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**VOLUNTEER DAYS**

Volunteer days offer hands-on land stewardship experience. We provide a forum for the community to help us take care of the parks and preserves that we all enjoy. Opportunities include habitat restoration, trail improvement, litter pick-up, and landscape maintenance. Though the work varies in physical demand, a variety of activities are available for all ages and abilities. We provide water, gloves, tools, and training. Bring snacks or a lunch, sun block, a hat, and a refillable water container. Wear sturdy shoes and layered clothes.

**Friday, September 4. 10am to 2pm**

***Kent Island Restoration***

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**Saturday, September 12. 9am to 12pm**

***Aramburu Island Enhancement***

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with our friends at Audubon to help them in the enhancement process. Transportation to the island from the meeting place requires a 10-minute motor boat ride. Volunteer work is mildly strenuous and involves bending, pulling, and kneeling. This work is recommended for ages 12 and up; anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Please bring gloves if you have them. Snacks will be provided. RSVP required; due to the capacity of the boat, space is limited to 12 volunteers. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Kirk Schroeder at [KSchroeder@marincounty.org](mailto:KSchroeder@marincounty.org) or (415) 763-2977. Meet at 36 Harbor Cove Way (near the Strawberry Public Dock). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the exit for Tiburon Blvd (Hwy 131) east .8 miles. Turn right onto E. Strawberry Dr .4 miles. Turn left onto Harbor Cove Way. 36 Harbor Cove Way is on the right.

### **Saturday, September 12. 9am to 12pm**

#### ***Broom Buster Work Day***

Old St. Hilary's Open Space Preserve has a friend in the Broom Buster team, a loyal group of volunteers who have worked together to remove French broom on the preserve for over 15 years. In that time, incredible progress has been made to suppress the broom regrowth and allow native species to recover and thrive. Come learn about the importance of invasive species removal and lend a hand! Volunteer work is mildly strenuous and involves bending, pulling, and kneeling. It is possible for volunteers as young as 5 years old to join if teamed with a parent or guardian. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Rubber boots come in handy, but are not necessary. Snacks and extra water will be provided. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 473-7191 to get an update on fire danger status and land closures. If a "Red Flag" warning is in effect, all walks and events on Open Space District preserves are cancelled. Questions: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Greg Reza at [GReza@marincounty.org](mailto:GReza@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-3778. Meet at the Tiburon Peninsula Club parking lot in Tiburon (1600 Mar West St). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the exit for Tiburon Blvd (Hwy 131) east 4 miles. Turn left onto Mar West St; the parking lot is on the right.

### **Saturday, September 19.**

#### ***California Coastal Cleanup Day***

Join our county's premier volunteer event focused on the marine environment and its watersheds. Marin County Parks will be picking up litter and recyclables at a variety of locations including the Mill Valley/Sausalito Multiuse Path, McInnis Park, Hal Brown Park at Creekside, and Kent Island in Bolinas Lagoon. For a full list of California Coastal Cleanup Day opportunities, times, and other details for each site, please visit [California Coastal Commission](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html) at <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html>. All skill levels are welcome and no previous experience is necessary. All ages are welcome; anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Please bring gloves if you have them. Snacks and extra water will be provided. Questions: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Greg Reza at [GReza@marincounty.org](mailto:GReza@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-3778. Park entrances are free.

### **Saturday, September 26. 9am to 12pm**

#### ***Creekside Restoration with Save The Bay***

Join Marin County Parks and Save The Bay staff to learn about the history of San Francisco Bay and Creekside Marsh, and be a part of a community-based effort to enrich important habitat areas of Hal Brown Park! Volunteer work is mildly strenuous and involves bending, pulling, kneeling, and hiking on steep and uneven terrain. It is possible for volunteers as young as 5 years old to join if teamed with a parent or guardian. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Pre-registration is required. To register, or for additional information visit [savesfbay](http://www.savesfbay.org). Meet across from Marin General Hospital at Hal Brown Park at Creekside. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 1.2 miles. Turn left onto Bon Air Rd and follow 0.3 miles. The park is on the right.

## **Friday, October 2. 10am to 2pm**

### ***Kent Island Restoration***

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## **Saturday, October 3. 9am to 12pm**

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## **Saturday, October 3. 10am to 2pm**

### ***Yoga in the Park***

This fun-filled, dynamic event offers a great way to get active while giving to a wonderful park, and giving to yourself! This is a [Healthy Parks, Healthy People](#) event. We'll begin with service projects that will focus on beach clean-up, landscape maintenance, and habitat restoration. At noon we'll switch gears and enjoy a 45 minute yoga class on a flat grassy area beside the bay. The class will be led by professional yoga teacher Daniel Rauck and will be suitable for all ages and ability levels. A free, healthy lunch will be provided at 1pm. All skill levels are welcome and no previous experience is necessary. All ages are welcome; anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Snacks and extra water will be provided. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. In the event of heavy rain and/or high winds call (415) 763-2977 to find out about event status. In the event of cancellation, program will be rescheduled. Questions: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Kirk Schroeder at [KSchroeder@marincounty.org](mailto:KSchroeder@marincounty.org) or (415) 763-2977. Park entrance fee is waived for participants. Meet at the snack bar in McNears Beach Park in San Rafael (201 Cantera Way). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Central San Rafael east. Take 2nd St east, which merges into 3rd St, and then turns into Point San Pedro Rd. Follow Point San Pedro Rd for 3.6 miles, turn right at Cantera Way, and follow to the large parking lot at the end.

