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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.

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**Saturday, June 4. 9am to 1pm**

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***National Trails Day***

We are partnering with the San Francisco Bay Trail and One Tam 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).

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### **Saturday, June 25. 10am to 1pm**

#### ***Ring Mountain Restoration: Seed Collection***

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 grass and forb species and we'll spend time collecting their seeds so that we can plant them 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, but bring a lunch. 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. 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

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).

**Saturday, July 2. 9am to 1pm**

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**Tuesday, July 5. 3pm to 5pm**

***Civic Center Grounds Cleanup***

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 or (415) 763-2977. Meet at the Veteran's 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 8. 10am to 2pm**

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**Saturday, July 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. 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. 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 [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).

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#### ***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 Mi Pueblo. 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. 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 McInnis Park tennis courts 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.

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**Saturday, August 27. 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. 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. In the event of cancellation, program will be rescheduled. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Greg Reza at [GReza@marincounty.org](mailto:GReza@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-3778. 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.

**Wednesday, June 1. 9am to 12pm**

### ***Birds at Mount Burdell***

We'll get an early start so we can focus on vocalizations (before the breeding season ends and all of the music stops!). We'll look for the many resident species and with luck we might watch them interact with their newly fledged young. 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 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, June 5. 9:30am to 11:30am**

### ***Senior Stroll at Old St. Hillary's***

This preserve is home to one of the world's rarest plants, the Tiburon Jewelflower. We'll follow a level fire road that will offer us views of this and several other beautiful, late blooming flowers as we enjoy a sweeping panorama of the 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. 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 Vistazo West St 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, right onto Vistazo West St, and follow to the end (dead end).

**Tuesday, June 7. 7pm to 9pm**

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

Come experience twilight among the redwoods. We'll join National Park Service Ranger Mia Monroe in this special after-hours stroll through the ancient forest of Muir Woods. We'll listen to the dusk chorus and hope that a spotted owl might distinctively "bark". Late spring flowers may still be in bloom and we'll see what else is in the shadows. There is no fee for this program but please arrive a few minutes early for a parking pass (we'll be in the park after closing hours). Bring a flashlight, binoculars, and dress in layers. 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 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.

**Sunday, June 12. 9am to 12pm**

***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 hills. The local birds will be busy caring for their newly fledged young and we may find some late blooming flowers along the shaded banks of the creek. 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 Shannon Burke at [SBurke@marincounty.org](mailto:SBurke@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9520. Meet at the College of Marin Indian Valley Campus in Novato, parking lot 6 (1800 Ignacio Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the Ignacio Blvd/Bel Marin Keys Blvd exit west onto Ignacio Blvd approximately 2.5 miles all the way through campus. Parking lot 6 is adjacent to the police station.

**Wednesday, June 15. 10am to 2pm**

***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 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 Shannon Burke at [SBurke@marincounty.org](mailto:SBurke@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9520. 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.

**Thursday, June 23. 10am to 2pm**

***Tomaes Bay State Park: Jepson Trail to Pebble Beach***

We'll descend slowly through a lush, shaded forest of Bishop pines and then enjoy lunch on one of the finest beaches in the county. 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 Shannon Burke at [SBurke@marincounty.org](mailto:SBurke@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9520. Meet at the Jepson/Johnstone trailhead. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 20.4 miles to Olema. Turn right onto Hwy 1 and go 2 miles. Turn left onto Sir Francis Drake Blvd and go 6.4 miles to Pierce Point Road. Go right 1.0 miles, trailhead is on the right. If you get to the entrance to Heart's Desire you've gone too far.

