how they cared for the environment, and about the recent restoration of the area.

Meet docent Jeannette Bonifas in front of the Beach Hut next to the Crissy Field Center, 1199 East Beach. Rain cancels. Reservations required; call 561-4323. &

## Winter Solstice Night Walk

12/18, 12/19 (4—7 PM)

Celebrate winter solstice with an evening walk that starts at the Lobos Dunes trailhead and ends with an indoor campfire at the new Rob Hill Campground. You'll hear how different cultures welcome back the sun. At the end you can take the 7 PM PresidioGo shuttle back to your vehicles (free). Meet Ranger Fatima Colindres at corner of Bowley and Lincoln Blvd., near 25th Avenue Gate at Route 29 bus stop. Free: All ages. Space is limited; make required registration by calling 561-4323.

## RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA

Rancho Corral de Tierra will be managed by the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) until December 31, 2010. The goal of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area is to assume management on January 1, 2011. If you would like to access Rancho Corral de Tierra before January 1, please call POST at (650) 854-7696. While visiting Rancho Corral de Tierra, 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 permission.

## PROGRAMS

### A Short Walk Through a Long Story

1/8, 1/29, 2/12 (11 AM—1 PM)

Join Ranger George Durgerian on a short stroll in Rancho Corral de Tierra. Learn how the Peninsula Open Space Trust joined the community to preserve this 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 are required as event details may change; phone (415) 561-4323.

### Ride On Through to the Other Side

1/16, 2/20 (10 AM—12:30 PM)

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

Directions: From Highway 1, turn

east onto Linda Mar Blvd. in Pacifica. Turn right onto Peralta (third stoplight), following it to Rosita. Turn left on Rosita and park 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

### ONGOING

#### Park Stewardship: San Mateo County

Saturdays, 10 AM—1 PM

Become a Park Steward and help restore critical habitat and enhance our trail systems in the national parklands of San Mateo County. Join us for fun and hands-on education—while making a difference! Meeting locations vary; phone (415) 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.

## STINSON BEACH

The beach is open daily for picnics and recreational activities, from 9 AM to shortly after sunset. For updates on hours and latest conditions, phone 868-1922.



## SUTRO HEIGHTS/ SUTRO BATHS

For information, phone 561-4323.

## SWEENEY RIDGE

### The Russians are Coming!

1/16, (NOON—3 PM)

Hear from Nike missile veteran David Bridgman, who 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: [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 (2ND SAT)	
Ocean Beach Cleanup							10 AM–NOON (1ST & 3RD SUN)
<b>Habitats: Restore &amp; Monitor Critical Habitat</b>							
Marin Programs			10 AM–2 PM (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 & 1–4 PM	9 AM–NOON (3RD SUN)
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 (1ST MON)						
Presidio Forestry					9 AM–NOON (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 & 1–4 PM					
<b>Trails: Repair, Construct, &amp; Monitor Trails</b>							
Golden Gate Trail Crew (Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo)						9 AM–NOON (3RD SAT, APR–OCT)	
Presidio Trust Trail Crew		10 AM–1 PM (2ND TUES)					

## THE PERFECT GIFT TO THE PARKS: YOUR TIME

Don't forget to put the Golden Gate National Parks on your gift list this holiday season. Your volunteer time will make the perfect gift. There's no better way to give back to the parks that give us so much during the year!

To learn about the volunteer opportunities 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) 561-3077, 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

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

# GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS

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

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police/Fire/Ambulance ..... 911

## PARK VISITOR CENTERS, BOOKSTORES, AND CAFÉS

Alcatraz Island Bookstores ..... (415) 561-4922  
Alcatraz Ranger Station ..... (415) 561-4900  
Beach Hut at Crissy Field Center ..... (415) 561-7761  
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 Visitor Center ..... (415) 561-4323  
..... TTY (415) 561-4314

## ADDITIONAL HELPFUL NUMBERS

Alcatraz Night Tour ..... (415) 561-4926  
Alcatraz Program Information ..... (415) 561-4900  
Crissy Field Center ..... (415) 561-7690  
Fort Mason Center Information Line ..... (415) 345-7544  
Golden Gate Club ..... (415) 561-2582  
Beach Chalet Visitor Center,  
Golden Gate Park ..... (415) 751-2766  
Habitat Restoration Team ..... (415) 561-4747  
Historic Nike Missile Site ..... (415) 331-1453  
Native Plant Nurseries  
Fort Funston ..... (415) 239-4247  
Marin Headlands ..... (415) 332-5193  
Muir Woods ..... (415) 388-4390  
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.crisseyfield.org](http://www.crisseyfield.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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