## **Saturday, October 10. 11am to 2pm**

### ***Annual Volunteer Recognition Picnic***

Marin County Parks wants to thank our dedicated and valuable volunteers. Bring your family to McNears Beach Park for a late summer picnic and fun activities. Enjoy music, entertainment, and a delicious meal prepared by

staff. Feel free to bring a favorite dish to share. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Space is limited, so RSVP to save a spot! Questions or to RSVP contact Volunteer Coordinator Greg Reza at [GReza@marincounty.org](mailto:GReza@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-3778. Park entrance fee is waived for participants. Meet at the South Shore picnic area in McNears Beach Park in San Rafael (201 Cantera Way). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Central San Rafael east. Take 2nd St east, which merges into 3rd St, and then turns into Point San Pedro Rd. Follow Point San Pedro Rd for 3.6 miles, turn right at Cantera Way, and follow to the large parking lot at the end (park in south end of lot).

**Saturday, October 17. 9am to 12pm**

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**Saturday, October 31. 10am to 1pm**

***Ring Mountain Restoration: Trail Repair***

Join us for our monthly volunteer workday as we focus on restoring the grasslands of Ring Mountain! This Halloween, we will spend a few hours "treating" our trails to some much-needed repair work. Keeping our trails in good shape is an important part of protecting Ring Mountain's sensitive grassland habitat. Many rare plants grow along the trails, and by repairing trail tread and keeping water off the trail, we reduce the chance that people will need to walk off the trail to avoid muddy or difficult areas. No previous trail experience is necessary. Costumes are encouraged and spooky tales of bats, owls, and other wild creatures of the night are welcome! This work requires moderate strength and stamina, including working with heavy tools and hiking on steep and uneven terrain. This work is recommended for ages 12 and up; anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water.

In the event of heavy rain and/or high winds call (415) 473-3778 to find out about event status. In the event of cancellation, program will be rescheduled. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Greg Reza at [GReza@marinocounty.org](mailto:GReza@marinocounty.org) or (415) 473-3778. Meet at the Phyllis Ellman trailhead on Paradise Dr in Corte Madera. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Corte Madera, take the exit for Tamalpais Dr east. Go straight onto San Clemente, which merges into Paradise Dr after 0.4 miles. Follow Paradise Dr approximately 1 mile (go past Westward Dr). The gate is on the right.

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***REI Ridge Trail Service Day***

REI is partnering with land management agencies throughout the nine-county Bay Area to promote a morning of service on the Bay Area Ridge Trail. Join us and partners from REI and Bay Area Ridge Trail to maintain an open space trail. We will use hand tools which require a fair amount of strength and stamina, and will work on uneven terrain. Chipotle provides burritos for lunch and REI provides fun raffle prizes! The work requires considerable strength and stamina. This work is recommended for ages 12 and up; anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Snacks, lunch, and extra water will be provided. In the event of heavy rain and/or high winds call (415) 473-3778 to find out about event status. In the event of cancellation, program will be rescheduled. To participate, you must register for the event on the [Bay Area Ridge Trail website](#). Questions: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Greg Reza at [GReza@marincounty.org](mailto:GReza@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-3778. Meet at the Big Trees Trail at the Vineyard Rd entrance in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.7 miles. San Marin Dr turns into Sutro Ave at Novato Blvd. Follow Sutro Ave 1 mile, turn right at Vineyard Rd and follow 1 mile. Trailhead is on the left where the paved road becomes a dirt road.

**Saturday, November 7. 10am to 12pm**

***Family Fun: Fall Wake-up***

Come out and enjoy a spectacular spring morning at McInnis Park. We will begin with a volunteer activity to beautify the park followed by a Zumba workout and a free lunch. This is a [Healthy Parks, Healthy People](#) event. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. We will provide water and healthy snacks. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Rain or heavy winds will cancel. Questions: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Kirk Schroeder at [KSchroeder@marincounty.org](mailto:KSchroeder@marincounty.org) or (415) 763-2977. Meet at the McInnis Park dock in San Rafael (310 Smith Ranch Rd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Smith Ranch Rd east approximately 0.7 miles. Go through entrance and look for the softball field on the right, turn right, then immediate left into the dock parking area.

