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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.

Saturday, March 28. 9am to 12pm

Aramburu Island Enhancement

Our partners at Richardson Bay Audubon Center have worked tirelessly to convert this 17-acre island from an eroding, unproductive, bay dredge dumpsite into prime shorebird and wildlife habitat. Join us as we team up 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. RSVP required; due to the capacity of the boat, space is limited to 12 volunteers. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Resources Specialist Tori Bohlen at (415) 473-5082 or VBohlen@marincounty.org. Meet at Richardson Bay Audubon Center. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the exit for Tiburon Blvd (Hwy 131). Turn left at the light and follow Tiburon Blvd east for 1 mile. Turn right onto Greenwood Cove Dr. Greenwood Cove becomes Greenwood Beach Rd. Parking is in gravel pullouts on the right side of the road.

Saturday, March 28. 10am to 1pm

Ring Mountain Grassland Restoration

Let's celebrate Ring Mountain Preserve for our 15th annual "Fling on Ring" community event! Join us for a day of environmental education and community service. We'll remove invasive French broom to help restore the native grassland that makes Ring Mountain special. Drop-in days are held on the last Saturday of every month (except November and December). 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, 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 (415) 473-3778 or GReza@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).

Sunday, March 29. 10am to 1pm

Skatepark Ambassador Meeting and Skatepark Spruce-up

This event will begin with a one hour meeting to discuss the mission statement and goals of the Skatepark Ambassador Program. Volunteers are needed to contribute ideas and fill ambassador positions that will help create a safe and welcoming environment for all skatepark users through community-based stewardship practices and engagement with park staff. After the meeting, we will work to spruce-up the skatepark by spreading mulch, pulling weeds, and picking up trash. Volunteer work is mildly strenuous and involves bending, pulling, and kneeling. All ages are welcome; anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a supervising adult for the service component of the event. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Snacks will be provided. 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. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Kirk Schroeder at (415) 763-2977 or KSchroeder@marincounty.org. Meet at the skatepark 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 the skatepark, turn right, and follow the road to the skatepark parking lot.

Friday, April 3. 10am to 2pm

Kent Island Restoration

Be a part of the team working to restore the unique ecosystem on Kent Island in Bolinas Lagoon! You'll learn the value of protecting this little oasis, and how to identify and remove the invasive species that threaten it. Participation requires a short rowboat ride to the island. All skill levels are welcome and no previous experience is necessary. 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, but bring a lunch. 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. Space is limited, so RSVP to save a spot! Questions or to RSVP: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Greg Reza at (415) 473-3778 or GReza@marincounty.org. Meet at the public dock on Wharf Rd in Bolinas (across from the College of Marin biology lab). 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 straight onto Wharf Rd.

Saturday, April 11. 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, and 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. 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. Pre-

registration is required. To register, or for additional information, visit [savesfbay](http://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, April 17. 9am to 12pm

Aramburu Island Enhancement

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Saturday, April 18. 10am to 2pm

Kent Island Restoration

Be a part of the team working to restore the unique ecosystem on Kent Island in Bolinas Lagoon! You'll learn the value of protecting this little oasis, and how to identify and remove the invasive species that threaten it. Participation requires a short rowboat ride to the island. All skill levels are welcome and no previous experience is necessary. 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, but bring a lunch. 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. Space is limited, so RSVP to save a spot! Questions or to RSVP: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Greg Reza at (415) 473-3778 or GReza@marincounty.org. Meet at the public dock on Wharf Rd in Bolinas (across from the College of Marin biology lab). 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 straight onto Wharf Rd.

Saturday, April 25. 9am to 12pm

Earth Day Service Projects

The creation of Earth Day on April 22, 1970 marked what many consider to be the birth of the environmental movement. Today it is regarded as the largest civic event in the world. This year's theme: "It's Our Turn to Lead", is one that Marin residents have embraced since the first Earth Day celebrations. Let's keep up the good work, Marin! Join us to clean-up and restore Bothin Marsh, Corte Madera Creek, Hal Brown Park, or Ring Mountain; be part of the fun and the Earth Day legacy! Look to get involved locally; visit [earthdaymarin](http://earthdaymarin.org) for a complete list of Earth Day service projects happening in Marin County. 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.

Saturday, April 25. 10am to 1pm

Ring Mountain Grassland Restoration Project

Join us for our monthly drop-in volunteer workday as we focus on restoring the grasslands of Ring Mountain! Ring Mountain is home to numerous rare and endangered plants, but this habitat is being threatened by invasive species. Volunteer work may include invasive species removal, seed collecting, tarping, and/or installing native plants. Educational components are included as we discuss the plants and animals that inhabit

this unique place and explain how volunteer activities are having a positive impact. Drop-in days are held on the last Saturday of every month (except November and December). Volunteer work is mildly strenuous and involves bending, pulling, and kneeling, and usually requires a short hike to the site. 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. In the event of heavy rain and/or high winds call (415) 473-5058 to find out about event status. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Ring Mountain Stewardship Coordinator Sarah Minnick at (415) 473-5058 or SMinnick@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).

