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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, June 5. 10am to 2pm**

***Kent Island Restoration***

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**Saturday, June 6. 9am to 1pm**

***National Trails Day, White Hill Trail Maintenance***

Join us in celebrating National Trails Day on the White Hill Trail. It's a multiuse trail that serves to connect White Hill and Loma Alta Preserves. We will maintain the trail tread, bridges and remove invasive French broom from the trail corridor to improve safety and line of sight. 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. Lunch will be provided. High fire dangers 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 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.

### **Saturday, June 6. 9am to 12pm**

#### ***National Trails Day, Bothin Marsh Clean up***

We are partnering with the San Francisco Bay Trail to celebrate National Trails Day. Volunteers are needed to remove litter from Bothin Marsh and areas surrounding the multiuse pathway. Bothin Marsh is a designated Important Bird Area and the pathway that runs through it is a tremendous community resource. Our efforts will help protect valuable tidal wetland habitat and improve pathway aesthetics in this beautiful area. 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. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Kirk Schroeder at [KSchroeder@marincounty.org](mailto:KSchroeder@marincounty.org) or (415) 763-2977. 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).

### **Saturday, June 13. 9am to 1pm**

#### ***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. 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 the intersection of Greenwood Bay Dr. and Greenwood Cove Dr. across from the 76 gas station in Tiburon. 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. The first intersection on the right is Greenwood Bay Dr. Find parking along Greenwood Cove Dr.

### **Saturday, June 20. 10am to 2pm**

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

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Turn left onto Hwy 1, right onto Olema-Bolinas Rd, left to stay on Olema-Bolinas Rd, and straight onto Wharf Rd.

**Saturday, June 27. 10am to 1pm**

***Ring Mountain Grassland Restoration***

Join us for our monthly drop-in volunteer workday as we focus on restoring the grasslands of Ring Mountain! The month we will learn how to identify some of our native grasses and we'll spend time collecting their seeds. We'll grow the seeds in our nursery and later plant them at Ring Mountain in restoration areas. While we're collecting seeds, we'll get to enjoy the late-blooming flowers and beautiful views Ring Mountain has to offer. 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. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Ring Mountain Stewardship Coordinator Sarah Minnick at [SMinnick@marincounty.org](mailto:SMinnick@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-5058. 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).

**Monday, July 6. 3pm to 5pm**

***Civic Center Grounds Clean-up***

We'll work to get the Civic Center grounds back into tip-top shape after the most extensive period of use all year, the Marin County Fair. We'll focus on cleanup of the perimeter areas of the 100 acre property, where trash can blow into sensitive wildlife areas of Las Gallinas Creek. 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. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Kirk Schroeder at [KSchroeder@marincounty.org](mailto:KSchroeder@marincounty.org) or (415) 763-2977. Meet in front of the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium (10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for North San Pedro Rd (if coming from Hwy 101 North, follow the signs to the Civic Center and to North San Pedro Rd). Once on North San Pedro Rd, turn left at stop light onto Civic Center Drive and follow for 0.5 mile. Turn right onto Avenue of the Flags; parking is available in the lot adjacent to Civic Center Dr and in front of the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium.

**Friday, July 10. 10am to 2pm**

***Kent Island Restoration***

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**Saturday, July 11. 9am to 1pm**

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**Saturday, July 18. 10am to 2pm**

***Kent Island Restoration***

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**Saturday, July 25. 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.org](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.

**Saturday, July 25. 10am to 1pm**

***Ring Mountain Grassland Restoration***

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. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Ring Mountain Stewardship Coordinator Sarah Minnick at [SMinnick@marincounty.org](mailto:SMinnick@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-5058. 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, August 2, 9am to 11am**

#### ***McNears Beach Park Spruce-up***

Join us to remove litter from the shoreline of McNears Beach Park and spruce up central landscaped areas in the park. The shoreline of McNears often catches litter from the far reaches of the San Francisco Bay watershed; our efforts will help beautify the park and help protect the marine environment of the bay. Volunteers may also choose to focus on landscaping projects that will further beautify this popular park during the middle of its busy summer season. 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. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Kirk Schroeder at [KSchroeder@marincounty.org](mailto:KSchroeder@marincounty.org) or (415) 763-2977. 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

### **Friday, August 7. 10am to 2pm**

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### **Saturday, August 8. 9am to 1pm**

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Greenwood Cove Dr. across from the 76 gas station in Tiburon. 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. The first intersection on the right is Greenwood Bay Dr. Find parking along Greenwood Cove Dr.