**Tuesday, June 28. 7pm to 8:30pm**

***Lecture: Butterflies of Marin County***

Butterflies are some of the most beautiful and popular insects, and they are also fascinating creatures. This lecture will focus on the life stories of our local species, where to find them, how to identify them, and what you can do to share your garden with them. This lecture is intended for ages 15 and up. Questions: Contact David Herlocker with Marin County Parks at (415) 893-9508 or [DHerlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:DHerlocker@marincounty.org), or contact Larkspur Library at (415) 927-5005. Meet at the Larkspur Library. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 take the Tamalpais/Paradise Dr. exit, go right onto Tamalpais, go 0.7 miles, go left onto Redwood Ave, then right onto Corte Madera Ave, continue onto Magnolia Ave 0.6 miles, library is on the right.

## **Tuesday, July 5. 10am to 12pm**

### ***Senior Stroll at Arroyo Hondo***

This lush canyon in the southern portion of the Point Reyes National Seashore is a haven for dragonflies, butterflies, and birds. This level, well maintained, shaded trail is a perfect place to enjoy nature on a sunny summer day. 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 Arroyo Hondo trailhead on Mesa Rd, north of Bolinas. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 20.4 miles to Olema. Turn left onto Hwy 1, 9.2 miles, right onto Olema-Bolinas Rd 1.3 miles, go left to stay on Olema-Bolinas Rd 0.5 miles, turn right onto Mesa Rd 3.9 miles. Trailhead is on the right.

## **Wednesday, July 6. 6:30pm to 8pm**

### ***Lecture: Mammals of Marin County***

This presentation will provide an overview of the many species of mammals that are found here, from bats, to the occasional black bear. We'll cover the species that we see nearly every day like deer and squirrels, and we'll also talk about some of the seldom seen residents like mountain beavers and badgers. 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 at the Novato Library in Novato (1720 Novato Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for De Long Ave east. After 0.05 miles continue on Diablo Ave, turn right onto Novato Blvd and follow 0.5 miles. Library is on the right.

## **Sunday, July 10. 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. 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 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.

## **Thursday, July 14. 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 drought, we'll take advantage of habitats ranging from freshwater marsh to coastal dunes, which support an assortment of unique plants and many gorgeous flowers. 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 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, July 17. 10am to 2pm**

### ***Bahia***

This open oak woodland at the edge of the San Pablo Bay wetlands offers us a variety of habitats to explore. We'll make our way up to the ridge through a unique oak forest before dropping back down to follow the shaded

trail that runs along the edge of the wetlands. 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 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.

### **Wednesday, July 27. 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 or (415) 893-9508. Parking fee is \$8. Meet at the Lake Lagunitas parking area. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 5 miles to Fairfax. Turn left onto Pacheco Ave, immediate right onto Broadway Blvd, left onto Bolinas Rd for 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Sky Oaks Rd. At approximately 0.5 miles, stop and pay \$8 parking fee, then follow signs to Lake Lagunitas (end of Sky Oaks Rd).

### **Sunday, July 31. 9am to 1pm**

#### ***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 hills, making it the perfect spot to spend a summer day. Remember to bring lunch as well as binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. 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 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 2. 9am to 2pm**

#### ***White Hill***

We'll aim for lunch at the summit, but if it's too hot we might just find a perfect shaded meadow on the ridge. We'll make the 1,000 foot ascent at a pace that will allow us to enjoy all of the scenery we encounter along the way. (6.5 miles round trip.) 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 roadside parking area near the top of White Hill Grade on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 6 miles. Park in the big gravel pullout on the right side, below the crest of the hill.

### **Sunday, August 7. 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'll discuss the potential effects of climate change on the redwood ecosystem and will work together to document the biodiversity of this preserve through our citizen science projects Redwood Watch and Fern Watch. Come prepared to contribute to science! This program is open to all ages; kids and adults. 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.

### **Wednesday, August 10. 10am to 12pm**

#### ***Senior Stroll at White House Pool***

This park, located along the lower reaches of Lagunitas Creek, is a haven for wildlife. The level paths take us through dense stands of willows which provide habitat for a variety of birds and other wildlife. With luck we might catch a glimpse of river otters or the endangered California red-legged frog. 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 White House Pool nature area on Sir Francis Drake Blvd (just south of Inverness Park). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the Sir Francis Drake exit 20.4 miles to Olema. Turn right onto Hwy 1 and go 2 miles. Before the green bridge, turn left (continuing on Sir Francis Drake Blvd) and follow 0.7 miles. Look for the White House Pool sign on the right.