Friday, May 1. 10am to 2pm

Kent Island Restoration

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Saturday, May 2. 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! 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. Free lunch provided by Whole Foods Market at 1pm. This is a [Healthy Parks, Healthy People](#) event with support from [Lift Levantate](#) through a Measure A Breathe/Respira Community Grant. We have joined forces with HPHP and Lift Levantate because we share a common goal: To increase opportunities to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities through exercise and healthy eating habits. Dress in layers you can get dirty and wear sturdy shoes for the service work. Bring comfortable clothes and a mat or towel for yoga. We will provide water, snacks, tools, and a limited number of extra yoga mats. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Kirk Schroeder at (415) 763-2977 or KSchroeder@marincounty.org. Park entrance is free. If interested, shuttle service will be provided from Pickleweed Park at 9:30am, otherwise 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.

Sábado, 2 de mayo. 10am a 2pm

Yoga en el Parque

Este evento dinámico lleno de diversión ofrece una excelente manera de ponerse activo a la vez que contribuye a un parque maravilloso, y ¡se hace un regalo a sí mismo! Comenzaremos con algunos proyectos de servicio que se centrarán en la limpieza de playas, el mantenimiento de áreas verdes y la restauración del hábitat. Al

mediodía vamos a hacer un cambio de velocidad y disfrutar de una clase de yoga de 45 minutos en un área plana de pasto junto a la bahía. La clase será dirigida por el maestro de yoga profesional Daniel Rauck y será adecuada para todas las edades y niveles de habilidad. Almuerzo gratuito cortesía de Whole Foods Market a la 1 p.m. Este es un evento de [Parques Saludables, Gente Sana](#) con el apoyo de [Lift Levante](#) a través de una subvención comunitaria Breathe/Respira de la Medida A. Hemos unido fuerzas con HPHP y Lift Levantate porque compartimos un objetivo común: Aumentar las oportunidades para mejorar la salud y el bienestar de nuestras comunidades a través del ejercicio y hábitos alimenticios saludables. Vista ropa que se puede ensuciar y use zapatos resistentes para el trabajo de servicio. Traiga ropa cómoda y una colchoneta o una toalla para el yoga. Nosotros proporcionaremos agua, bocadoillos, herramientas, y un número limitado de colchonetas de yoga adicionales. No se admiten mascotas (excepto animales de servicio) a este parque. Preguntas o para reservar su lugar: Comuníquese con el Coordinador de Voluntarios Kirk Schroeder al (415) 763-2977 o KSchroeder@marincounty.org. La entrada al parque es gratuita. Si le interesa, habrá un servicio de transporte desde Pickleweed Park a las 9:30 a.m., de lo contrario nos veremos en la cafetería de McNears Beach Park en San Rafael (201 Cantera Way). **CÓMO LLEGAR:** Desde la autopista 101 en San Rafael, tome la salida de Central San Rafael al este. Tome la 2nd St al este, la cual se une a 3rd St, y luego se convierte en Point San Pedro Rd. Siga Point San Pedro Rd por 3.6 millas, gire a la derecha en Cantera Way, y siga hasta el estacionamiento grande al final.

Friday, May 8. 9am to 12pm

Aramburu Island Enhancement: International Migratory Bird Day

We'll get a head start on International Migratory Bird Day (which is Saturday, May 9th) by honoring this year's theme "Restore Habitat, Restore Birds" at one of our important restoration sites. Our partners at Richardson Bay Audubon Center have worked tirelessly to convert this 17-acre island from an eroding, unproductive, bay dredge dumpsite into prime shorebird and wildlife habitat. At this event, we will assist our friends at Audubon in their native plant nursery. 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. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Resources Specialist Tori Bohlen at (415) 473-5082 or VBohlen@marincounty.org. Meet at Richardson Bay Audubon Center. **DIRECTIONS:** From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the exit for Tiburon Blvd (Hwy 131). Turn left at the light and follow Tiburon Blvd east for 1 mile. Turn right onto Greenwood Cove Dr. Greenwood Cove becomes Greenwood Beach Rd. Parking is in gravel pullouts on the right side of the road.