**Saturday, August 15. 10am to 2pm**

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**Saturday, August 29. 10am to 1pm**

***Ring Mountain Grassland Restoration***

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## 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.

**Thursday, June 4. 10am to 1pm**

### ***Focus on Butterflies at Cascade Canyon***

This preserve is a great spot to see a variety of butterflies: Blues, swallowtails, admirals, sisters, buckeyes, checkerspots, crescents, and many more. We'll take the time to observe them as they go about their business of finding nectar, attracting mates, detecting the proper plants to lay eggs on, and engaging in a practice called "puddling". If you're not sure what "puddling" is, you'll have to join us to see. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is intended 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 [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.

**Tuesday, June 9. 10am to 2pm**

### ***Exploring Lichens at Cascade Canyon***

Join Shelly Benson, President of the California Lichen Society, for an introduction to the fascinating world of lichens. We'll learn to identify the different lichen growth forms and structures, and admire the incredible diversity of our local lichen flora. Remember to bring your hand lens so you can truly appreciate the fine details. 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. 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, June 18. 9am to 1pm**

### ***Birds and Flowers at Loma Alta***

This public trail easement passes through some great wildflower habitats including serpentine soil that hosts several 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 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 David Herlocker at

[DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the gate to Loma Alta Fire Rd on Lucas Valley Rd 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 and roadside parking. The gate is on the south side (or left) of Lucas Valley Rd.

## **Tuesday, June 23. 10am to 2pm**

### ***Summer Botany at Bull Point***

The moist, coastal climate of Point Reyes makes this one of the few places in Marin to enjoy a diverse array of wildflowers during the summer. With most of the county showing the effects of a dry winter and spring, we'll take advantage of habitats ranging from freshwater marsh to coastal dunes, which support an assortment of unique plants and many gorgeous flowers. 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 Bull Point trailhead in Point Reyes National Seashore. 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 11.7 miles. Trailhead is on the left (before the North Beach turnoff).

## **Sunday, June 28. 7pm to 9pm**

### ***An Evening at Muir Woods***

We'll join Muir Woods Park Ranger Mia Monroe in this special after hours stroll through an old-growth redwood forest in one of the most popular National Monuments in the country. We will focus on the changes that take place as the creatures of the day settle in, and those that are active at night begin to stir. This program is part of the newly formed Tamalpais Lands Collaborative, a partnership that recognizes the various agencies that work together to preserve and restore the lands that surround Mount Tamalpais. 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. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the park entrance near the visitor center. Directions: From Hwy 101, take the Mill Valley/Hwy 1/Stinson Beach exit. Take Hwy 1 north, at .6 miles go left to stay on Hwy 1. Go 2.6 miles, turn right onto Panoramic Hwy follow .8 miles and turn left onto Muir Woods Rd, go .8 miles and stay right on Muir Woods Rd, go .4 miles and park in lot closest to lower rest rooms, just inside park entrance gate.

## **Monday, July 6. 10am to 2pm**

### ***Dragonflies!***

Dragonflies are among the most fascinating and beautiful insects on earth. We'll learn to identify the different species in the hand as well as on the wing, and will observe and discuss their behavior as they perform aerial acrobatics and interact with each other. 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 [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. 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, July 12. 10am to 1pm**

### ***Redwoods, Climate Change, and Citizen Science***

Today we team up with Save the Redwoods League to focus on one of the most magnificent living things on our planet: The coast redwood. We will discuss the potential effects of climate change on the redwood ecosystem, how Save the Redwoods is partnering with researchers and people like you to monitor the forests to better understand the changes, and how we might protect our forests. This program is suitable for all ages. 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 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, July 19. 10am to 2pm**

***Cascade Canyon***

Shaded forests and serpentine laced clearings will reward us with a variety of natural wonders as we explore the upper reaches of the canyon, which still holds water and acts as a magnet for 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. 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) 893-9520. Meet 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, July 30. 10am to 2pm**

***Indian Valley***

This preserve on the north side of Big Rock Ridge has a nice selection of trails that pass through a series of cool valleys and shaded ridges. We will observe and discuss the effects of the prolonged drought on the plants and animals that live here. 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 [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9508. Parking fee is \$4. 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, August 4, 6pm to 9pm**

***Evening at Mount Burdell***

This is a good time of year to adopt a crepuscular lifestyle; avoid the heat of the day and explore the outdoors during the evening hours. We'll go for a short walk and enjoy a picnic dinner just as the evening activity of the natural world commences. We might even get lucky and find a family of owls out for their evening hunt. Remember to bring a flashlight and dinner. 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 [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, August 9. 9:30am to 1:00pm**

