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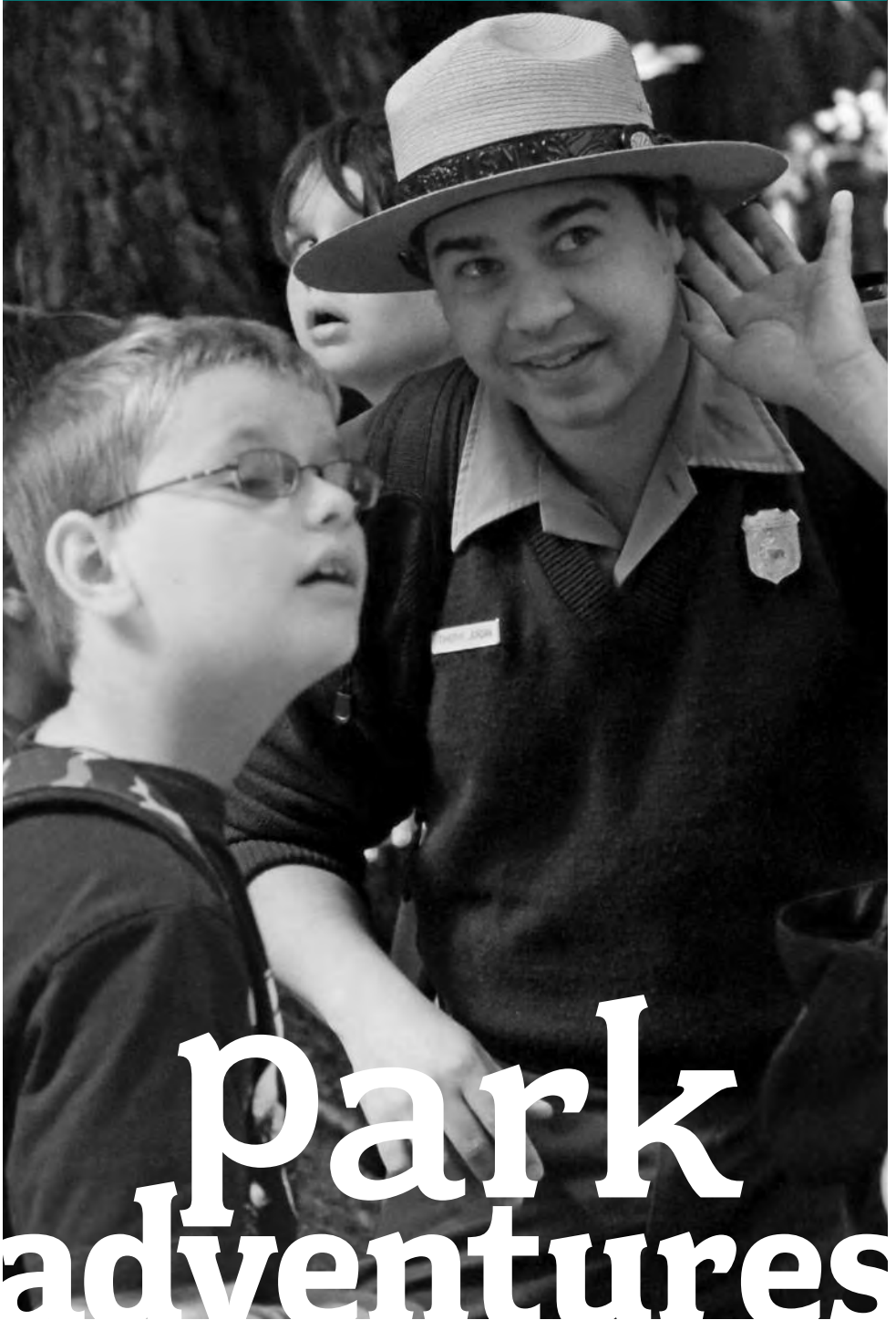
PARKS FOR ALL FOREVER™



WINTER calendar & events

DECEMBER 2011

JANUARY, FEBRUARY 2012



park adventures

COMPASS POINTS

Alcatraz Water Tower Goes Under Wraps During Stabilization Project

Alcatraz's distinctive profile will be slightly different through the coming months as scaffolding and wrappings cover its water tower during a stabilization project. Originally built in 1954, the tower used to hold about 250,000 gallons of water that were barged in to provide drinking water and support the laundry facility operated by prisoners. Over the years, the harsh environment has taken a toll on the structure and it is now covered by rust. The graffiti left during the American Indian Occupation (1969–1971) is now barely visible.

After photo-documentation of the graffiti, the project will remove the tower's rust and old paint, and a brand-new layer of marine grade paint will be applied to the entire structure. In addition, deteriorated steel will be repaired or replaced, including the ladder and railing along the top of the tower. The project is scheduled for completion by March 2012.

Bridge to the Future:

New Suspension Span Takes Shape at Point Bonita

Point Bonita's one-of-a-kind suspension bridge, dating to 1955, is in the process of being replaced. Work began in September 2011 and by spring of 2012, a new suspension bridge, with many of the same characteristics of the current span, will be in place.

During construction, the public can access the Point Bonita Trail and Bridge "plaza" on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:30–3:30 PM. Come see the transformation! For more information, please visit www.nps.gov/goga/pobo.htm.