Saturday, May 9. 9am to 1pm

Save Springs Hill

Join Marin County Parks for a community meeting and volunteer day. Natural Resources staff will discuss our Goatgrass Removal Project on the Terra Linda/Sleepy Hollow Preserve, share the results of our management efforts, and explain future plans to address this agricultural pest. Following the meeting, we'll roll up our sleeves to pull goatgrass. Pulling goatgrass is easy but the site is located on a hillside, so a moderate level of fitness is desirable. Volunteer work is mildly strenuous and involves bending, pulling, and kneeling, and hiking on steep and uneven terrain. 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, 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. Questions: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Greg Reza at (415) 473-3778 or GReza@marincounty.org. Meet at the end of Wintergreen Terrace in San Rafael. **DIRECTIONS:** From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Freitas Parkway west. Turn right onto Las Gallinas Ave, left onto Las Colindas Rd, and right onto Wintergreen Terrace (dead end).

Saturday, May 16. 10am to 2pm

Kent Island Restoration

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Saturday, May 23. 9am to 12pm

Aramburu Island Enhancement: Native Plant Nursery

Our partners at Richardson Bay Audubon Center have worked tirelessly to convert this 17-acre island from an eroding, unproductive, bay dredge dumpsite into prime shorebird and wildlife habitat. At this event, we will assist our friends at Audubon in their native plant nursery. 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. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Resources Specialist Tori Bohlen at (415) 473-5082 or VBohlen@marincounty.org. Meet at Richardson Bay Audubon Center. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the exit for Tiburon Blvd (Hwy 131). Turn left at the light and follow Tiburon Blvd east for 1 mile. Turn right onto Greenwood Cove Dr. Greenwood Cove becomes Greenwood Beach Rd. Parking is in gravel pullouts on the right side of the road.

Saturday, May 30. 9am to 12pm

Creekside Restoration with Save The Bay

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Saturday, May 30. 10am to 1pm

Ring Mountain Grassland Restoration

Come to Ring Mountain to help restore habitat on this special volunteer day. We'll protect the endangered Tiburon mariposa lily by finding and removing invasive tocolote and yellow star thistles. These invasive plants were once a thriving population on the rise, but this annual removal effort is yielding positive results. We have not found yellow star thistle in several years and tocolote star thistle is now on the decline. We'll also finish the day with storytelling and activities for kids! Join us to become part of this habitat restoration success story. Drop-in days are held on the last Saturday of every month (except November and December). 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, 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 (415) 473-3778 or GReza@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).

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.

Tuesday, March 3. 7pm to 8:30pm

iNaturalist: A New Way to Connect with Nature

This presentation by Ken-ichi Ueda will inspire you to get out and join the growing community of naturalists who are connecting and sharing a love of nature via iNaturalist. Ken-ichi is a co-founder and co-director of iNaturalist, as well as a renowned contractor of poison oak. Come learn about connecting people to nature through technologies like social media and smartphones. This lecture is intended for ages 15 and up. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at (415) 893-9508 or DHerlocker@marincounty.org. Meet at the little theater 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.

Sunday, March 8. 10am to 2pm

Indian Valley

Hopefully we will have had enough rain to start the day with a look at the frogs, toads, and newts that breed here, then we'll slowly make our way to the ridge, stopping all along the way to enjoy the flowers, birds, and other wildlife. 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. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at (415) 893-9508 or DHerlocker@marincounty.org. 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, March 12. 9am 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. Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at (415) 893-9520 or SBurke@marincounty.org. 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, March 15. 9am to 12pm

Deer Island

No longer a true island, this small preserve is still a wildlife oasis at the edge of urban Novato and the surrounding seasonal wetlands. The forest and grasslands here are home to a variety of birds (including many breeding raptors), reptiles, insects, and wildflowers. 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. Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at (415) 893-9520 or SBurke@marincounty.org. Meet at the gate on Deer Island Ln in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for Atherton Ave east 1.7 miles. Turn right onto Olive Ave and left onto Deer Island Ln. The gate is on your right.

Tuesday, March 17. 10am to 2pm

Cascade Canyon

Flowers, birds, and butterflies will surround us as we enjoy a spring day in this Fairfax preserve. This canyon is the upper reach of the San Anselmo Creek watershed, a pristine wildlife refuge, and truly one of the jewels of Marin County. We should see an assortment of lilies and other shade-loving flowers in the forest. With luck we may get a head start on some early returning migrants as well, such as orange-crowned warblers, Pacific slope flycatchers, and warbling vireos. 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. Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at (415) 893-9520 or SBurke@marincounty.org. 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, March 22. 9am to 2pm

Gary Giacomini

This ridge above the south side of the San Geronimo Valley is one of the great gems in the county. Wildflowers (including some unusual serpentine endemics), a pygmy Sargent cypress forest, and incredible views are our reward for the sustained climb that will bring us to the top. 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. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at (415) 893-9508 or DHerlocker@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.