***How to Save a County, One Piece at a Time – A Walk into the Conservation History of Roy's Redwoods***

We will gather today for a leisurely walk into Marin County's "other Muir Woods" and a discussion of the long and sometimes arduous process that has resulted in so much of the land here in Marin County remaining undeveloped and available for public access. Nona Dennis, Vice President, and Jean Berensmeier, former President, of the Marin Conservation League, will join us to talk about how collaboration between various agencies, communities, and the sheer will of dedicated individuals has helped to preserve so much of the natural landscape like Roy's Redwoods. Remember to bring water and snacks. This walk is about two and a

half miles. 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 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, August 23. 10am to 2pm**

#### ***Plant Galls of Mount Burdell***

There are many ingenious creatures that have devised ways to trick plants into growing structures, called galls, which shelter and feed them. We'll examine an amazing array of bizarre and beautiful galls as we learn the incredible life cycles of the gall makers. 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) 893-9508. 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).

### **Tuesday, August 25. 7pm to 8:30pm**

#### ***The Wildlife Picture Index: Who's Really Out There?***

The Wildlife Picture Index Project (WPI) is a method of collecting wildlife data using motion-activated cameras. Here in Marin, a partnership of four public agencies—Marin County Parks, Marin Municipal Water District, California State Parks, and the National Park Service—are collecting wildlife data across their adjacent properties using WPI. Resource Specialist Sam Abercrombie will describe the purpose and long term goals of the WPI project, and shed a bit of light on what we are finding in the early stages. This program is part of the newly formed Tamalpais Lands Collaborative, a partnership that recognizes the various agencies that work together to preserve and restore the lands that surround Mount Tamalpais. 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.

### **Sunday, August 30. 9am to 2pm**

#### ***Indian Tree***

We'll try to make it to the top for lunch, but that will depend on how many flowers, birds, butterflies, and other discoveries catch our eye along the way. We'll ascend through a series of cool forests to the top of the ridge where giant redwoods catch the summer fog. The trek to the summit is long, but worth every step. Distance: 6.5 miles; elevation gain: 1,300 feet. 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 [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.

## 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.

### **Saturday, June 6. 10am to 1pm**

#### ***Explore Stafford Lake Park***

Come out for an easy nature walk around beautiful Stafford Lake. Along the way we'll stop and talk about some of the interesting animals and plants that live here. We will provide water and healthy snacks. 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. 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 first parking lot.

### **Sunday, June 21. 6pm to 9pm**

#### ***Nature for Kids: An Evening at Mount Burdell***

This is a good time of year to adopt a crepuscular lifestyle; avoid the heat of the day and explore the outdoors during the evening hours. We'll go for a short walk and enjoy a picnic dinner just as the evening activity of the natural world commences. With luck we might hear (or see) owls or coyotes as we watch for bats coming out to hunt for insects. Remember to bring a flashlight and dinner. 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 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, July 12. 10am to 1pm**

#### ***Redwoods, Climate Change, and Citizens Science***

Today we team up with Save the Redwoods League to focus on one of the most magnificent living things on our planet: The coast redwood. We will discuss the potential effects of climate change on the redwood ecosystem, how Save the Redwoods is partnering with researchers and people like you to monitor the forests to better understand the changes, and how we might protect our forests. This program is suitable for all ages. 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 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.

**Tuesday, July 21. 10am to 1pm**

***Nature for Kids: Dragonflies!***

We'll learn all about these fascinating insects that have been on earth since before the age of dinosaurs. We'll observe and discuss their behavior as they perform aerial acrobatics and interact with each other. 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 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).

**Thursday, August 13. 10am to 1pm**

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

We'll head up one of the shaded canyons to look for butterflies and other bugs. We're sure to see some lizards and we might get lucky and find a few snakes too. Some of the creeks here stay wet all year which means that these areas attract all kinds of wildlife. 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 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.

### **Sunday, June 14. 11am to 1pm**

#### ***Learn to Skate – Free Clinic***

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. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Adam Craig at [ACraig@marincounty.org](mailto: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.

### **Saturday, June 20. 9am to 1pm**

#### ***Father's Day Weekend Fishing Derby***

Join rangers for our fishing contest at Paradise Beach Park! Prizes will be 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. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Don't forget to bring polarized glasses if you have them to reduce glare on the water. 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. 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.

