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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, March 4. 10am to 2pm
Kent Island Restoration

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Saturday, March 5. 9am to 1pm

Aramburu Island Enhancement

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Broom Buster Work Day

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Sunday, March 6. 10am to 12pm

Wetland Habitat Enhancement at McInnis Park

Join us to install native plants in tidal wetland areas adjacent to Las Gallinas Creek. This expansive wetland area is home to a variety of bird species including the endangered Ridgway's Rail. Our work will help to reduce nonnative plant populations and improve habitat for resident and migratory birds at this beautiful park site. 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. Snacks and extra water 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 KSchroeder@marincounty.org or (415) 763-2977. Meet at the McInnis Park dock in San Rafael (310 Smith Ranch Rd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Smith Ranch Rd east approximately 0.7 miles. Go through entrance and look for the softball field on the right, turn right, then immediate left into the dock parking area.

Saturday, March 12. 9am to 12pm

Creekside Restoration with One Tam

Join Marin County Parks and One Tam staff (a Tamalpais Lands Collaborative initiative) to enrich important habitat areas at Hal Brown Park and Creekside Marsh. Be a part of a community based effort to create a diverse palette of native plants at a site once dominated by nonnative grasses and weeds. 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. Snacks and extra water 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 KSchroeder@marincounty.org or (415) 763-2977. 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, March 19. 9am to 1pm

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Saturday, March 26. 10am to 1pm

Ring Mountain Grassland Restoration

Let's celebrate Ring Mountain Preserve for our 16th 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 native grassland that make 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. Please bring gloves if you have them. 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.

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Friday, April 1. 10am to 2pm

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Saturday, April 2. 9am to 12pm

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Saturday, April 2. 10am to 2pm

Zumba at McInnis Park

This Healthy Parks, Healthy People event will include volunteer work, a Zumba fitness class, and delicious, healthy food. We will begin with volunteer work to spruce up McInnis Park and improve habitat along Las Gallinas Creek, then we'll follow the lead of our Zumba teacher as we dance and move to upbeat salsa music. Huge smiles and a low impact full body workout are guaranteed! Afterward we will enjoy a delicious, free lunch provided by Whole Foods Market. 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. Snacks and extra water 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 KSchroeder@marincounty.org or (415) 763-2977. Meet at the McInnis Park dock in San Rafael (310 Smith Ranch Rd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Smith Ranch Rd east approximately

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Saturday, April 9. 9am to 1pm

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Wednesday, April 13. 9am to 1pm

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Saturday, April 16. 10am to 2pm

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Saturday, April 23. 9am to 1pm

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Saturday, April 23. 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 myearthdaymarin.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 30. 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. 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 Ring Mountain Stewardship Coordinator Sarah Minnick at SMinnock@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).

Friday, May 6. 10am to 2pm

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Saturday, May 7. 9am to 12pm

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Saturday, May 7. 10am to 2pm

Yoga in the Park

This is a Healthy Parks, Healthy People event.

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

Saturday, May 14. 9am to 12pm

Creekside Restoration with One Tam

Join Marin County Parks and One Tam staff (a Tamalpais Lands Collaborative initiative) to enrich important habitat areas at Hal Brown Park and Creekside Marsh. Be a part of a community-based effort to create a diverse palette of native plants at a site once dominated by non-native grasses and weeds. 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

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Sunday, May 15. 9am to 1pm

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Saturday, May 28. 9am to 1pm

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Saturday, May 28. 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. Please bring gloves if you have them. Snacks, lunch, and extra water will be provided. In the event of heavy rain and/or high winds call (415) 473-3778 to find out about event status. In the event of cancellation, program will be rescheduled. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Greg Reza at GReza@marincounty.org or (415) 473-3778. 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 1. 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 if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the Las Gallinas Sanitary District water treatment ponds in San Rafael (310 Smith Ranch Road). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Smith Ranch Rd east approximately 0.7 miles. Drive over the railroad tracks and immediately turn left to stay on Smith Ranch Rd. (If you go through the park entrance, you have gone too far). Follow Smith Ranch Rd 0.8 miles to treatment facility. Park on the left.

Thursday, March 10. 10am to 2pm

Rush Creek

The combination of tidal wetlands, oak woodland, grasslands, and shrub habitats makes Rush Creek Preserve one of the most diverse sites in the county. As we transition from winter to spring we should see some early season wildflowers getting started. This is also a great place to see a variety of raptors, shorebirds, waterfowl, and land birds. The road sometimes gets quite muddy, so wear appropriate footwear. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. 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.