Thursday, March 26. 10am to 2pm

Baltimore Canyon

This is one of the best places to see a great variety of early blooming wildflowers. Within just a mile of the gate, we can find an amazing assortment of different habitats (and birds, bees, and more). 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. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at (415) 893-9508 or DHerlocker@marincounty.org. 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, March 29. 9am to 12pm

Morning Stroll on the Old Railroad Grade

We'll enjoy a slow stroll along the old railroad grade, a route that takes us in and out of a series of forested valleys separated by open grassland and coastal scrub habitats – a great combination which will provide us with a nice variety of birds, flowers, and everything else we are lucky enough to encounter along the way. We'll employ a car shuttle so we can have a relaxing morning walk. 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. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at (415) 893-9508 or DHerlocker@marincounty.org. Meet at the trailhead at the end of Glen Dr in Fairfax. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Central San Rafael west. Follow 3rd St approximately 1 mile, continue on 2nd St, which merges into 4th St. 4th St turns into Red Hill Ave after 0.6 miles; follow for 0.5 miles. Stay right onto Sir Francis Drake Blvd and follow 3 miles, turn right onto Glen Dr and follow 0.5 miles to end (dead end).

Monday, April 6. 10am to 2pm

Post Burn Recovery at Ring Mountain

Join us for another installment of naturalist-led walks through the burn area of Ring Mountain. In June of 2012 a wildfire burned 14 acres of sensitive habitat that is home to numerous rare and endangered species. Since that event, Marin County Parks has kept the burn area closed to the public in an effort to minimize further impact. Additionally, we have formed a partnership with local ecologist Dr. Sarah Swope to monitor this area and study the effects of the fire. Dr. Swope will join us to share what we've learned about the recovery and talk about the projects we've initiated to restore the rare plant habitat. It's also a great time of year to see the spring blooms on the preserve. We'll take a leisurely walk to the burn area, enjoying the wildflowers and birds, and then we'll visit the burn enclosure where we'll discuss restoration efforts. 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. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at (415) 893-9508 or DHerlocker@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).

Sunday, April 12. 10am to 2pm

Native Plant Week: Wildflowers of Mount Burdell

Celebrate Native Plant Week at one of the best wildflower locations in the county. We'll visit a variety of habitats including volcanic outcrops, serpentine soils, freshwater springs, and oak woodlands. The flora of this Novato preserve is incredibly diverse and includes a number of rare plants as well as many species that don't occur anywhere else in Marin. **We're offering the same walk on Tuesday the 14th if you can't make this date.** For more information on Native Plant Week activities visit cnpsmarin.org. 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. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at (415) 893-9508 or DHerlocker@marincounty.org. 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).

Tuesday, April 14. 10am to 2pm

Native Plant Week: Wildflowers of Mount Burdell

Celebrate Native Plant Week at one of the best wildflower locations in the county. We'll visit a variety of habitats including volcanic outcrops, serpentine soils, freshwater springs, and oak woodlands. The flora of this Novato preserve is incredibly diverse and includes a number of rare plants as well as many species that don't occur anywhere else in Marin. For more information on Native Plant Week activities visit cnpsmarin. 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. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at (415) 893-9508 or DHerlocker@marincounty.org. 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, April 19. 9am to 12pm

China Camp State Park

Join us at China Camp State Park for a leisurely morning walk along a colorful saltmarsh bordered by woodland wildflowers. This is a great time to see lots of birds and other spring wildlife, so bring binoculars if you have them. This program is sponsored by Marin County Parks, Friends of China Camp, and California State Parks. Remember to bring water and a snack (or bring your lunch and have a picnic after the walk). This event 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. Space is limited to 20 participants, so RSVP no later than Friday, April 17 to save a spot! Questions or to RSVP: Contact [Bethanie Gilbert](mailto:BethanieGilbert) at (415) 456-0766. Meet at the Turtle Back Trailhead. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for N San Pedro Rd 3.2 miles, the trailhead is on the left.

Thursday, April 23. 10am to 2pm

Birds and Flowers at Loma Alta

This public trail easement passes through some great wildflower habitats including serpentine soil that hosts some unusual species. It's also one of the best places to see some great birds, including grasshopper sparrows, horned larks, and lazuli buntings. 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. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at (415) 893-9508 or DHerlocker@marincounty.org. Meet at the Big Rock trailhead. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Lucas Valley Rd west approximately 5.5 miles. Look for the big rock and roadside parking.