**Saturday, November 14. 9am to 12pm**

***Creekside Restoration with Save The Bay***

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**Saturday, November 14. 9am to 1pm**

***Pizza Party of Horse Hill***

We are hosting a broom-busting pizza party and raffle on Horse Hill with The Alto Bowl Horseowners Association. Over the past 17 years we have pushed back invasive French and Scotch broom on this open space preserve. Now we need your help to make a final push into the broom frontier on the western part of the preserve. The work site is located approximately ¼-mile up, toward the top of the hill. We'll pull broom and sow native grass seed. Some members of association will talk about their horses living on the preserve. Participants will get a chance to meet the horses up close. The work requires considerable strength and stamina. It is possible for volunteers as young as 5 years old to join if teamed with a parent or guardian. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Snacks, lunch, and extra water will be provided. In the event of heavy rain and/or high winds call (415) 473-3778 to find out about event status. In the event of cancellation, program will be rescheduled. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Greg Reza at [GReza@marincounty.org](mailto:GReza@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-3778. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the Tiburon Blvd/E Blithedale Ave exit west on E Blithedale Ave, turn right at Tower Dr 0.2 mile, stay right at Meadow Dr 0.1 mile, Continue onto Shell Rd 0.1 mile and turn left at Lomita Dr 0.2 mile. Preserve entrance is on your right.

## NATURALIST WALKS

These outings are for participants 15 and up who are interested in the diverse flora and fauna of Marin County. Our walks cover a variety of topics; some are quite specific, others are more general, but we never fail to take a moment to marvel at whatever natural wonders we encounter. Binoculars, a pocket sized magnifying lens, and your favorite field guide(s) are recommended for all walks. Most of the walks are moderately paced and cover less than 5 miles. Walks that are longer or more strenuous are noted in the descriptions. Bring a lunch if you plan to stay all day, and remember to bring plenty of water.

### **Saturday, September 5. 10am to 12pm**

#### ***Birding for Seniors at Hamilton Wetlands***

This is a [Healthy Parks, Healthy People](#) event.

Are you a senior who enjoys observing and learning about our local birds? If so, join us for an easy stroll along the newly restored Hamilton wetland area where we'll look for waterfowl, shorebirds, and other wildlife, and see how the tidal flow is gradually changing the landscape here. We'll go for a slow walk as we discuss identification and life histories of the birds we see, then end the morning with a healthy snack at a picnic area. Our walk will follow a section of the San Francisco Bay Trail. This section is a level, well-maintained, dirt road, and is wheelchair accessible. Remember to bring water for the walk, as well as binoculars if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet at Hamilton Wetlands Path (south end of Hangar Ave). DIRECTIONS: From Highway 101 take the Hamilton Field/Nave Drive exit. Stay right onto Nave Drive .5 mi, go right at Main Gate Rd, .4 mi, Main Gate Rd becomes S Palm Dr, .5mi, turn right onto Hangar Ave, follow to end .5 miles.

### **Thursday, September 10. 10am to 1pm**

#### ***Spiders at Lake Lagunitas***

This is a great place to see many species of spiders that represent a variety of arachnid lifestyles. We'll discuss the biology of spiders in general and learn how to identify many common species and discuss their life histories. Remember to bring lunch. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at [SBurke@marincounty.org](mailto:SBurke@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9520. Parking fee is \$8. Meet at the Lake Lagunitas parking area. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 5 miles to Fairfax. Turn left onto Pacheco Ave, immediate right onto Broadway Blvd, left onto Bolinas Rd for 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Sky Oaks Rd. At approximately 0.5 miles, stop and pay \$8 parking fee, then follow signs to Lake Lagunitas (end of Sky Oaks Rd).

### **Sunday, September 13. 9am to 2pm**

#### ***San Geronimo Ridge***

We'll start the morning with a slow ascent from the valley floor to the San Geronimo Ridge. It's a sustained climb but once we reach the top we'll enjoy amazing views and the pygmy Sargent cypress forest that makes this preserve so unique. For lunch we'll drop down to a shaded clearing among towering Redwoods and Douglas-firs. Distance: 5 miles; elevation gain: 1,200 feet. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is

for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the gate on Redwood Canyon Dr in San Geronimo. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 9.4 miles. Turn left onto Railroad Ave, sharp right onto San Geronimo Valley Dr, and take the second left onto Redwood Canyon Dr. The gate is immediately on the right.

**Tuesday, September 15. 7pm to 8:30pm**

***Lecture: The Amazing Shorebirds***

This talk will delve into the life histories and remarkable adaptations of the sandpipers, plovers, stilts and their kin that grace our beaches and mudflats during the fall and winter. We'll focus on the migration, feeding habits, and breeding behavior of many of our common species, and we'll discuss how climate change might affect these birds. This lecture is intended for ages 15 and up. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet in the Auditorium in the Whittell Building at the Marin Humane Society in Novato (171 Bel Marin Keys Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the Ignacio Blvd/Bel Marin Keys Blvd exit. Follow the signs to Bel Marin Keys Blvd, go past the overpass, and turn left at the first stop light into the parking lot.