### **Saturday, June 20. 10am to 12:30pm**

#### ***Wildland Fires***

Join us for a Junior Ranger program created to teach youth about outdoor skills, natural history, and environmental stewardship. These activities are intended for 7-12 year olds, though explorers of all ages are welcome. Join a ranger for a nature walk to explore Mount Burdell. We'll learn about the role of fire in our ecosystem and how fires are managed. Degree of difficulty: Easy. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. We will provide water 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. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Ranger Mike Warner at [MWarner@marincounty.org](mailto:MWarner@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-2816. 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, June 27. 8pm to 9:30pm**

***Sunset Hike at Rush Creek***

Join Ranger Mike Warner for a fun sunset and night hike at Rush Creek, where we'll see a beautiful sunset and enjoy the unique views of this wonderful preserve. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Moderate. 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 [MWarner@marincounty.org](mailto:MWarner@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-2816. 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.

**Friday, July 3. 8:30pm to 10:30pm**

***Fair Fireworks and S'more Feast***

In celebration of our nation's birthday, come see the Marin County Fair fireworks from the top of the Nike Site at McInnis Park. It is an easy uphill stroll from the skatepark parking lot to sweeping views of the bay and surrounding hills, including China Camp State Park and iconic Mount Tamalpais. Rangers will prepare s'mores just in time for the firework show that begins promptly at 9:30pm. 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 low back chairs or a blanket. We will provide hot chocolate and s'more fixings. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Questions: Contact Ranger Sarah Burkhart at [SBurkhart@marincounty.org](mailto:SBurkhart@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.

**Saturday, July 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 event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Easy. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. We will provide water 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 Luke Bishop at [LkBishop@marincounty.org](mailto:LkBishop@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-2816. 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 julio. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

***Paseo por Santa Venetia Marsh***

Acompañe al guardabosques Luke Bishop en un paseo por la hermosa ciénaga Santa Venetia Marsh. Este evento es ideal para todas las edades. Grado de dificultad: Fácil. Use ropa deportiva cómoda y zapatos robustos. Nosotros proporcionaremos agua y bocadillos saludables. Son bienvenidos los perros mansos pero deben traer correa. Se cancela en caso de alto riesgo de incendios: Llame al (415) 473-7191 para conocer la situación actual de riesgo de incendios y cierres de terrenos. Si está vigente una advertencia de "Bandera Roja" se cancelan todos los paseos y eventos en conservas del Distrito de Espacios Abiertos. Preguntas: Comuníquese con el guardabosques Luke Bishop a [LkBishop@marincounty.org](mailto:LkBishop@marincounty.org) o al (415) 473-2816. 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.

## **Friday, July 10. 5pm to 6pm**

### ***Adult Swim Lessons***

Are you over 18 and afraid of the water? Always wanted to learn to swim? Join rangers and lifeguards at the McNears Beach pool for a free swim lesson to learn core swimming skills. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Don't forget to bring a swimsuit, sunscreen, and towel. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions: Contact Ranger Kevin O'Donoghue at [KODonoghue@marincounty.org](mailto:KODonoghue@marincounty.org). Park entrance fee is \$5. 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, July 11. 8pm to 9:30pm**

### ***Deer Island Sunset Hike***

Join Ranger Mike Warner for a fun sunset and night hike at Deer Island, where we'll discover nocturnal wildlife and enjoy the unique views of this wonderful preserve. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Moderate. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. 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 [MWArner@marincounty.org](mailto:MWArner@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-2816. 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.

## **Friday, July 17. 8:30pm to 10:30pm**

### ***Family Movie Night***

Come enjoy a summer evening on the lawn at Stafford Lake for Family Movie Night! We'll be featuring *How to Train Your Dragon 2*, popcorn, and more! Feel free to picnic and BBQ as well. Movie begins 15 minutes after sunset. This event is ideal for all ages. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring low back chairs or a blanket. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. 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 first parking lot.

## **Friday, July 18. 10am to 12:30pm**

### ***Girls Can Become Park Rangers Too***

Girls can play in the dirt, rock at sports, fight fires, camp in the woods, and become park rangers! Join Rangers Christin Lopez and Sarah Burkhart at our Lucas Valley Field Office for healthy snacks and cold drinks and learn about what a Marin County Park Ranger does and how to become a park ranger. This program is ideal for Girl Scout groups and other young ladies between ages 6-12. Boys welcome too. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water. We will provide supplies and healthy snacks. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Please reserve your spot in advance, as this event is limited to 20 participants. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Ranger Sarah Burkhart at [SBurkhart@marincounty.org](mailto:SBurkhart@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).