New Exhibits Open at the Temporary Presidio Visitor Center

The temporary Presidio Visitor Center—located in Bldg. 105 Montgomery, an 1890s soldiers' barracks—is open Thursday through Sunday from 10 AM–4 PM. The National Park Service and the Presidio Trust have introductory displays of the cultural and natural history of the Presidio of San Francisco, which has been one of the Golden Gate National Parks since 1994. The staff can direct you to the many programs, activities, and tenants in the Presidio. Nearby attractions include Fort Point National Historic Site, Crissy Field, Battery Chamberlin, and the Earthquake Refugee cottages.

Planning for a permanent Presidio Visitor Center is underway. For more information, call (415) 561-4323 or visit www.nps.gov/prsf.

PARKS CONSERVANCY MEMBERS HIKING SERIES

WARMING HUT SHOPPING PARTY

Thursday, December 8, 5:30–8 PM

Attend a special after-hours shopping party at the Warming Hut! We'll have pastries, hot chocolate, raffle prizes, and a 20% discount on all merchandise. No RSVP required—just bring your membership card for the discount.

COHO SALMON AND THE REDWOODS

Sunday, January 8, 9 AM–NOON

The coho salmon in Muir Woods constitute the southernmost native population of the species. Take a ranger-led walk through the forest and learn about the unique relationships among salmon, people, and the land on this membership-only event. See "Muir Woods" section for details.

THE SECRET LIFE OF LOBOS CREEK VALLEY

Tuesday, February 7, 10 AM–NOON

Just 200 years ago, Lobos Creek Valley was part of a vast system of rolling sand dunes that covered one-third of San Francisco. This valley was the first major natural restoration project undertaken



after the Presidio became a national park in 1994. Join Presidio Trust Education & Volunteer Manager Damien Raffa for a tour of this restored ecosystem. See "Presidio" 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. To register, call (415) 561-3060 or send an e-mail to 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.

D E S T I N A T I O N

PATHS TO INNER PEACE: NEW TRAILS LURE VISITORS TO MUIR WOODS DURING QUIET SEASON

By Lou Sian
Park Ranger

CONTINUING IN THE TRADITION OF CONSERVATION at Muir Woods National Monument, the Main Trail between the Cross Cut and Pinchot Tree was closed for construction last fall. After the spotted owl nesting season, the National Park Service (NPS) trail crew removed asphalt and rustic fencing to make way for a new boardwalk.

This trail segment, meandering under redwood boughs and a canopy of giant trees 20 stories high, is a particularly beautiful introduction to the old-growth redwood forest. Following Redwood Creek, the new boardwalk will expand into a deck near a California big leaf maple. Here, visitors share cleansing breaths with fragrant bay trees and enjoy the tranquil scene before them.

The grove opens onto a prehistoric landscape of fire-scarred trunks, a jagged snag and fallen tree, and an ancient nurse log. Slanting shafts of light between the redwoods evoke the vintage photographs on a nearby wayside sign that tells the stories of early conserva-



The new "boardwalk" improves visitor access and protects natural resources in Muir Woods. (Photo: Julie Milestone)

tionists. If not for William and Elizabeth Kent, Gifford Pinchot, and Theodore Roosevelt, the old-growth redwoods might have been lost forever.

An ethic of sustainability guides the trail work, which was funded through franchise fees from the Muir Woods Trading Company Gift Shop and Café. The new boardwalk will be built with sustainably harvested, second-growth redwood.

When the section reopens after January 2012, visitors will walk on a dry, fully accessible path above the for-

est floor and have unobstructed views of the redwood trees. With a smaller footprint, the boardwalk will allow proper drainage in winter and the soil beneath to rejuvenate. Best of all, the boardwalk will better protect the redwood roots from compaction.

As John Muir said, "Walk the Sequoia woods at any time of the year and you will say they are the most beautiful and majestic on earth." With the new boardwalk, we'll be able to walk among the giants without stepping on their toes.

D E C E M B E R

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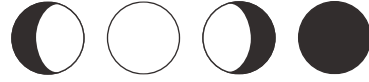
FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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.



Dec. 2

Dec. 10

Dec. 17

Dec. 24

MARIN HEADLANDS

Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay 11 AM–NOON
Battery Townsley Open House NOON–4 PM
Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay 1–2 PM

MORI POINT

Mori Point Meander 1–3:30 PM

MUIR WOODS

Winter Wonderland 9 AM–NOON

PRESIDIO

Presidio Nature Play Days for Families 11 AM–2 PM
The Last Gun: Pearl Harbor 70th Anniversary 11 AM–3 PM

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PRESIDIO

Pedaling the Presidio 1–3 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS

Beginning Birding 9:30–11:30 AM

PRESIDIO

Shuttle Through Time 1:45–3 PM

SWEENEY RIDGE

The Russians are Coming! NOON–3 PM

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

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PRESIDIO
Getting Comfortable with Global Warming NOON–12:45 PM

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

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FORT POINT
Candlelight Tour 6:30–8 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS

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

PRESIDIO

The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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FORT POINT

Candlelight Tour 6:30–8 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS

Home for the Holidays Open House 10 AM–5 PM

Greening of the Headlands 12:30–3 PM

Winter Celebration: Family Night Hike & Campfire 5:30–8 PM

PRESIDIO

Shuttle Through Time 1:45–3 PM

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PRESIDIO

Three Flags of the Presidio 2–3 PM

Winter Solstice Night Walk 6–8 PM

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M indicates Parks Conservancy members event

J A N U A R Y

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MORI POINT
Mori Point Meander
1-3:30 PM