**Tuesday, September 22. 10am to 2pm**

***Birds of Abbotts Lagoon***

We'll take advantage of the outer reaches of the county to enjoy the numerous species of birds that are found along the coast this time of year; some are migrating to southern destinations, some will stay for the winter, and some are local residents. This is a great place to see raptors, shorebirds, and waterfowl that aren't as prevalent in other parts of Marin. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet at Abbotts Lagoon parking lot. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 20.4 miles to Olema. Turn right onto Hwy 1 and go 2 miles. Turn left onto Sir Francis Drake Blvd and go 6.4 miles. Turn right at Pierce Point Rd and go 3.4 miles, the trailhead is on the left.

**Saturday, September 26. 10am to 1pm**

***Geology of Ring Mountain with David Bero***

Join us for a hike with geologist David Bero to learn about the geology of Ring Mountain. As a local resident and professor of geology at Sonoma State University, David Bero has spent twenty years mapping the geology of Ring Mountain and the Tiburon Peninsula, one of the most significant geologic sites on Earth. The maps and the accompanying report were recently published by the California Geological Survey. Bero is one of many geologists who have studied Ring Mountain over the years, but nothing has been published at this level of detail before; this is now the definitive geologic map of the region. Join geologist David Bero on a walk as he shares his findings. Remember to bring lunch. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the gate at the end of Taylor Rd in Tiburon. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Corte Madera, take the exit for Tamalpais Dr east. Go straight onto San Clemente, which merges into Paradise Dr after 0.4 miles. Follow Paradise Dr approximately 1.7 miles, turn right onto Taylor Rd, and follow to end (dead end).

**Tuesday, September 29. 10am to 1pm**

***The Bay Trail and the NEW Hamilton Wetlands***

In April of 2014, water from San Pablo Bay rushed through a levee and flooded a square mile of land that used to be the Hamilton airfield; this moment punctuated a process aimed at restoring the tidal wetlands here. Join us for a walk along this newly restored area where we'll look for waterfowl, shorebirds, and other wildlife, and see how the tidal flow is changing the landscape. Our walk will follow a 2.7 mile section of the San Francisco Bay Trail. Bruce Beyaert, a member of the Bay Trail Project Board of Directors, will share his knowledge about this 500-mile trail, including plans to extend it across the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge. If you have a smart phone you can pre-load it with the free Point by Canogle app (<http://www.getpointapp.com/index.html>) for an audio tour of Hamilton Field Bay Trail. Remember to bring lunch. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet at Hamilton Wetlands Path (south end of Hangar Ave). DIRECTIONS: From Highway 101 take the Hamilton Field/Nave Drive exit. Stay right onto Nave Drive .5 mi, go right at Main Gate Rd, .4 mi, Main Gate Rd becomes S Palm Dr, .5mi, turn right onto Hangar Ave, follow to end .5 miles.

**Saturday, October 3. 9am to 12pm**

***Celebrate Tam at Bothin Marsh***

This walk will focus on connections; how Bothin Marsh is connected to Mount Tamalpais, how the marsh is connected to melting ice in Greenland, and how the health of the marsh is connected to the lives of thousands of birds and other animals. Our naturalists will be joined by Christina Toms, Environmental Engineer with the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, who will discuss the potential changes that may occur as sea level rises. This will be a level, leisurely walk and snacks will be provided, but remember to bring water. This walk is for ages 12 and up. Attendance is limited to 30 and registration is required. To register, or for additional information visit <http://www.OneTam.org/Celebrate-Tam>. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the end of Sycamore Ave on the multiuse pathway in Mill Valley. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the exit for E Blithedale Ave west 0.7 miles. Turn left onto Camino Alto, left onto Sycamore Ave, and follow to end (dead end).

**Tuesday, October 6. 10am to 2pm**

***Fall Colors at Cascade Canyon***

We associate fall with the autumnal colors of deciduous shrubs and trees, but what causes these colors, and why do some plants drop their leaves in preparation for winter? We'll discuss the processes behind these changes as we enjoy a palate of hues in beautiful Cascade Canyon. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the gate at the end of Cascade Dr. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west to Fairfax 3.4 miles. Turn left onto Pacheco Ave, turn right onto Broadway and make first left onto Bolinas Rd 0.4 miles, slight right onto Cascade Dr (at the stop sign) continue about 1.5 miles to the gate (dead end). Parking is limited.

**Sunday, October 11. 10am to 2pm**

***All about Oaks at Mount Burdell***

Oaks and their acorns are vitally important to a broad spectrum of animals (including humans). We'll discuss the role of these trees in local ecosystems as we compare five oak species and several interesting hybrids.

Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the gate on San Andreas Dr in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.3 miles. Turn right onto San Andreas Dr and follow approximately 0.5 miles. The gate is on the right (before dead end).