Sunday, March 13. 10am to 2pm

Indian Valley

We'll start the day with a look at the frogs, toads, and newts that breed here, then we'll slowly ascend a rather steep road, stopping all along the way to enjoy the flowers, birds, and other wildlife. We'll pass through an area that is carpeted with a plant known as Indian warrior; with luck, it will be in full bloom. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the College of Marin Indian Valley Campus in Novato, parking lot 6 (1800 Ignacio

Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the Ignacio Blvd/Bel Marin Keys Blvd exit west onto Ignacio Blvd approximately 2.5 miles all the way through campus. Parking lot 6 is adjacent to the police station.

Tuesday, March 15. 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 if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. 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 20. 10am to 1pm

Olompali State Park

We'll enjoy an early spring outing to explore the other side of the mountain that we call Mount Burdell. Clint Kellner, who has been volunteering at Olompali for 15 years, will guide us on a tour that will start with the Victorian gardens and historic sites; then we'll head up the 2.5 mile loop trail and look for native grasses, wildflowers, and the newly designated State Lichen of California. The walk will end with a stop at the recreated Miwok village and ethnobotanical garden where we will enjoy lunch. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the Olompali State Park entrance in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west, take the first right onto Redwood Blvd 2.5 miles, turn left into the parking area.

Thursday, March 24. 10am to 12pm

Senior Stroll on the Coast Trail

This trail is one of the best places to see the early blooming wildflowers of the Marin Headlands. We'll follow an even, well-maintained dirt road along a sheltered, north facing slope where a number of "coastal specialties" should be flowering. This is an out and back walk with a gradual downhill slope on the way out and a gradual uphill slope on the way back. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the Coast Trail trailhead at the junction of McCullough and Conzelman Rd. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101, take the exit for Alexander Ave. Turn left at stop, then right up the hill on Conzelman Rd 1.1 miles to the intersection with McCullough Rd. Parking lot is on the west side of the roundabout.

Monday, March 28. 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 find an assortment of lilies and other shade loving flowers in the forest, as well as some early returning migrants 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 if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at

DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the gate at the end of Cascade Dr. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west to Fairfax 3.4 miles. Turn left onto Pacheco Ave, turn right onto Broadway and make first left onto Bolinas Rd 0.4 miles, slight right onto Cascade Dr (at the stop sign) continue about 1.5 miles to the gate (dead end). Parking is limited.

Sunday, April 3. 10am to 12pm

Senior Stroll at Old Lucas Valley Road

We'll take an easy, slow stroll along the old roadway that runs parallel to Lucas Valley Rd. This short stretch is a great place to see an assortment of some of our most common wildflowers and to enjoy the singing of birds as the breeding season begins. The road is paved, fairly level, and is wheelchair accessible but is not suitable for small wheeled walkers. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the trailhead on Lucas Valley Rd directly across from Mount Lassen Dr. in San Rafael. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Lucas Valley Rd west approximately 1.9 miles. Turn left into the parking area on left (south side) of Lucas Valley Rd.

Thursday, April 7. 10am to 2pm

Wildflowers of Ring Mountain

Truly one of the best wildflower displays in the Bay Area, the fantastic floral diversity of this site makes this walk a "spring classic". In addition to the many rare species found here, there are often expanses of goldfields, tidy tips, and other early bloomers; a multicolored carpet providing a foreground for spectacular views of the entire bay. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the gate at the end of Taylor Rd in Tiburon. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Corte Madera, take the exit for Tamalpais Dr east. Go straight onto San Clemente, which merges into Paradise Dr after 0.4 miles. Follow Paradise Dr approximately 1.7 miles, turn right onto Taylor Rd, and follow to end (dead end).

Thursday, April 14. 10am 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 if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the gate on Redwood Canyon Dr in San Geronimo. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 9.4 miles. Turn left onto Railroad Ave, sharp right onto San Geronimo Valley Dr, and take the second left onto Redwood Canyon Dr. The gate is immediately on the right.

Thursday, April 21. 10am to 2pm

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 Sunday the 24th if you can't make this date. Remember to bring lunch. This walk is for ages 15 and up. Degree of difficulty: Easy to moderate. 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 24. 10am to 2pm
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. This walk is for ages 15 and up. Degree of difficulty: Easy to moderate. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Remember to bring lunch. 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).

Wednesday, April 27. 10am to 2pm
Birds and Flowers at Loma Alta

This public trail easement passes through 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 if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. 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, May 1. 10am to 2pm
Indian Valley

This Novato valley is a wonderful place to spend a spring day. We'll slowly make our way to the ridge and back, stopping all along the way to enjoy flowers in bloom, birds in song, and butterflies on the wing. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at Sburke@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9520. Meet at the College of Marin Indian Valley Campus in Novato, parking lot 6 (1800 Ignacio Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the Ignacio Blvd/Bel Marin Keys Blvd exit west onto Ignacio Blvd approximately 2.5 miles all the way through campus. Parking lot 6 is adjacent to the police station.