MUIR WOODS
Coho Salmon and the Redwoods **M**
9 AM-NOON

Winter Wonderland
9 AM-NOON

PRESIDIO
The Last Gun
11 AM-3 PM

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MARIN HEADLANDS
Beginning Birding
9:30-11:30 AM

MILAGRA RIDGE
Of Bombs and Butterflies
NOON-2 PM

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AT MULTIPLE SITES
National Day of Service/
MLK Jr. Day

Teens on Trails
9:30 AM-12:30 PM

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PRESIDIO
Unsung Heroes
NOON-1 PM

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

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MUIR WOODS
Evening in
Muir Woods
4:30-6:30 PM

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PRESIDIO
Shuttle
Through Time
10:45-11:45 AM

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FORT POINT
Fort Point Civil War Days
10 AM-5 PM

MUIR WOODS
Muir Woods Earth Day
8:30 AM-1 PM

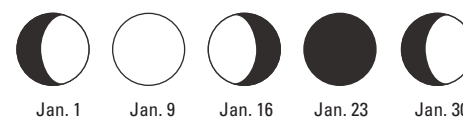
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Great Scott!
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Jan. 1

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F E B R U A R Y

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Feb. 7

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Feb. 29

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FORT POINT

Candlelight Tour
6:30–8 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS

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

PRESIDIO

The Last Gun
11 AM–3 PM

Nature Stories Along the Ecology Trail
2–3 PM

MARIN HEADLANDS

Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay
11 AM–NOON

Battery Townsley Open House
NOON–4 PM

Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay
1–2 PM

Fort Baker Book Signing 4–5:30 PM

MORI POINT

Mori Point Meander 1–3:30 PM

PRESIDIO The Last Gun 11 AM–3 PM

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PRESIDIO

The Secret Life of Lobos Creek Valley 
10 AM–NOON

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FORT BAKER

Historic Fort Baker Tour 1–2 PM

FORT POINT

Candlelight Tour 6:30–8 PM

PRESIDIO

Three Flags of the Presidio 2–3 PM

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PRESIDIO

The Sustainable Presidio Park

1–3 PM

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FORT BAKER

Fort Baker Revealed

1–3 PM

FORT POINT

Candlelight Tour

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MUIR WOODS

Gravity Car Hike

9 AM–NOON

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PRESIDIO

Shuttle Through Time

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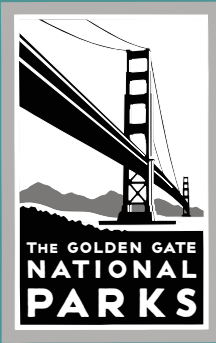
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MUIR WOODS