Sunday, April 26. 10am to 2pm

Indian Valley

This Novato valley is a wonderful place to spend a spring day. We'll start the day with a slow climb, stopping all along the way to enjoy flowers in bloom and birds in song. After lunch we'll continue the loop, making our way down to a permanent pond to see what species we might find taking advantage of this small oasis. 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. Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at (415) 893-9520 or SBurke@marincounty.org. 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.

Sunday, May 3. 9am to 12pm

Birds at Mount Burdell

We'll get an early start so we can focus on vocalizations. Bird activity should be at its peak; some species will be working overtime to satisfy their ravenous broods, some will be tending newly fledged young, and a few will even be tending new nests. 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. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at (415) 893-9508 or DHerlocker@marincounty.org. 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, May 10. 9am to 12pm

Deer Island

No longer a true island, this small preserve is still a wildlife oasis at the edge of urban Novato and the surrounding seasonal wetlands. The forest and grasslands here are home to a variety of birds (including many breeding raptors), reptiles, insects, and wildflowers. 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. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at (415) 893-9508 or DHerlocker@marincounty.org. Meet at the gate on Deer Island Ln in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for Atherton Ave east 1.7 miles. Turn right onto Olive Ave and left onto Deer Island Ln. The gate is on your right.

Tuesday, May 12. 9am to 12pm

Cascade Canyon

We'll take advantage of an early start to enjoy the chorus of breeding birds that make this lovely preserve their home. As we make our way through different habitats we'll keep an eye out for these songsters, as well as for an array of wildflowers that decorate this 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. 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 (415) 893-9508 or DHerlocker@marincounty.org. 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, May 17. 10am to 2pm

Birds and Flowers at Loma Alta

The north slope of Loma Alta is always a fantastic destination for both birds and wildflowers. The serpentine habitat near the beginning of the road hosts a few rare plants and there is usually a very diverse and colorful bloom that lasts through late spring. The birds regularly seen here include lazuli buntings, horned larks, and grasshopper sparrows who should be quite active at this time caring for nearly or newly fledged young. This fire road is a steady climb, but we'll take it very slowly. We'll find a shady place to enjoy lunch, and then descend before the afternoon heat. 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. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at (415) 893-9508 or DHerlocker@marincounty.org. Meet at the Big Rock trailhead. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Lucas Valley Rd west approximately 5.5 miles. Look for the big rock and roadside parking.

Wednesday, May 27. 9am to 2pm

Rare Plants of the Tiburon Peninsula

The late season bloom on this ridge includes one of the rarest and most unusual plants in the world, the Tiburon mariposa lily. We'll look for this and other flowers as we take in spectacular views of the bay. After lunch, we'll drive over to Old Saint Hilary's Preserve to see the rare and lovely Tiburon jewelflower as well as a number of other late blooming beauties. 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 David Herlocker at (415) 893-9508 or DHerlocker@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).

Sunday, May 31. 9am to 12pm

Birds at Mount Burdell

By now, the breeding season should be in full swing. Bullock's orioles, lazuli buntings, and black-headed grosbeaks deliver an elaborate color scheme. House wrens, lark sparrows, and warbling vireos provide background vocals. We'll get an early start so we can enjoy just a little bit more of the morning chorus and activity. 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. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at (415) 893-9508 or DHerlocker@marincounty.org. 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).

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.

Sunday, March 1. 10am to 1pm

Nature for Kids: Indian Valley

We'll start the day learning about the frogs, toads, salamanders, and insects that live in the ponds at the upper end of the valley, and then we'll walk up to the waterfall, which is a perfect place to enjoy lunch and let the kids explore the shallow pools. 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. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at (415) 893-9508 or DHerlocker@marincounty.org. 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.

Tuesday, March 31. 10am to 1pm

Nature for Kids: Mount Burdell

The pond here is called “Hidden Lake” because it dries up and disappears every year. When that happens thousands of newts, treefrogs, and different kinds of insects that grew up in the water are still nearby. The flowers that bloom around the drying pool attract lots of interesting insects, and there will probably be plenty of other animals nearby waiting to feed on all of these tasty treats. 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. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at (415) 893-9508 or DHerlocker@marincounty.org. 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, April 9. 10am to 1pm

Nature for Kids: Cascade Canyon

Flowers, birds, and butterflies will surround us as we enjoy a spring day in this Fairfax preserve. We'll learn about the creatures that live in the clean water of the creek and we're sure to see plenty of lizards enjoying the spring sunshine. 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. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at (415) 893-9508 or DHerlocker@marincounty.org. 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.

Thursday, May 7. 10am to 1pm

Nature for Kids: Stafford Lake

We'll visit a pond, a permanent creek, and a marsh, and talk about the animals that live in these wet habitats. Then we'll explore a shady forest and have lunch in a beautiful meadow where we can look out over the lake. 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 (415) 893-9508 or DHerlocker@marincounty.org. Park entrance fee 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.