### **Sunday, August 14. 9am to 12pm**

#### ***Plant Galls at 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. 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 Shannon Burke at [SBurke@marincounty.org](mailto:SBurke@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9520. 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 21. 10am to 2pm**

#### ***Birds of Limantour Estero***

We'll follow the trail that runs between the beach and the estuary looking for shorebirds that stop here as they migrate from their northern breeding grounds to their winter homes in the south. 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 Limantour Beach parking area. 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 go 0.5 miles, turn left onto Limantour Rd, 7.5 miles to parking area.

### **Tuesday, August 23. 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. Don't forget 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 28. 9am to 2pm**

***Gary Giacomini***

This ridge above the south side of the San Geronimo Valley is one of the great gems in the county. Wildflowers (including some unusual serpentine endemics), a pygmy Sargent cypress forest, and incredible views are our reward for the sustained climb that will bring us to the top. For lunch we'll drop down to a shaded clearing among towering Redwoods and Douglas-firs. Distance: 5 miles; elevation gain: 1,200 feet. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. 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 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.

**Wednesday, August 31. 10am to 1pm**

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

In April of 2014, water from San Pablo Bay rushed through a levee and flooded a square mile of land that used to be the Hamilton airfield; this moment punctuated a process aimed at restoring the tidal wetlands here. Join us for a walk along this newly restored area where we'll look for waterfowl, shorebirds, and other wildlife, and see how the tidal flow is changing the landscape. 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 or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the parking area near the playfield. DIRECTIONS: From Highway 101 take the Hamilton Field/Nave Drive exit. Stay right onto Nave Drive .5 mi, go right at Main Gate Rd, .4 mi, Main Gate Rd becomes S Palm Dr, .5mi, turn right onto Hangar Ave, the parking lot is on the right.

## 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, June 26. 10am to 1pm**

#### ***Nature for Kids: Bahia***

This open oak woodland at the edge of the San Pablo Bay wetlands offers us a variety of habitats to explore. We'll head to a nice clearing at the top of the ridge where the kids can explore, while we let butterflies and other creatures come to us. 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 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.

### **Tuesday, July 19. 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. Parking fee is \$8. Meet at the Lake Lagunitas parking area. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 5 miles to Fairfax. Turn left onto Pacheco Ave, immediate right onto Broadway Blvd, left onto Bolinas Rd for 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Sky Oaks Rd. At approximately 0.5 miles, stop and pay \$8 parking fee, then follow signs to Lake Lagunitas (end of Sky Oaks Rd).

### **Sunday, August 7. 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 and will work together to document the biodiversity of this preserve through our citizen science projects Redwood Watch and Fern Watch. Come prepared to contribute to science! This program is open to all ages; kids and adults. 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.

## 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, June 4. 9am to 11am**

### ***Basics of Freshwater Fishing***

Join us at McInnis Park where rangers will teach tips and tricks of the trade of freshwater fishing at the park's pond. This event requires a short walk up and down a large hill to reach the park's pond. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a fishing pole. 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 Ranger Josh Gilmore at [JGilmore@marincounty.org](mailto:JGilmore@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 4. 8pm to 10pm**

### ***Astronomy Night***

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. 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](mailto: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, June 5. 10am to 12pm**

### ***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. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. We will provide water and healthy snacks. 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. Please reserve your spot in advance, as this event is limited to 20 participants. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Ranger Mike Warner at [MWarner@maincounty.org](mailto:MWarner@maincounty.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.