Evening in Muir Woods

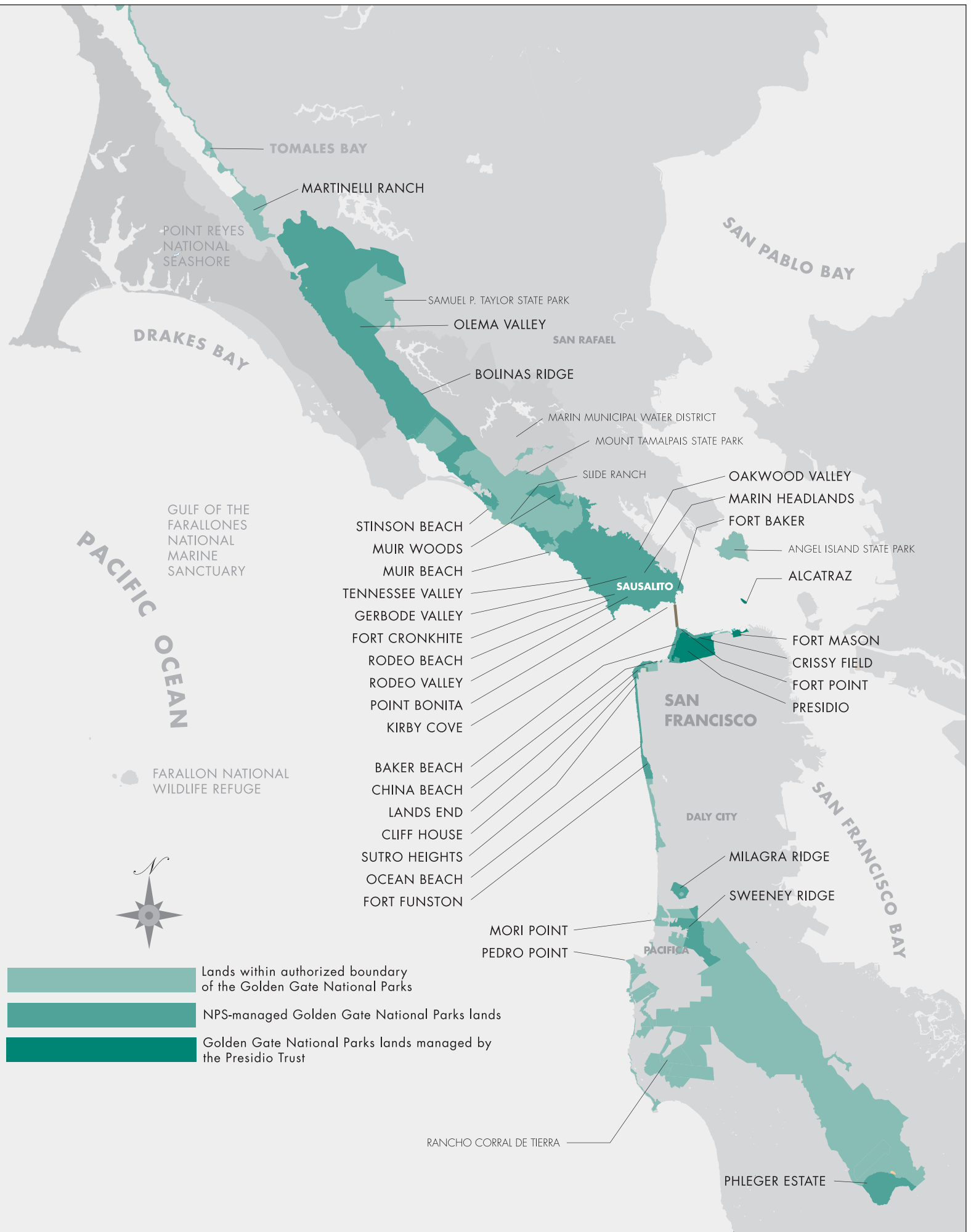
4:30–6:30 PM

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

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



PARK EVENTS

AT MULTIPLE SITES

ONGOING

GOGA Maintenance

▫ **Fort Mason**
Tuesdays, 9 AM—NOON

▫ **Sutro Heights**
Wednesdays, 9 AM—NOON

▫ **Presidio**
Thursdays and Saturdays,
9 AM—NOON

▫ **Ocean Beach**
First and third Fridays,
9 AM—NOON

Help keep the San Francisco shoreline beautiful! Volunteers are needed to help keep these popular public destinations well maintained. Projects include litter removal, weeding invasive plants, vegetation pruning, sand removal, painting, site improvements, and trail maintenance.

Project locations encompass historic and scenic sites such as Fort Mason, East Beach, Crissy Airfield, Golden Gate Promenade, West Bluffs, historic batteries along the Coastal Bluffs, Baker Beach, China Beach, Lobos Creek, Ocean Beach, and Sutro Heights.

For more information, call 447-9743 or e-mail laura_elze@nps.gov. For

additional dates and meeting locations, call the recorded hotline at 447-9376.

Golden Gate Trail Crew

Group programs
(November—March)

Join the Trails Forever Team and our Golden Gate trail crew! Although drop-in programs only run from April to October, you can still bring your group out to help repair, maintain, and enhance trails, and protect sensitive natural habitat throughout the Golden Gate National Parks. To arrange your group outing, contact us at 561-3044 or volunteer@parksconservancy.org, or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer for more information.

The Presidio Trail Crew drop-in day still occurs 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 engages community members in the management and enhancement of the Golden Gate National Parks. Volunteers and staff meet weekly to restore the parks' habitat by removing invasive plants, transplanting natives (a key winter activity), and

seed collecting. 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 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

Make a Mark in Your Parks:

Help Plant During Planting Season (November—February)

This winter, we have over 200,000 native plants to get into the ground, so we need your energy and enthusiasm! Our Native Plant Nurseries have been especially busy this year, and their plants will help restore vital ecosystems throughout the Golden Gate National Parks.

Because our restoration projects depend on natural rainfall to water these plants, volunteers are needed during the rainy season to give them the best chance for survival. To help with this important work—and to leave your own “green” legacy in our parklands—contact us by calling 561-3044, e-mailing volunteer@parksconservancy.org, or visiting www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer.

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 park sites. Work days include a combination of hands-on service and natural or cultural history lessons. For schedule details, contact us at 561-3044, volunteer@parksconservancy.org, or visit 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.

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.

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

PROGRAMS

National Day of Service/ MLK Jr. Day 1/16

Honor Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy of service by giving back to your community through volunteerism in our national parks!

Make your day off a “day on” and help grow our national parklands. We will have projects parkwide, in Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties. Activities will include trail maintenance, planting, habitat restoration, and beach cleanups.

To learn more, visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer, call 561-3077, or e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org.

Teens on Trails

▫ **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
1/16 (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

▫ **Lunar New Year**
1/23 (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

▫ **Presidents Day**
2/20 (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

Spend your day off 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 club and help do trail

maintenance and habitat restoration along scenic trails in the park. For project locations and details, contact us at 561-3068 or volunteer@parksconservancy.org, or visit 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 cellhouse audio tour.

A captioned video introduction to Alcatraz history is shown every 30 minutes in the island theater. Additional exhibits and other historic items are located in the museum store 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 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.

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.

▫ 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 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.

ONGOING

Alcatraz Historic Gardens

The historic gardens—once created by military and federal prison staff, families, and inmates on San Francisco's Alcatraz Island—have been 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—2 PM)

▫ 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.

▫ 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 for application and details. Please note registration is required.

Alcatraz Junior Rangers

Young people between the ages of 6 and 12 can become Alcatraz Junior Rangers. Booklets are free and available in the Dock Office.

Those who complete the booklet receive a Junior Ranger Badge.

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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.

For more information, visit www.parksconservancy.org. Buy boat tickets well in advance, as they sell out quickly.

For tickets, visit www.alcatrazcruises.com or phone 981-ROCK for ticket reservations. For program information, phone 561-4926.

Audio Tour

An award-winning audio tour of the cellhouse is included in the price of the ferry ticket. Listen to the voices of inmates, guards, and their families as they tell their stories of living and growing up on the island.

Author Programs

The cellhouse store hosts authors who have written about their experience on the island. Authors include former inmates, guards, and family members who grew up on the Rock, as well as historians who have researched the island's history. The program gives visitors an opportunity to meet these writers.