**Sunday, October 18. 10am to 2pm**

***Nature Prepares for Winter: Indian Valley***

As the days get shorter and cooler the natural world bolsters itself for the coming winter through a variety of fascinating adaptations. We'll keep an eye out for evidence of this shift as we make our way up to the ridge and down again. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at [SBurke@marincounty.org](mailto:SBurke@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9520. Meet at the College of Marin Indian Valley Campus in Novato, parking lot 6 (1800 Ignacio Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the Ignacio Blvd/Bel Marin Keys Blvd exit west onto Ignacio Blvd approximately 2.5 miles all the way through campus. Parking lot 6 is adjacent to the police station.

**Thursday, October 22. 10am to 1pm**

***Focus on Raptors at Hawk Hill***

Every year thousands of raptors move down the Pacific coast as they head to wintering sites as far away as South America. A large percentage of these birds pass through the Marin Headlands where they are annually documented by the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory (GGRO). We'll start the day with a walk in Rodeo Valley then we'll head up to Hawk Hill, the county's premiere raptor viewing spot and site of GGRO's Hawkwatch program. We'll discuss identification of raptors, their life histories, and how they go about the challenging task of migration. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at [SBurke@marincounty.org](mailto:SBurke@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9520. Meet at the east end of Rodeo Lagoon. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101, take the exit for Alexander Ave and follow the signs to the Headlands. Follow Bunker Rd (through the tunnel) and continue west down the valley. Meet in the dirt parking lot at the first building after Bunker Rd crosses the bridge.

**Tuesday, October 27. 10am to 12pm**

***Birds at Bothin Marsh***

Along the west shore of Richardson Bay, Bothin Marsh is an example of what the wetlands surrounding San Francisco Bay and San Pablo Bay looked like before they were channeled, diked, and filled. During fall and winter, migratory waterfowl thrive in the open water, and sandpipers and other shorebirds feast on the invertebrates that are found in the mudflats. We'll also look and listen for year-round residents, like clapper rails and common yellowthroats, which inhabit the surrounding cordgrass and pickleweed. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the Hauke Park parking area in Mill Valley. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the Tiburon Blvd/E Blithedale Ave exit west on E Blithedale Ave west 0.6 mile. Turn left onto Roque Mores Dr (Lomita Dr is on the right) and right onto Hamilton Dr. Parking lot is on the left.

## **Sunday, November 1. 4pm to 6:30pm**

### ***Owls at Mount Burdell***

We'll enjoy a quiet evening walk through this oak-studded preserve. This is a great spot to look and listen for a few different species of owls. We'll discuss the physical adaptations that make these raptors so unique as well as the advantages of their nocturnal lifestyle. Remember to bring a flashlight and dinner. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the gate on San Andreas Dr in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.3 miles. Turn right onto San Andreas Dr and follow approximately 0.5 miles. The gate is on the right (before dead end).

## **Thursday, November 5. 10am to 3pm**

### ***Big Rock Ridge to the Summit***

This walk will take us from Lucas Valley to the 1,895 foot summit of Big Rock Ridge, the second highest peak in the county after Mount Tamalpais. This walk involves a 1,200 ft elevation gain, but it doesn't involve any particularly steep sections as it climbs through open grassland, oak woodland, and chaparral. The views along the way are excellent, and the panorama we'll see from the summit is absolutely breathtaking. The total distance is a bit over 7 miles. Remember to bring enough water and food. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the Big Rock trailhead in San Rafael. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Lucas Valley Rd west approximately 5.5 miles (look for the big rock). The trailhead is on the north side of Lucas Valley Rd.

## **Sunday, November 15. 10am to 2pm**

### ***Birds of Bolinas Lagoon***

This is an excellent time to observe resident and overwintering waterfowl, shorebirds, and landbirds that take advantage of this important estuary. We'll make our way around the lagoon via car to seek out birds in a variety of habitats near this extremely productive ecosystem. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the Bob Stewart trailhead on Olema-Bolinas Rd in Bolinas. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 20.4 miles to Olema. Turn left onto Hwy 1, right onto Olema-Bolinas Rd, left to stay on Olema-Bolinas Rd and go approximately 1 mile. The access to the Bob Stewart trailhead is on the left at the pullout, just east of the nursery.

## **Tuesday, November 17. 10am to 12pm**

### ***Birds at Las Gallinas***

The ponds at the Las Gallinas water treatment facility are a fabulous place to get close looks at a variety of waterfowl, plus there are usually plenty of hawks hunting for rodents and other prey in the surrounding fields. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the Las Gallinas Sanitary District water treatment ponds in San Rafael (310 Smith Ranch Road). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Smith Ranch Rd east approximately 0.7 miles. Drive over the railroad tracks and immediately turn left to stay on Smith Ranch Rd. (If you go through the park entrance, you have gone too far). Follow Smith Ranch Rd 0.8 miles to treatment facility. Park on the left.