**Thursday, June 9. 6:30pm to 8pm**

### ***Wild Canines of Marin***

Come join us at the Novato Library and learn about the wild canines of Marin. Chief Park Ranger Rob Ruiz will discuss the habits and identifying characteristics of our canine neighbors, the coyotes. This event is ideal for all

ages. Questions: Contact Chief Park Ranger Rob Ruiz at (415) 473-4045 or [RRuiz@marincounty.org](mailto:RRuiz@marincounty.org). Meet at the Novato Library in Novato (1720 Novato Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for De Long Ave east. After 0.05 miles continue on Diablo Ave, turn right onto Novato Blvd and follow 0.5 miles. Library is on the right.

### **Saturday, June 11. 10am to 12pm**

#### ***Roll at Rush Creek***

Want to go on a scenic mountain bike ride with a ranger? Come join Ranger Ian McLorg for a morning ride along the marsh at Rush Creek Preserve. Degree of difficulty: Moderate. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water and your bike. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 473-7191 to get an update on fire danger status and land closures. If a "Red Flag" warning is in effect, all walks and events on Open Space District preserves are cancelled. Questions: Contact Ranger Ian McLorg at [IMcLorg@marincounty.org](mailto:IMcLorg@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.

### **Saturday, June 18. 10am to 12pm**

#### ***Learn How to Pier Fish on Father's Day Weekend***

Join rangers and a few of our experienced local anglers on Father's Day weekend to learn the secrets and tricks of the trade when fishing from a pier. A limited amount of poles will be available on a first come, first-served basis. A valid California fishing license is required when fishing from the shore, not from the pier. Don't forget to bring your dad and a fishing pole! All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. 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.

### **Monday, June 20. 7pm to 9pm**

#### ***Sunset Solstice Hike***

Join us at the Big Rock Trail and unwind as we end the longest day of the year in the beautiful Lucas Valley Preserve. A ranger will lead us to one of the best sunset viewing spots in all of open space. This hike is just under 2.5 miles round-trip but includes a steady climb to our destination and descent back down after dark. This event is ideal for ages 6 and up. Degree of difficulty: Moderate to strenuous. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a flashlight. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 473-7191 to get an update on fire danger status and land closures. If a "Red Flag" warning is in effect, all walks and events on Open Space District preserves are cancelled. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Charlie Schonwasser at [CSchonwasser@marincounty.org](mailto:CSchonwasser@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-2816. Meet 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.

### **Saturday, June 25. 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). 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 1. 8:30pm to 10pm**

#### ***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 at Hillside Picnic Area before we walk up the hill to view the fireworks show that begins promptly at 9:30pm. This event is ideal for all ages. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a flashlight. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Audrea Bocchi at [ABocchi@marincounty.org](mailto:ABocchi@marincounty.org). Park entrance is free. Meet at the Hillside picnic area in McInnis Park in San Rafael (310 Smith Ranch Rd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Smith Ranch Rd east approximately 0.7 miles. Drive over the railroad tracks and immediately turn left to stay on Smith Ranch Rd. (If you go through the park entrance, you have gone too far). Look for the sign for Hillside picnic area and turn right; Hillside is immediately on the right.

### **Saturday, July 2. 8:30pm to 10:30pm**

#### ***Sun Valley to Fireworks Walk***

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! The highlight of the walk will be to enjoy the Marin County Fair fireworks from one of the best viewing spots on Open Space. Fireworks start at 9:30pm. 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 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 [MWarn@marincounty.org](mailto:MWarn@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-2816. Meet at the Dan Abraham trailhead, in San Rafael. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 south, take Central San Rafael exit 0.2 miles, turn right onto Mission Ave 0.4 miles. Mission turns left and becomes B St., turn right onto 5th Ave, go 1.5 miles, trailhead is on the right. From Hwy101 north, take Central San Rafael exit, go straight on Irwin St, use 2 left lanes to go left onto 3rd St. 0.9 miles, turn right onto G St 0.2 miles, turn left onto 5th Ave 1.1 miles, trailhead is on the right.