Daily Programs

National park rangers and volunteers present 15-minute talks and guided one-hour tours when staffing permits.

Typical programs include "Famous Inmates," "Great Escapes," "Birds of Alcatraz," "Alcatraz in Hollywood," and "Al Capone." Check the program board at the dock for times and locations. No reservations necessary.

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.

CLIFF HOUSE

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

CRISSY FIELD

ONGOING

Crissy Field Mystery Trail Challenge

Available every day, 9 AM—4 PM

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

Seaside sleuths! Get down to the Warming Hut, near the fishing pier at the west end of Crissy Field. There, pick up a booklet that directs you down the Mystery Trail in search of the first clue. There are nine secret plaques hidden along a one-mile trail—can you find them all? A prize awaits you if you can! Free. For groups of 20 or more, please call 561-7765 to register and to ensure that supplies are available.

PROGRAM

Crissy Field Aviation Walk

1/14 (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. Reservations required; call 561-4323. ☺

CRISSY FIELD CENTER

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

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

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 weekend workshops for youth and families and seasonal events. For registration and other information, call 561-7765 or visit our website www.crissyfieldcenter.org.



PARK EVENTS



FORT BAKER

Fort Baker Revealed

2/25 (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, corner of Center and New Breitung roads. Reservations required. Phone 331-1540.

Historic Fort Baker Tour

1/7, 2/11 (1—2 PM)

Come visit Fort Baker's historic Colonial Revival buildings and learn how this 1905 army post represented an improved standard of living

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

FORT FUNSTON

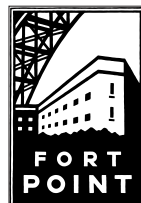
Fort Funston Nursery and Stewardship

Saturdays (9:30 AM—12:30 PM)

The Fort Funston Nursery, one of five native plant nurseries in the park, grows 25,000 plants per year. The Green Team volunteers partici-

pate in seed collection, propagation, transplanting, pruning, weeding, and outplanting. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP is requested; phone 239-4247 for information, registration, and directions.

FORT 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.

ONGOING

"Building the Golden Gate Bridge"

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

Cannon Loading Demonstrations

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

"Fort Point, Guardian of the Golden Gate"

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

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

PROGRAMS

Candlelight Tour

12/3, 12/10, 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 2/4, 2/11, 2/25 (6:30—8 PM)

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

Fort Point Civil War Days

1/28 (10 AM—5 PM)

Join the American Civil War Association, as part of the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War 2011-2015 commemoration, as they bring Fort Point to life with music, marching, and the colorful uniforms of Civil War soldiers.

Talks and demonstrations are held throughout the day. For information, call 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. Activities include weeding, watering, seed collection, litter removal, sign and fence maintenance, and winter planting. Appropriate for adults, families, and youth ages 14 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary; phone 730-6379 for more information.

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 navigate the sands of Rodeo Beach by using a sand wheel-chair

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(purchased with the help of a Whale Tale Grant from the California Coastal Commission). The chair is available for free, and can be checked out by reservation at the Visitor Center; 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.

ONGOING

Battery Townsley Open House

12/4, 2/5 (NOON—4 PM)

Open the first Sunday of each month with the exception of January. From 1940 to 1948, Battery Townsley at Fort Cronkhite mounted two massive battleship guns and housed more than 100 soldiers.

Long closed to public access, Battery Townsley has been refurbished and the public is invited to visit and explore this labyrinthine fortification. Battery Townsley is reached via a moderately strenuous hike up the Coastal Trail approximately half-mile north of the Rodeo Beach parking lot. For further assistance to the site, call 331-1540. ☺



Headlands Institute Family Programs

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 in all seasons while you learn more about nature and get ideas about how your family can help care for the environment. Register online at: www.headlandsinstitute.org/family. For more information, call 331-1548.

Marin Headlands Hostel Environmental Programs

Hostelling International's Golden Gate Council Marin Headlands hostel offers an affordable outdoor en-

vironmental education program for youth ages 6-18, as well as a similar program tailored to adults. Please call 863-1444 for more details.

Marin Headlands Junior Rangers

Calling all Junior Rangers! A fun opportunity for young people, ages 8 to 12, to explore the Marin Headlands is now available free from the Visitor Center. Pick up your booklet and take the day to learn the area's fascinating stories. Become a Marin Headlands Junior Ranger on your next visit.

Marin Headlands Nursery

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

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

The dedication and support of our volunteers are vital in the effort to grow plants, collect seeds, maintain the facility, and more. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 11 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). RSVP requested; phone 332-5193 for information.

Marine Mammal Center

Open daily (10 AM—5 PM)

Visit a living, breathing, animal hospital! Learn about marine mammals and their ocean home, watch veterinary staff and volunteers at work, and view patients from the observation deck. Docent-led tours highly recommended (small fee applies). For more information, visit www.marinemammalcenter.org/visiting-us.

Nike Missile Site Open House

12/3, 1/7, 2/4 (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. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/goga/nike-missile-site.htm.

Point Bonita Lighthouse

Open Saturdays and Sundays (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 to the lighthouse is closed until spring 2012.

There will also be road construction work in progress in the Headlands. For more information on road closures and delays, please visit www.projecttheadlands.gov. During open hours you will be able to access the area up to the east side of the suspension bridge.

For more information on how road and bridge work will affect visitation to the lighthouse, phone 331-1540 or visit the Lighthouse site at www.nps.gov/goga/pobo.htm. Please note the Point Bonita Lighthouse will not be open Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 2011.