Monday, May 25. 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 types of animals that live in each place. 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 (415) 893-9508 or DHerlocker@marincounty.org. 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.

RANGER ACTIVITIES

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

Saturday, March 7. 10am to 1pm

Family Fun: Spring Wake-Up

Come out and enjoy a spectacular spring morning on a one-mile family walk followed by a Health Hub with Zumba, nutrition education, taste-tests and healthy food to go. On the walk, kids will have binoculars to check out the gorgeous views and look for birds in this beautiful bayside park. This is a Healthy Parks, Healthy People event with support from Lift Levantate through a Measure A Breathe/Respira Community Grant. We have joined forces with HPHP and Lift Levantate because we share a common goal: To increase opportunities to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities through exercise and healthy eating habits. This activity is easy. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. We will provide water and healthy snacks. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Heavy rain will cancel the event. Please contact Supervising Ranger Audrea Bocchi at (415) 473-2816 or ABocchi@marincounty.org. Park entrance is free. 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.

Sábado, 7 de marzo. 10am a 1pm

Diversión en familia: Un despertar de primavera

Venga a disfrutar de una mañana espectacular de primavera en un paseo en familia de una milla seguido por una sesión de salud con Zumba, una clase de nutrición, degustaciones, y comida saludable para llevar. Durante el paseo, los niños tendrán binoculares para disfrutar de las preciosas vistas y buscar aves en este hermoso parque junto a la bahía. Este es un evento de Parques Saludables, Gente Sana con el apoyo de Lift Levante a través de una subvención comunitaria Breathe/Respira de la Medida A. Hemos unido fuerzas con HPHP y Lift Levantate porque compartimos un objetivo común: Aumentar las oportunidades para mejorar la salud y el bienestar de nuestras comunidades a través del ejercicio y hábitos alimenticios saludables. Esta actividad es fácil. Use varias capas de ropa, y zapatos resistentes. Nosotros proporcionaremos agua y bocadillos saludables. Son bienvenidos los perros mansos pero deben traer correa. Se cancelará el evento en caso de fuertes lluvias. Comuníquese con la guardabosques Audrea Bocchi al (415) 473-2816 o ABocchi@marincounty.org. La entrada al parque es gratuita. Nos reuniremos en el muelle de McInnis Park en San Rafael (310 Smith Ranch Rd). CÓMO LLEGAR: Desde la autopista 101 en San Rafael, tome la salida de Smith Ranch Rd al este por aproximadamente 0.7 millas. Pase por la entrada y busque el campo de softbol a mano derecha, dé vuelta a la derecha, y luego inmediatamente a la izquierda para entrar en la zona de estacionamiento del muelle.

Saturday, March 7. 10am to 12pm

Learn to Saltwater Fish at McNears

Join rangers to learn how to fish on the San Pablo Bay. 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. 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. 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.

Saturday, March 14. 10am to 12pm

Roll at Rush Creek

Want to go on a scenic mountain bike ride with a ranger? Come join Ranger Ian McLorg for a morning ride along the marsh at Rush Creek Preserve. This activity is moderate. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water and your bike. We will provide healthy snacks. Heavy rain will cancel the event. Questions: Contact Ranger Ian McLorg (415) 473-2816 or IMcLorg@marincounty.org. Meet at the Pinheiro Fire Rd gate on Binford Rd in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for Atherton Ave east. Turn left onto Binford Rd. The gate is on the right.

Saturday, March 21. 10am to 12pm

Tiburon Uplands Hike

With spring finally here, a ranger will guide you through the beautiful Tiburon Uplands in the hopes of seeing spring wildflowers such as hounds tongue, milkmaids, Indian warrior, and other species. Enjoy the beautiful vistas of the bay. Due to limited parking at the Uplands turnout we'll meet at Paradise Beach Park and carpool to the Uplands if necessary. This activity is moderate. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water and snacks. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Heavy rain will cancel the event. Questions: Contact Ranger Christin Lopez at (415) 473-2816 or CLopez@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.