## **Saturday, July 25. 7:30pm 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 event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Moderate. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring binoculars or a telescope, flashlight, blankets, water, snacks, and star charts. 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 [MWarner@marincounty.org](mailto:MWarner@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-2816. 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).

### **Friday, July 31. 10am to 12pm**

#### ***Saltwater Fishing Lessons for Kids***

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. Don't forget to bring a fishing pole. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions: Contact Ranger Josh Gilmore at [JGilmore@marinocounty.org](mailto:JGilmore@marinocounty.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, August 1. 10am to 2:30pm**

#### ***Basic Land Navigation***

Join us for a basic field course on how to use a compass, read a map, and use a GPS in order to find your location. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Easy. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring binoculars if you have them. We will provide water 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. Please reserve your spot in advance, as this event is limited to 10 participants. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Supervising Ranger Craig Solin at (415) 473-2816 or [CSolin@marincounty.org](mailto:CSolin@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.

### **Saturday, August 1. 10:00am to 12:00pm**

#### ***Family Fun: Summer Wake-up***

Come out to enjoy a spectacular summer morning and gorgeous views while participating in a walk with your family in this beautiful bayside park. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. We will provide water and healthy snacks. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. 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 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, 1 agosto. 10 a.m. - 12:00p.m.**

#### ***Diversión en familia: Un despertar de verano***

Venga a disfrutar de una mañana espectacular de verano y unas vistas preciosas al participar en un paseo en familia en este hermoso parque junto a la bahía. Todos los niveles de capacidad son bienvenidos y no se necesita experiencia. Nosotros proporcionaremos agua y bocadillos saludables. Son bienvenidos los perros mansos pero deben traer correa. Preguntas: Comuníquese con la guardabosques supervisora Audrea Bocchi a [ABocchi@marincounty.org](mailto:ABocchi@marincounty.org) o al (415) 446-4423. 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, August 1. 4pm to 6pm**

#### ***Learn to Freshwater Fish***

Join us at McInnis Park where rangers will teach the basics of freshwater fishing at the parks' pond. 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. A fishing license is required for participants 16 and over. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. 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 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.

### **Sunday, August 2. 5am to 7am**

#### ***Sunrise Adventure Hike to the Top of Big Rock***

Hike to the top of Big Rock Ridge to view the sunrise from the top. 6 miles round trip. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Moderate to strenuous. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water and 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 Mike Warner at [MWarner@marincounty.org](mailto:MWarner@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-2816. 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.

### **Wednesday, August 5. 3pm to 5pm**

#### ***Learn to Skate – Free Clinic***

Join us at the McInnis skate park 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. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Adam Craig at [ACraig@marincounty.org](mailto: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.

### **Thursday, August 6. 10am to 1pm**

#### ***Art in the Park***

Bring the entire family out to Hal Brown Park at Creekside in Greenbrae to soak up the sun and paint, color or draw the beautiful local scenery. This event is self-paced, and encourages individual creativity in the beautiful outdoors. This event is for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. We will provide supplies, smocks, and healthy snacks. Friendly dogs are welcome on leash. Questions: Contact Ranger Sarah Burkhart at [SBurkhart@marincounty.org](mailto:SBurkhart@marincounty.org). Meet across from Marin General Hospital at Hal Brown Park at Creekside. Follow the signs to the event. **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.

**Saturday, August 15. 8:30pm to 11pm**

***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 in Stafford Lake Park and astronomer Larry Brodtkin will be there to help participants get a deep view into the heavens with his 8" Meade Telescope. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring binoculars or a telescope, flashlight, blankets, water, snacks, and star charts. We will provide hot chocolate and snacks. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. 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 first parking lot.

**Saturday, August 29. 7pm to 8:30pm**

***Full Moon Over the Bay***

Come enjoy Old St Hilary's at night! Join Ranger Christin Lopez for a pleasant hike through Old St Hilary's with spectacular views. We will view the awesome splendor of the full moon rising in the east, the setting sun in the west, and amazing city lights all around! This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Moderate. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a flashlight. We will provide water 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. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Ranger Christin Lopez at [CLopez@marincounty.org](mailto:CLopez@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-2816. Meet at the gate at the end of Lyford Dr in Tiburon. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the exit for Tiburon Blvd (Hwy 131) east 3.5 miles. Turn left onto Lyford Dr and follow to the end (dead end).