**Sunday, November 22. 10am to 1pm**

***The Bay Trail and the NEW Hamilton Wetlands***

In April of 2014, water from San Pablo Bay rushed through a levee and flooded a square mile of land that used to be the Hamilton airfield; this moment punctuated a process aimed at restoring the tidal wetlands here. Join us for a walk along this newly restored area where we'll look for waterfowl, shorebirds, and other wildlife, and see how the tidal flow is changing the landscape. Our walk will follow a 2.7 mile section of the San Francisco Bay Trail. Remember to bring lunch. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet at Hamilton Wetlands Path (south end of Hangar Ave). DIRECTIONS: From Highway 101 take the Hamilton Field/Nave Drive exit. Stay right onto Nave Drive .5 mi, go right at Main Gate Rd, .4 mi, Main Gate Rd becomes S Palm Dr, .5mi, turn right onto Hangar Ave, follow to end .5 miles.

## FAMILY WALKS

Our family walks are intended for families that want to explore nature together. Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbors, or any other inquisitive youngsters in your life who would appreciate a deeper connection to nature. This is not a “drop off” program, we want you to stay and enjoy the experience too. We set out to search for natural wonders and share what we find with one another. The most important take-home message is that animals and the habitats in which they live are fascinating and delicate things that should be treated gently. Bring a lunch, we usually stop to eat at about 11:30am, and remember to bring plenty of water.

### **Tuesday, September 1. 10am to 1pm**

#### ***Nature for Kids: Spiders at Lake Lagunitas***

Spiders are everywhere, and this is the perfect time of year to see spiders of every shape, size, and color. We'll learn how they hunt, how they make their webs, and how to identify many common species. Remember to bring lunch. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Parking fee is \$8. Meet at the Lake Lagunitas parking area. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 5 miles to Fairfax. Turn left onto Pacheco Ave, immediate right onto Broadway Blvd, left onto Bolinas Rd for 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Sky Oaks Rd. At approximately 0.5 miles, stop and pay \$8 parking fee, then follow signs to Lake Lagunitas (end of Sky Oaks Rd).

### **Sunday, September 20. 10am to 1pm**

#### ***Nature for Kids: Indian Valley***

We'll spend the day focusing on the changes that take place between the hot and dry, and the cold and wet seasons. Where do the insects, spiders, and lizards go? When will the salamanders come out of hiding? Remember to bring lunch. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the College of Marin Indian Valley Campus in Novato, parking lot 6 (1800 Ignacio Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the Ignacio Blvd/Bel Marin Keys Blvd exit west onto Ignacio Blvd approximately 2.5 miles all the way through campus. Parking lot 6 is adjacent to the police station.

### **Wednesday, October 14. 10am to 1pm**

#### ***Nature for Kids: Mount Burdell***

Fall is a great time to investigate the changes that take place as plants and animals prepare for winter. We'll look for signs of the shifting seasons and talk about all of the insects and other animals that depend on acorns each autumn. Remember to bring lunch. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the gate on San Andreas Dr in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.3 miles. Turn right onto San Andreas Dr and follow approximately 0.5 miles. The gate is on the right (before dead end).

**Wednesday, November 11. 10am to 1pm**

***Nature for Kids: Indian Tree***

We'll head up the hill and visit several different forest habitats. We'll go through one area that is completely shaded by bay trees, then we'll walk up an oak covered hill, and finally end up in a little grove of redwoods. Along the way we'll talk about these different habitats and the different kinds of animals that live in each place. Remember to bring lunch. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the trailhead on Vineyard Rd in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.7 miles. San Marin Dr turns into Sutro Ave at Novato Blvd. Follow Sutro Ave 1 mile, turn right at Vineyard Rd and follow 1 mile. Trailhead is on the left where the paved road becomes a dirt road.

**Tuesday, November 24. 10am to 1pm**

***Nature for Kids: Cascade Canyon***

This beautiful canyon is a great place to enjoy the changing of the seasons and the colors of fall. We'll look for insects and other animals that prefer the cool, moist days this time of year. If it rained we might find some early season salamanders! When the creek is full, we have to use a trail that is cut into a stone bank above the water; this narrow section can be slippery and challenging. Strollers are not recommended. Remember to bring lunch. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the gate at the end of Cascade Dr. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west to Fairfax 3.4 miles. Turn left onto Pacheco Ave, turn right onto Broadway and make first left onto Bolinas Rd 0.4 miles, slight right onto Cascade Dr (at the stop sign) continue about 1.5 miles to the gate (dead end). Parking is limited.

## RANGER ACTIVITIES

Rangers host a variety of family-friendly events for all ages and interests. We offer barbeques, bike rides, campfires, fishing derbies, interpretive hikes, outdoor safety and skills seminars, skateboard contests, stargazing, and more! Bring snacks, water, and sun block.

**Thursday, September 17. 5pm to 6:30pm**

### ***Dog Appreciation Day/Coyote Talk***

Bring your pooch out to McInnis Park and feast on a hot dog BBQ with community members and rangers. After the festivities with our canine friends, Chief Park Ranger Rob Ruiz will discuss the identifying characteristics and habits of our wild canines; coyotes and foxes. All dogs must be leashed. Rain will cancel. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Audrea Bocchi at [ABocchi@marincounty.org](mailto:ABocchi@marincounty.org) or (415) 446-4423. Park entrance is free. Meet at the Hillside picnic area in McInnis Park in San Rafael (310 Smith Ranch Rd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Smith Ranch Rd east approximately 0.7 miles. Drive over the railroad tracks and immediately turn left to stay on Smith Ranch Rd. (If you go through the park entrance, you have gone too far). Look for the sign for Hillside picnic area and turn right; Hillside is immediately on the right.