Saturday, March 21. 7pm to 9:30pm

The Outer Space from Open Space

Come view outer space from open space as we identify the major constellations and talk about the legends behind them. Rangers will lead a short hike up Mount Burdell where we'll settle in to watch the evening sky emerge into a stargazing adventure. This activity is easy. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring binoculars or a telescope, flashlight, blankets, water, and star charts if you have them. We will provide hot chocolate and snacks. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Rain or heavy winds will cancel. Questions: Contact Ranger Mike Warner at (415) 473-2816 or MWarnar@marincounty.org. 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, March 29. 9am to 12:30pm

Wildflowers to Waterfalls

Join Ranger/photographer Craig Solin on a short hike through Cascade Canyon Preserve, ending with a chance to photograph one on Marin's best waterfalls. We'll explore the photo possibilities along the way including colorful wildflowers, bubbling creeks, and unique flora. We'll also talk about the steelhead that inhabit San Anselmo Creek. This activity is moderate. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring your camera and a tripod. We will provide water and healthy snacks. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Heavy rain will cancel the event. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Supervising Ranger Craig Solin at (415) 473-2816 or Craig.Solin@marincounty.org. Meet at Doc Edgar Park on Cascade Dr in Fairfax. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake

Bldv 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, the park is on your right.

Saturday, April 4. 10am to 1pm

Santa Venetia Marsh Stroll

Join Ranger Luke Bishop for a stroll around beautiful Santa Venetia Marsh. This low-intensity, one mile hike is a great introduction to exercise for all ages. This is a [Healthy Parks, Healthy People](#) event with support from [Lift Levantate](#) through a Measure A Breathe/Respira Community Grant. We have joined forces with HPHP and Lift Levantate because we share a common goal: To increase opportunities to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities through exercise and healthy eating habits. This activity is easy. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. We will provide water and healthy snacks. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed.

Heavy rain will cancel the event. Questions: Contact Ranger Luke Bishop at (415) 473-2816 or

LkBishop@marincounty.org. Meet at the Vendola Drive entrance (across from the old McPhails School).

DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for N San Pedro Rd east for 2 miles. Turn Left on Vendola Dr. Trailhead will be on your left.

Sábado, 4 de abril. 10am a 1pm

Paseo por Santa Venetia Marsh

Acompañe al guardabosques Luke Bishop en un paseo por la hermosa ciénaga Santa Venetia Marsh. Esta caminata de una milla de baja intensidad es una gran introducción al ejercicio para todas las edades. Este es un evento de [Parques Saludables, Gente Sana](#) con el apoyo de [Lift Levante](#) a través de una subvención comunitaria Breathe/Respira de la Medida A. Hemos unido fuerzas con HPHP y Lift Levantate porque compartimos un objetivo común: Aumentar las oportunidades para mejorar la salud y el bienestar de nuestras comunidades a través del ejercicio y hábitos alimenticios saludables. Esta actividad es fácil. Use varias capas de ropa, y zapatos resistentes. Nosotros proporcionaremos agua y bocadillos saludables. Son bienvenidos los perros mansos pero deben traer correa. Se cancelará el evento en caso de fuertes lluvias. Preguntas:

Comuníquese con el guardabosques Luke Bishop al (415) 473-2816 o LkBishop@marincounty.org. Nos

reuniremos en la entrada de Vendola Drive (frente a la antigua escuela McPhails). CÓMO LLEGAR: Desde la autopista 101 en San Rafael, tome la salida de N San Pedro Rd al este por 2 millas. Dé vuelta a la izquierda en Vendola Dr. El comienzo del sendero estará a su izquierda.

Saturday, April 4. 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Full Moon Adventure at Roy's Redwoods

Join a ranger for a nature walk to experience this unique preserve after dark. We'll discuss nocturnal animals and things that go bump in the night! This activity is easy. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a flashlight. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain or heavy winds will cancel.

Questions: Contact Ranger Jake Feickert at (415) 473-2816 or JFeickert@marincounty.org. Meet at the Roy's Redwoods Loop trailhead on Nicasio Valley Rd in San Geronimo. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 8.6 miles, turn right onto Nicasio Valley Rd. Gate is approximately 0.5 miles up on the right.

Saturday, April 11. 10am to 12:30pm

Roy's Redwoods Loop Hike

Come out and experience the Roy's Redwoods Loop Trail with Ranger Luke Bishop. We'll hike approximately 2.5 miles through this beautiful preserve. This activity is easy. Dress in layers and wear 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 Ranger Luke Bishop at (415) 473-2816. Meet at the Roy's Redwoods Loop trailhead on Nicasio Valley Rd in San Geronimo. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 8.6 miles, turn right onto Nicasio Valley Rd. Gate is approximately 0.5 miles up on the right.

Sunday, April 12. 11am to 1pm

Learn to Skate at McInnis

Join us at the McInnis Skatepark where rangers will offer tips and techniques for beginners as well as ways to attack features that build confidence and skill. This event is geared towards the newbie skateboarder and those looking to cross over from other board sports, but aren't quite sure how to start. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring your board, helmet, and pads. Rain will cancel. Please contact Supervising Ranger Adam Craig at ACraig@marincounty.org. Park entrance is free. Meet at the skatepark 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 the skatepark, turn right, and follow the road to the skatepark parking lot.