Wednesday, May 4. 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. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at Sburke@marincounty.org 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.

Wednesday, May 11. 10am to 12pm

Senior Stroll at Bear Valley

This shaded path is one of the best places in the county to enjoy a spring day. We'll follow a relatively level road along a creek enjoying flowers, birds and other wildlife that thrive among towering Douglas-firs and stately alders. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the large parking area across from the Bear Valley Visitor Center. 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. Go 500 feet, turn left onto Bear Valley Rd. 0.6 miles, turn left on Bear Valley Visitor Center Access Rd. Continue past the driveway for the Red Barn. Parking area is on the left.

Sunday, May 15. 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 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).

Tuesday, May 17. 10am to 2pm

Carson Falls

This hike begins with a slow climb up the Pine Mountain Fire Road through serpentine chaparral where wildflowers and birds abound. From the ridge we'll descend to the waterfall which is one of the few remaining breeding sites in Marin for the rare foothill yellow-legged frog. Unfortunately, when visitors and their pets disturb these waters this action can be devastating to the developing eggs and tadpoles. Since 2005, the Marin Municipal Water District has enlisted the help of frog-watch volunteers to educate the public about the frogs and remind people to stay out of the water. We'll join Suzanne Whelan, MMWD Watershed Volunteer Coordinator, who will tell us about the program, what has been learned, and what you can do to assist in this conservation effort. 6.5 mile round trip, 1100 ft elevation gain. 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 or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the Azalea Hill trailhead. 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 3.8 miles (1.3 miles past the entrance to the Meadow Club). The parking area is on the left.

Wednesday, May 18. 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 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, May 22. 10am to 2pm

Birds and Flowers at Loma Alto

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 that 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 DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. 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 25. 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. 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 or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the gate at the end of Taylor Rd in Tiburon. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Corte Madera, take the exit for Tamalpais Dr east. Go straight onto San Clemente, which merges into Paradise Dr after 0.4 miles. Follow Paradise Dr approximately 1.7 miles, turn right onto Taylor Rd, and follow to end (dead end).

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 6. 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 if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the College of Marin Indian Valley Campus in Novato, parking lot 6 (1800 Ignacio Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the Ignacio Blvd/Bel Marin Keys Blvd exit west onto Ignacio Blvd approximately 2.5 miles all the way through campus. Parking lot 6 is adjacent to the police station.

Wednesday, March 30. 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 if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at 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).

Tuesday, April 12. 10am to 1pm

Nature for Kids: Cascade Canyon

This beautiful valley should be alive with spring activity right now. We'll follow the creek up the canyon keeping an eye out for flowers, bugs, butterflies, and anything else we might find. Remember to bring lunch. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the gate at the end of Cascade Dr. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west to Fairfax 3.4 miles. Turn left onto Pacheco Ave, turn right onto Broadway and make first left onto Bolinas Rd 0.4 miles, slight right onto Cascade Dr (at the stop sign) continue about 1.5 miles to the gate (dead end). Parking is limited.

Sunday, April 17. 10am to 1pm

Nature for Kids: Bahia

This open oak woodland at the edge of the San Pablo Bay wetlands is a fabulous spring destination. Wildflowers dot the lush grassland, the fresh leaves of the trees are alive with birds, and there are always butterflies patrolling the road that runs along the ridge. We'll head to a nice clearing at the top where the kids can explore, while we let the birds and butterflies come to us. Remember to bring lunch. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the Bahia trailhead near the end of Bahia Dr in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for Atherton Ave east approximately 1 mile. Turn left onto Bugeia Ln, which turns into Bahia Dr at the "y". Follow Bahia Dr approximately 0.5 miles. Trailhead is on the left before Bahia Dr dead ends.

Monday, May 30. 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 plants and 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 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.

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.

Saturday, March 5. 10am to 12pm

Santa Venetia Marsh Stroll

This is a Healthy Parks, Healthy People event.

Join a ranger for a stroll around beautiful Santa Venetia Marsh. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Degree of difficulty: Easy. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring binoculars if you have them. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Rain or heavy winds will cancel. Questions: Contact Ranger Luke Bishop at 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.

Sunday, March 6. 10am to 12pm

Learn to Freshwater Fish

Join us at Stafford Lake Park where rangers will teach the basics of freshwater fishing at the park's pond. 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. Rain will cancel. Questions: Contact Ranger Josh Gilmore at JGilmore@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 left after the gate house and follow to the parking lot.