**Saturday, September 26. 9am to 11am**

### ***Learn to Pier Fish***

Join rangers, and a few of our experienced local anglers, to learn the secrets and tricks of the trade when fishing from a pier. A limited amount of poles will be available on a first come, first-served basis. A valid California fishing license is required when fishing from the shore, not from the pier. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a fishing pole. We will provide bait and a limited amount of fishing poles, thanks to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Rain or heavy winds will cancel. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Mike Maraccini at [MMaraccini@marincounty.org](mailto:MMaraccini@marincounty.org). Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at the fishing pier in Paradise Beach Park in Tiburon (3450 Paradise Dr). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the exit for Tiburon Blvd (Hwy 131) east 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Trestle Glen Blvd, right onto Paradise Dr, and follow for 1.5 miles. The park is on the left.

**Sunday, September 27. 6:30pm to 9pm**

### ***Ring Mountain Eclipse***

Join rangers for a rare chance to see an eclipse from Ring Mountain. This promises to be a beautiful and unique scene; in order for a lunar eclipse to occur the Sun, Earth, and Moon must be roughly in a straight line. Bring your cameras! This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Easy. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring your camera. We will provide water and healthy snacks. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain or heavy winds will cancel. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Craig Solin at (415) 473-2816 or [CSolin@marincounty.org](mailto:CSolin@marincounty.org). Meet at the gate at the end of Taylor Rd in Tiburon. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Corte Madera, take the exit for Tamalpais Dr east. Go straight onto San Clemente, which merges into Paradise Dr after 0.4 miles. Follow Paradise Dr approximately 1.7 miles, turn right onto Taylor Rd, and follow to end (dead end).

**Saturday, October 3. 10am to 12pm**

### ***Learn to Skimboard***

Head out to beautiful Upton Beach for a morning of learning how to skimboard with ranger staff. We'll learn the basics of skimboarding through demonstration and practice. No experience is necessary and all skill

levels are welcome. A limited number of skimboards will be provided, but please bring your own if you already have a board. Skim's up! This event is ideal for ages 10 and up. Don't forget to bring a swim suit or wet suit, sunscreen, and a towel. We will provide water and healthy snacks. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Rain or heavy winds will cancel. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Mike Maraccini at [MMaraccini@marincounty.org](mailto:MMaraccini@marincounty.org). Park entrance is free. Meet at the beach near the north parking lot at Stinson Beach. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 20.4 miles to Olema. Turn left onto Hwy 1 and follow 13.6 miles, Turn right at the sign that says Stinson Beach Parking GGNRA and park in the first lot on your right.

### **Saturday, October 3. 10am to 12pm**

#### ***Ranger Led Dog Walk***

Join Ranger Christin Lopez and her dog Merle on this fun and informative walk in beautiful Baltimore Canyon. Fall colors should surround us as we take a relaxed walk along the fire road discussing local plants, birds, and trail etiquette. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Easy. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. We will provide water and healthy snacks. Attendance is limited to 25 and registration is required. To register, or for additional information visit <http://www.OneTam.org/Celebrate-Tam>. All dogs must be leashed. Rain or heavy winds will cancel. Questions: Contact Ranger Christin Lopez at [CLopez@marincounty.org](mailto:CLopez@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-2816. Meet at the gate at the end of Crown Rd in Kent Woodlands. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 2.1 miles. Turn left onto College Ave, right onto Woodland Rd, left onto Evergreen Dr. Continue uphill to the intersection with Ridgecrest; 50-feet uphill from this junction, left onto Crown Rd, and follow to end (dead end).

### **Sunday, October 18. 11am to 2pm**

#### ***Mountain Biking Skills Clinic***

Come on out to Stafford Lake Bike Park. Skilled mountain bikers and veterans of Marin's off-road trails will offer tips and techniques for beginners and teach riders how to improve balance, read the trail and pick a line, and attack switchbacks as well as other trail features in order to build confidence and skill. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Easy. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring your bike and helmet. We will provide water and healthy snacks. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Rain will cancel. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Adam Craig at [ACraig@marincounty.org](mailto:ACraig@marincounty.org). Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at Stafford Lake Park in Novato (3549 Novato Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Novato Blvd and follow for 2.6 miles. The park is on the left. Turn right after the gate house and follow to the last parking lot.