Wednesday, April 15. 10am to 12:30pm

Girls Can Become Park Rangers Too

Girls can play in the dirt, rock at sports, camp in the woods, and grow up to be park rangers! Join rangers at the Marin County Parks Lucas Valley Field Office for light snacks and to learn about what a Marin County Park Ranger does and how to become a park ranger. We'll have fun activities to demonstrate the diverse duties that rangers perform; everything from a cool chainsaw demo, to looking at the importance of trail etiquette and enforcement of regulations, to a brief visit out in the field to talk about the wild and wonderful natural world. We'll also have a special guest who will share her experiences of working with several different parks agencies. This program is ideal for Girl Scout groups and other girls between ages 6-12. Boys welcome too. Maximum capacity: 20 participants. This is not a drop off event and children must be accompanied by an adult. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Ranger Christin Lopez at CLopez@marincounty.org or call (415) 473-2816. 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).

Wednesday, April 15. 10am to 3:30pm

Over the Hill to the Lake

We'll start our hike in the redwoods along the Harry Allen Trail and climb over Windy Ridge into the Marin Municipal Water District, where we'll descend to Phoenix Lake for a lunch break. This 6 mile round-trip hike will be led by rangers from Marin County Parks and MMWD who will discuss the history of the area as well as the multi-agency Tam Lands Collaborative, which is dedicated to caring for Marin's iconic mountain and its surrounding lands. This activity is moderate to strenuous. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water and lunch. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Rain or heavy winds will cancel. Questions: Contact Ranger Mike Warner at (415) 473-2816 or MWarners@marincounty.org. Meet at the trailhead just beyond 320 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, right onto Crown Rd, and follow to just beyond 320 Crown Rd. The trailhead is on the left.

Saturday, April 18. 11am to 1pm

Art in the Park

Bring the whole family out to picturesque Paradise Beach Park to paint the beautiful scenery and wildlife that surrounds us while looking out at the San Francisco Bay. 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. Rain will cancel. Questions: Contact Ranger Sarah Burkhart at 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.

Saturday, May 2. 5pm to 9:30pm

Full Moon Adventure at Indian Tree

Join a ranger for a nature walk to experience this unique preserve after dark. We'll discuss nocturnal animals and things that go bump in the night! This activity is moderate to strenuous. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a flashlight. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. 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 Ranger Mike Warner at (415) 473-2816 or MWarner@marincounty.org. 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.

Saturday, May 9. 10am to 12pm

Mother's Day Art in the Park

Don't wait until the last minute; bring your kids out to McInnis Park to make something special for mom! Work with rangers to create your own piece of art to give to your mom on Mother's Day. This event is self-paced, and encourages creativity in the beautiful outdoors. 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. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. 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 Ranger Sarah Burkhart at SBurkhart@marincounty.org. 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, May 16. 9am to 1pm

Paradise Fishing Derby

Join rangers for our annual fishing contest! Prizes awarded for the first fish, the biggest fish, and the heaviest fish! 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. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a fishing pole. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. 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: Supervising Ranger Mike Maraccini at 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.

Saturday, May 16. 10am to 3pm

Mystery of White Hill

Come on a hike with Ranger Mike Warner to find the crash site of the B-17 Flying Fortress, a bomber aircraft from World War II. We'll discuss the history, context, and mystery surrounding the site. This activity is moderate to strenuous. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water and lunch. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. 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 Ranger Mike Warner at (415) 473-2816 or MWarner@marincounty.org. Meet at the roadside parking area near the top of White Hill Grade on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 6 miles. Park in the big gravel pullout on the right side, below the crest of the hill.

Sunday, May 17. 10am to 1pm

Culinary Hike at Mount Burdell

Get your hiking shoes on and your taste buds ready. Ranger Charlie Schonwasser and Native Foods Chef John Farais lead this culinary hike on beautiful Mount Burdell. Learn the many ways local Native Americans used the abundant native plants of this area for food, medicine, and other everyday needs. Our destination is Pierre Joske Grove where we'll rest and enjoy a shared meal. Please bring a cold dish to share and an optional recipe card to exchange with others. This activity is easy. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. 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 Ranger Charlie Schonwasser at (415) 473-2816 or CSchonwasser@marincounty.org. 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).

Saturday, May 30. 7pm to 9:30pm

An Evening on Mount Burdell

Join rangers for an evening of fun around the campfire! There will be a short hike, stories, sing-a-longs, and a talk about the area's history. This event is ideal for all ages. This activity is easy. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a flashlight. We will provide hot chocolate and s'more fixings. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. 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 Ranger Jake Feickert at (415) 473-2816 or JFeickert@marincounty.org. 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).