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Tennessee Valley Native Plant Nursery and Stewardship

Tuesdays (10 AM—NOON, 1—4 PM)

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

PROGRAMS

Beginning Birding

12/18, 1/15, 2/12 (9:30—11:30 AM)

Just like people, there are "snowbirds" in the avian world and the Marin Headlands is one of the spots to which they flock during winter. Join docent Jane Haley on an easy walk to discover our winter residents and visitors.

Meet at Marin Headlands Visitor Center. Bring field guides and binoculars. Appropriate for ages 8 and older. No dogs. Rain cancels. For reservations call 331-1540.

Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay

12/4, 2/5 (1—2 PM)

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

Join docent Warren Riley for an illustrated presentation of the Coastal Defenses of San Francisco Bay (1850 to 1950). For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Fort Baker Book Signing

2/5 (4—5:30 PM)

Learn the fascinating stories of Fort Baker and celebrate the publication of the new book, *Fort Baker*, with historian John Martini and NPS architectural historian Kristin Baron. Reception, slideshow, and booksigning at Marin Headlands Visitor Center.

Greening of the Headlands

12/10 (12:30—3 PM)

For centuries, people have listened to music and decorated their homes with greenery during winter's dark days. 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.

Home for the Holidays Open House

12/10 (10 AM—5 PM)

Share the season with our animal patients at the Marine Mammal Center. Enjoy FREE docent-led tours, fun activities for children, lively programs in the classroom, photo-opportunities with Frannie the Fur Seal, and more! Also, find unique gifts at the store! Free ad-

mission. For details, visit www.marinemammalcenter.org/visiting-us.

Lighthouses of San Francisco Bay

12/4, 2/5 (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.

Join docent Warren Riley for an illustrated talk inside the Marin Headlands Visitor Center. For reservations, phone 331-1540.

Winter Celebration: Family Night Hike & Campfire

12/10 (5:30—8 PM)

Gather your friends and family for a night hike in celebration of the Winter Solstice and learn about traditional solstice celebrations from around the world.

Then gather 'round the campfire for quality time with your favorite friends and family, sing songs, and

get silly as you roast s'mores by moonlight.

All ages are welcome. To register visit www.headlandsinstitute.org/family.

MILAGRA RIDGE

Of Bombs and Butterflies

1/15 (NOON—2 PM)

Enjoy an easy, two-mile stroll with Nike Missile 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. Reservations recommended; call (415) 561-4323.

MORI POINT

Mori Point Meander

12/4, 1/8, 2/5 (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 California red-legged frog and the San Francisco garter snake. Moderate. Leashed dogs welcome.

Gather at the gate at the south end of Bradford Way (near the Moose Lodge) in Pacifica. Reservations recommended; call (415) 561-4323.

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Coho Salmon and the Redwoods 1/8 (9 AM—NOON)



The coho salmon in Muir Woods constitute the southernmost native population that has never been stocked or re-introduced. Living in near-pristine conditions—only four percent of the watershed is occupied by residences—this ancient lineage should have the best chance of survival.

Enjoy a ranger-led walk through the primeval forest and learn about the relationship among fish, people, and the land on this members-only event that is part of a yearlong celebration of the 2012 Species of the Year: coho salmon. To learn more about this endangered fish, visit www.sfnps.org/species.

Moderate, three-mile walk. Bring water and a light snack. Heavy rain cancels.

Free. Required registration deadline: January 2.

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

Information for Salmon Seekers!

Winter is salmon spawning season at Muir Woods. Check the hotline at 388-2595 or our website www.nps.gov/muwo 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. The coho is our 2012 Species of the Year; for details visit www.sfnps.org/species.

MUIR WOODS/ MUIR BEACH

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

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

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

ONGOING

Daily Programs

Rangers and volunteers present 15-minute 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.

Forest Discovery Quest

Muir Woods National Monument offers a fun, 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 booklet is free and available in our Visitor Center, at the information table, or online.

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 at www.nps.gov/muwo/forkids/beajuniorranger.htm.

Park Stewardship: Marin

Saturdays (10 AM—1 PM)

Become a park steward and help restore critical habitat and enhance

trails at key sites in Marin, such as Redwood Creek at Muir Beach, Dias Ridge, Oakwood Valley, Wolfback Ridge, and more.

Join us for outdoor fun and hands-on education, while making a real difference in your national parks!

Meeting locations vary; phone 561-3044 or e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org, or visit 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.

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PROGRAMS

Evening in Muir Woods

1/24, 2/28 (4:30—6:30 PM)

As the sun sets below the Dipsea Ridge and Muir Woods transitions from day to night, come see and hear the subtle changes of an ancient redwood forest. Travel slowly through the woods on this easy walk in search of the sounds of nature.

Bring flashlight, dress in layers and sturdy shoes. Adults of all abilities welcome. Reservations required; phone 388-2596.

Gravity Car Hike

2/25 (9 AM—NOON)

The current automobile entrance to Muir Woods was established in 1918. If Muir Woods was established as a

National Monument in 1908, how did most visitors enter the park during the first decade?

Track history with docent Evelyn Rose and embark on a moderate round-trip hike that will trace the lower reaches of the Mount Tamalpais and Muir Woods Railway. Passengers either arrived by train or on the thrilling "Gravity Car."

Hike begins at the Muir Woods Visitor Center. Group limited to 15. Reservations required; phone 388-2596.