### **Saturday, October 24. 7pm to 8:30pm**

#### ***Graveyard Stroll***

Join rangers for a head start on Halloween! Experience our one-of-a kind program that uncovers one of Marin's most interesting, but little known cemeteries. All treats (and tricks) are free. This event is ideal for all ages. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a flashlight, and treat bag. We will provide hot chocolate and snacks. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Heavy rain will cancel the event. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Craig Solin at (415) 473-2816 or [CSolin@marincounty.org](mailto:CSolin@marincounty.org). Meet at the Marin County Parks Lucas Valley Field Office in San Rafael (18 Jeannette Prandi Way). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Lucas Valley Rd west 1.9 miles. Turn right onto Mt Lassen Dr, right onto Jeannette Prandi Way, and follow to end (dead end).

### **Sunday, October 25. 11am to 1pm**

#### ***Jeepers Jack-O-Lanterns***

Join ranger staff at Paradise Beach Park in carving your own spooky Jack-O-Lantern for Halloween! A limited amount of pumpkins will be available (or you're welcome to bring your own). This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. We will provide

supplies, smocks, and healthy snacks. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain will cancel. Questions: Contact Ranger Sarah Burkhart at [SBurkhart@marincounty.org](mailto:SBurkhart@marincounty.org). Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at the parking lot in Paradise Beach Park in Tiburon (3450 Paradise Dr). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the exit for Tiburon Blvd (Hwy 131) east 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Trestle Glen Blvd, right onto Paradise Dr, and follow for 1.5 miles. The park is on the left.

### **Sunday, November 1. 12pm to 3pm**

#### ***Kayak Voyage***

Join Ranger staff in exploring the beautiful White House Pool area where Lagunitas Creek meets Tomales Bay. Rangers will provide a historic overview of the area, discuss the wildlife that inhabit the area, and address current conservation efforts in place to enhance habitat and protect the native coho salmon that enter their spawning grounds here. Rangers will lead the kayak voyage out toward Tomales Bay and then back to the Green Bridge area of Point Reyes, covering 3 miles of the estuary. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Easy. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water and your kayak. We will provide extra water and healthy snacks. A Coast Guard-approved lifejacket for each person onboard is required for use on the water. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain or heavy winds will cancel. Please reserve your spot in advance, as this event is limited to 15 participants. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Ranger Jason Olivotti at [JOlivotti@marincounty.org](mailto:JOlivotti@marincounty.org). Meet at White House Pool nature area on Sir Francis Drake Blvd (just south of Inverness Park). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the Sir Francis Drake exit 20.4 miles to Olema. Turn right onto Hwy 1 and go 2 miles. Before the green bridge, turn left (continuing on Sir Francis Drake Blvd) and follow 0.7 miles. Look for the White House Pool sign on the right.

### **Saturday, November 7. 9am to 11am**

#### ***Learn to Saltwater Fish***

Join us at McNears Beach where rangers will teach the basics of saltwater fishing. A limited amount of poles will be available on a first come, first-served basis. A valid California fishing license is required when fishing from the shore, not from the pier. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a fishing pole. We will provide bait and a limited amount of fishing poles, thanks to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Rain will cancel. Questions: Contact Ranger Josh Gilmore at [JGilmore@marincounty.org](mailto:JGilmore@marincounty.org). Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at the fishing pier in McNears Beach Park in San Rafael (201 Cantera Way). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Central San Rafael east. Take 2nd St east, which merges into 3rd St, and then turns into Point San Pedro Rd. Follow Point San Pedro Rd for 3.6 miles, turn right at Cantera Way, and follow to the large parking lot at the end.

### **Sunday, November 8. 9am to 11am**

#### ***Fall Color Photography at Willis Evans Canyon***

Join Ranger/photographer Craig Solin as we explore fall colors at beautiful Willis Evans Canyon in San Geronimo. If weather allows, we'll take a short hike up the trail focusing on nature's various colors. We'll also walk through a small redwood grove, exploring shadows and patterns. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Moderate. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water and snacks. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Rain or heavy winds will cancel. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Craig Solin at (415) 473-2816 or [CSolin@marincounty.org](mailto:CSolin@marincounty.org). Meet at the gate on Redwood Canyon Dr in San Geronimo. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 9.4 miles. Turn left onto Railroad Ave, sharp right onto San Geronimo Valley Dr, and take the second left onto Redwood Canyon Dr. The gate is immediately on the right.

**Sunday, November 22. 11am to 1pm**

***Thanksgiving Floral Arrangement Workshop***

Bring your creativity to this holiday festivity! Join ranger staff in making your own mini pumpkin floral centerpiece for the Thanksgiving Day table. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. We will provide supplies, smocks, and healthy snacks. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain does not cancel the event. Please reserve your spot in advance, as this event is limited to 15 participants. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Ranger Sarah Burkhardt at [SBurkhart@marincounty.org](mailto:SBurkhart@marincounty.org). Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at the snack bar in McNears Beach Park in San Rafael (201 Cantera Way). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Central San Rafael east. Take 2nd St east, which merges into 3rd St, and then turns into Point San Pedro Rd. Follow Point San Pedro Rd for 3.6 miles, turn right at Cantera Way, and follow to the large parking lot at the end.