Saturday, March 19, 10am to 1pm

Tiburon Uplands Wildflower 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, and learn about the colorful history of the Tiburon peninsula. Don't forget to bring binoculars, a camera, water, and a snack. This is a moderately strenuous hike. Due to limited parking at the Uplands turnout we will meet at the park and carpool to Uplands if necessary. Questions: Contact Ranger Christin Lopez at 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 26. 7:30pm to 9pm

Roy's Redwoods Nighttime Adventure

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! All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Degree of difficulty: 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 Mike Warner at (415) 473-2816 or MWarner@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.

Sunday, April 3. 9:30am to 12pm

Wildflowers to Waterfalls

Join rangers in Cascade Canyon for a stroll along the creek to the waterfall. We'll look for spring wildflowers as we make our way through the various habitats of this beautiful preserve. Parking is limited along Cascade Drive so rangers will provide a shuttle from Doc Edgar Park in Fairfax to the Cascade Drive Gate. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Degree of difficulty: Moderate. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring your camera. We will provide water and healthy snacks. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Rain or heavy winds will cancel. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Craig Solin at (415) 473-2816 or CSolin@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 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, the park is on your right.

Sunday, April 3. 11am to 1pm

Learn to Skate

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. 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. Rain will cancel. Questions: 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.

Sunday, April 10. 10am to 2:30pm

Mount Burdell's Geomorphology and Historic Quarries

Join us on a ranger-led hike as we explore how and why Mount Burdell came to look the way it does today. We'll focus on the geology and mass movements that have shaped the mountain then we'll take a look at three different quarry sites from different time periods. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: 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 Mike Warner at (415) 473-2816 or MWarner@marincounty.org. Meet at the end of Butterfield in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west, follow San Marin Dr .25 miles, turn right on Redwood Dr and then left onto Woodhollow drive (0.3 mi.). Turn left onto Fieldstone drive (0.6mi.) then right onto Butterfield, follow to end (dead end).

Saturday, April 16. 11am to 1pm

Learn How to Pier Fish

Join rangers, and a few of our experienced local anglers, to learn the secrets and tricks of the trade when fishing from a pier. A 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 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, April 16. 7:30pm to 9pm

Moonlight Hike at Ring Mountain

Join a ranger for a rare chance to experience this unique preserve after dark. We'll discuss nocturnal animals and things that go bump in the night! All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Degree of difficulty: Moderate. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Rain or heavy winds will cancel. Don't forget to bring a flashlight. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Rain or heavy winds will cancel. Questions: Contact Mike Warner at (415) 473-2816 or MWarner@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 1. 12pm to 2pm

Mother's Day Make and Take

Don't wait until the last minute; bring your kids out to Stafford Lake Park to make something special for mom! Work with rangers to build a beautiful flower press. Dress for outdoor weather. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. We will provide supplies, smocks, and healthy snacks. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Rain does not cancel the event. Please reserve your spot in advance, as this event is limited to 30 participants. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Ranger Jason Olivotti at JOlivotti@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, May 7. 11am to 1pm

Mother's Day Art in the Park

Don't wait until the last minute; bring your kids out to McNears Beach 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 and healthy snacks. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Rain will cancel. Questions: Contact Sarah Burkhart at SBurkhart@marincounty.org. Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at the South Shore picnic area in McNears Beach Park in San Rafael (201 Cantera Way). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Central San Rafael east. Take 2nd St east, which merges into 3rd St, and then turns into Point San Pedro Rd. Follow Point San Pedro Rd for 3.6 miles, turn right at Cantera Way, and follow to the large parking lot at the end (park in south end of lot).

Saturday, May 7. 8pm to 10pm

Astronomy Night: Aquarids Meteor Shower

Bring the whole family out for an evening under the stars on Mount Burdell. Look at the planets and night sky through a telescope, or bring a blanket to sit on and enjoy the view. The star of the show will be the Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower, which will be at its peak. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Degree of difficulty: Easy. 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 water and healthy snacks. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Rain or heavy winds will cancel. Questions: Contact Mike Warner at (415) 473-2816 or MWarner@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 15. 10am to 3pm

Mystery of the 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. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Degree of difficulty: 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 Mike Warner at (415) 473-2816 or MWarners@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.

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

Full Moon Adventure at Indian Tree

Join a ranger for a hike to experience this unique preserve after dark. We'll discuss nocturnal animals and things that go bump in the night! All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. 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 Mike Warner at (415) 473-2816 or MWarners@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.