Muir Woods Earth Day

1/28 (8:30 AM—1 PM)

Every day is Earth Day in Muir Woods and we celebrate in the winter, planting and weeding in the Redwood Creek Watershed. Volun-

teer to help our native plant nursery in restoration work throughout the watershed!

Registration begins at 8 AM. Thank-you lunch provided. Individuals and groups welcome; call 561-3077 or e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org for more information or to sign up.

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 and events include the making of solstice crowns; a stage performance of songs, stories, and puppetry; and walking the trails of Muir Woods lit by luminaria. No reservations required. Free.

Daytime activities between 3—5 PM. Activities in honor of the longest night of the year between 5:30—8 PM. This evening can be dark and chilly; we ask visitors to bring a flashlight and to dress warmly (layers/blankets). For details, visit www.nps.gov/muwo, or call 388-2595 as the date approaches.

Winter Wonderland

12/4, 1/8, 2/19 (9 AM—NOON)

Discover the wonder of an old-growth redwood forest in winter on this leisurely walk on the Fern Creek and Alice Eastwood trails.

Look for salmon, mushroom displays, winter wildflowers, waterfalls, and more!

Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes as the trails are steep and may be muddy.

Bring water and a snack. Entry fees apply. For information and reservations, call 388-2596.

OCEAN BEACH

Keep Our Beaches Beautiful

Third Saturdays (10 AM—NOON)

The "Keep Our Beaches Beautiful" program is an easy, team-building project that takes only a few hours and contributes back to your community.

Your help is needed now more than ever, and this program helps wildlife habitat both locally and globally.

For exact meeting location on Ocean Beach and full details, e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org or call 561-4751.

PRESIDIO



The Presidio Visitor Center is closed due to renovation of the Officers' Club, 50 Moraga Avenue (Main Post). A temporary visitor center is open at 105 Montgomery

Street (at Lincoln), Thursday to Sunday, 10 AM to 4 PM.

For more information, call (415) 561-4323 or visit www.nps.gov/prsf.

ONGOING

Park Stewardship: San Francisco

Thursdays and Saturdays (1—4 PM)

Help restore unique San Francisco coastal habitat and enhance our trail systems along the Coastal Bluffs in the Presidio. Come plant this winter!

Appropriate for adults, families, and youth ages 14 and up (chaperones are suggested for youth under age 18). Meeting locations vary; phone 730-6379.



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The Secret Life of Lobos Creek Valley

2/7 (10 AM—NOON)

Just 200 years ago, Lobos Creek Valley was part of a vast system of sand dunes covering one-third of San Francisco. Lobos Creek, fueled by rains and gathering water from the Inner Richmond District, provided water for early inhabitants of urban San Francisco. This valley was the first major natural restoration project undertaken after the Presidio became a national park in 1994. The creek still runs year-round, and provides most of the water used by Presidio residents, tenants, and employees.

Join Presidio Trust Education & Volunteer Manager Damien Raffa for a tour of this restored ecosystem—a broad expanse of rolling dunes covered with native plants, including the threatened San Francisco lessingia, and home to many animals. A visit here offers a glimpse of San Francisco as it was before a city grew here—an outdoor “natural museum!”

Free. **Required registration deadline: January 30.**

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

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 through weeding, mulching, and other stewardship activities. A great way to meet others who love the Presidio forest! For details: 561-5333 or volunteer@presidiotrust.gov.

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, 1244 Appleton Street, San Francisco. For more information, call 561-4826.

Presidio Park Stewards

Sundays (10 AM—1 PM)
Wednesdays and Saturdays
(9 AM—NOON)

Help enhance rare native plant habi-

tat 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 Presidio Transit Center, 215 Lincoln Blvd, 10 minutes before start time. Phone 561-3044 to RSVP and for details.

Presidio Plant Patrol

Fridays (1—4 PM)

Help eradicate noxious weeds that pose threats to the native biodiversity of Presidio plants and animals. Appropriate for adults and youth ages 10 and up (chaperones suggested for youth under age 18). Meet at Presidio Transit Center, 215 Lincoln Blvd, at 12:50 PM. RSVP requested; phone 561-3044.

The Last Gun

12/3, 12/4, 1/7, 1/8, 2/4, 2/5
(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 also on display.

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.


On December 4, join us for a commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack.

PROGRAMS

Getting Comfortable with Global Warming

12/9 (NOON—12:45 PM)

What emotional state are you in about global warming? Shock, denial, anger? Or acceptance and readiness for action? Bring a brown bag lunch and help move through the grieving process towards action.

Meet Ranger Will Elder at the visitor center, 105 Montgomery St. at Lincoln Blvd. Reservations required; call 561-4323. 

Great Scott!

1/28, 2/18 (1—2:30 PM)

Explore Fort Winfield Scott, the post-within-a-post once described as “the most beautifully located army post in the country,” on an easy 1.5-mile walk. Wear layered

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clothing. Meet Ranger Jose Roldan at the corner of Storey Rd. and Lincoln Blvd.

Reservations required; please call 561-4323.

Lobos Creek Walkabout

1/7 (2—3 PM)

The Lobos Dunes are a hidden treasure, a place of natural diversity used and valued in different ways by different cultures throughout time. Learn how this diverse ecosystem healed the sick, fed the hungry, and quenched the thirst of thousands.



Meet at the Lobos Dunes parking lot. Free. All ages, families encouraged. Space is extremely limited; registration required at 561-4323.

Nature Stories Along the Ecology Trail

2/4 (2—3 PM)

It’s story time on the Ecology Trail with a national park ranger! This walk begins at the corner of Funston and Moraga Avenue and ends at the Inspiration Point Overlook. Explore the natural world within the Presidio’s historic forest as you enjoy tales about the plants and animals that live there.

Meet at the corner of Funston and Moraga Avenue in the Presidio Main Post. Free. All ages. Space is limited; registration required at 561-4323.

Pedaling the Presidio


12/11 (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 at the Crissy Field Center Plaza at 1199 East Beach, Presidio. Reservations required; call 561-4323.

Presidio Birdlife

1/21 (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 Crissy Field East Beach restrooms, by the wind sock. Reservations required, so call 561-4323. 


Presidio Nature Play Days for Families

12/4, 2/18 (11 AM—2 PM)

Flowers, pine cones, leaves, stones, branches, bark, and other wonders of nature are the inspiration and the materials for this day of spontaneous collaborative artistic expression. Join in, get creative, and have fun while appreciating and honoring nature. Bring snacks or a picnic lunch! Meet at Rob Hill Campground. Please RSVP to nature@presidiotrust.gov.


Shuttle Through Time

12/2, 12/16, 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24 (10:45—11:45 AM), 12/10, 12/18, 2/12, 2/26 (1:45—3 PM)

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. 

The Sustainable

Presidio Park 2/19 (1—3 PM)

How do we make the Presidio a sustainable national park? What does sustainability mean? Why couldn’t the Army sustain a base here in perpetuity? We may ask more questions than we answer on this level, two-mile walk around the heart of the Presidio, but we’ll sure have fun! Meet Ranger James Osborne at the visitor center, 105 Montgomery St. at Lincoln. 


Three Flags of the Presidio

12/17, 2/11 (2—3 PM)

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.

Unsung Heroes

1/22 (NOON—1 PM)

Presidio history has been made by men and women; generals and nurses; planners and protesters; and people of all backgrounds. See them and hear their stories in an illustrated talk by Ranger James Osborne. Meet him at the visitor center, 105 Montgomery St. at Lincoln Blvd. 

Winter Solstice Night Walk

12/17 (6—8 PM)

What is Winter Solstice? Come and find out on this family-friendly storytelling evening walk that starts at Rob Hill and ends with a campfire in the Rob Hill Campground. You’ll hear stories from many cultures about the ways people have welcomed back the sun. Meet at Rob Hill Campground. Free. All ages. Space is limited, so registration required at 561-4323.

SWEENEY RIDGE



The Russians Are Coming!

12/18, 2/19

(NOON—3 PM)

How did fear of the Russians shape Sweeney Ridge? Nike Missile veteran David Bridgman

will show you how 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 continue to the trailhead. Leashed pets welcome. Reservations requested; phone (415) 561-4323.

PARK PARTNERS



GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVANCY

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



THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The National Park Service (NPS) manages the Golden Gate National Parks, as well as 394 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 parklands and to provide for their enjoyment by future generations. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/goga, or phone (415) 561-4700.



THE PRESIDIO TRUST

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

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. 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 education programs, and more. As a Parks Conservancy member, you'll enjoy special benefits and discover the best the parks have to offer!

There are three easy ways to join:

Phone: (415) 561-3060

E-mail: membership@parksconservancy.org

Online: www.parksconservancy.org/membership

WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

PROGRAM	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Beaches: Cleanups & Maintenance							
Ocean Beach Cleanup						10 AM-NOON (3RD SAT)	
Habitats: Restore & Monitor Critical Habitat							
Marin Programs			10 AM-2:30 PM			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	10 AM-1 PM
San Mateo Programs						10 AM-1 PM	
Landscapes & Historic Sites: Groundskeeping & Site Restoration							
Alcatraz Gardens*			8:30 AM-12:30 PM		8:30 AM-12:30 PM		
Presidio Forestry					9 AM-NOON (1ST & 2ND FRI)		
GOGA Maintenance		9 AM-NOON	9 AM-NOON	9 AM-NOON	9 AM-NOON (1ST & 3RD FRI)	9 AM-NOON	
Plant Nurseries: Grow & Care for Plants							
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					
Trails: Repair, Construct, & Monitor Trails							
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)					

RAINY DAYS MAKE PERFECT PLANTING DAYS

Because our restoration sites rely on Mother Nature to water the newly planted native plants, winter is planting season in the Golden Gate National Parks. Break out of the gray blahs of the season by helping our parks!

Many of our weekly volunteer programs are drop-in opportunities, so it's easy to get started! To learn about programs listed to the left, see the site-specific pages of this book, or visit www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer. Though most opportunities are drop-in, we recommend phoning ahead, as meeting locations, times, and projects may vary. For information, call (415) 561-3044, or e-mail 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, parkwide effort of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the National Park Service, and the Presidio Trust.

* Registration required
**Group programs available for Nov. to March.
Contact us for details.

For registration and more information, call (415) 561-3044 or e-mail volunteer@parksconservancy.org

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARKS

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

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police/Fire/Ambulance..... 911

PARK VISITOR CENTERS, BOOKSTORES, AND CAFÉS

Alcatraz Island Bookstores..... (415) 561-4922
Alcatraz Ranger Station (415) 561-4900
Beach Hut at Crissy Field Center.. (415) 561-7761
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 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) 561-3044
San Francisco Maritime
National Historical Park Museum . (415) 561-7100
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