### **Sunday, July 10. 9am to 11am**

#### ***Roy's Redwoods Trail Run***

Come out and experience the joy of trail running on the Roy's Redwoods Loop Trail with Ranger Lindsay Contreras. We'll go over trail running safety, gear, and techniques before heading out. This event is ideal for ages 10 and up. Degree of difficulty: Moderate to strenuous. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water and snacks. 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. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Ranger Lindsay Contreras at [LContreras@marincounty.org](mailto:LContreras@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-2816. Meet at the Roy's Redwoods Loop trailhead on Nicasio Valley Rd in San Geronimo. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 8.6 miles, turn right onto Nicasio Valley Rd. Gate is approximately 0.5 miles up on the right.

### **Sunday, July 17. 11am to 3pm**

#### ***Beads, Baubles, and Found Treasures***

Try something so old that it's new again! Bring your creativity and a "found treasure" (sea shell, souvenir stone, bead, etc.) and join us at Paradise Beach Park, where rangers will provide instruction in the ancient Viking skill of Nalbinding, a technique similar to knitting or crocheting. You'll be able to use your found treasure in creating a

pendant that you'll be proud to wear! This event is ideal for ages 10 and up. Degree of difficulty: Easy. We will provide kits and healthy snacks. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Please reserve your spot in advance, as this event is limited to 15 participants. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Ranger Maggie Guiott at [MGuiott@marincounty.org](mailto:MGuiott@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, July 23. 8am to 10am**

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

Join a ranger on this fun and informative walk in beautiful Baltimore Canyon. We'll take a relaxed walk along the fire road as we discuss local plants, birds, and trail etiquette. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Easy. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water and 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 Supervising Ranger Charlie Schonwasser at [CSchonwasser@marincounty.org](mailto:CSchonwasser@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-2816. Meet at the gate at the end of Crown Rd in Kent Woodlands. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 2.1 miles. Turn left onto College Ave, right onto Woodland Rd, left onto Evergreen Dr. Continue uphill to the intersection with Ridgecrest; 50-feet uphill from this junction, left onto Crown Rd, and follow to end (dead end).

### **Saturday, August 6. 11am to 1pm**

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

Head out to beautiful Upton Beach for a morning of learning how to skimboard with ranger staff. We'll learn the basics of skimboarding through demonstration and practice. A limited number of skimboards will be provided, but please bring your own if you already have a board. Skim's up! This event is ideal for ages 10 and up. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Don't forget to bring wet suit, sunscreen, and a towel. We will provide water and healthy snacks. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Paradise Beach at [Paradise Beach at Paradise BP@marincounty.org](mailto:BP@marincounty.org). Meet at the beach near the north parking lot at Stinson Beach. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 20.4 miles to Olema. Turn left onto Hwy 1 and follow 13.6 miles, Turn right at the sign that says Stinson Beach Parking GGNRA and park in the first lot on your right.

### **Sunday, August 7. 10am to 12pm**

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

Bring the whole family out to picturesque McNears Beach Park to paint, draw or color the beautiful scenery and wildlife that surrounds us while looking out at San Pablo Bay. 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. Questions: Contact Ranger Sarah Burkhart at [SBurkhart@marincounty.org](mailto: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, August 13. 9pm to 11pm**

#### ***Astronomy Viewing Night: Perseids 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 Perseids Meteor Shower, which will be at its peak. This event is ideal for all ages. 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). 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, August 27. 9am to 11am**

***Nature Walk at King Mountain***

Take a walk through your local forest and connect with its natural wonders. Join a Ranger to explore the King Mountain Loop Trail and learn about the area's unique natural resources. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Moderate. 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 Supervising Ranger Charlie Schonwasser at [CSchonwasser@marincounty.org](mailto:CSchonwasser@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-2816. Meet at the gate at the end of Ridgecrest Rd in Kentfield. 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, second right to stay on Evergreen, left onto Ridgecrest Rd, and follow to end (dead end).

**Sunday, August 28. 9am to 11am**

***Lake Fishing for Kids***

Rangers will cast out with the kids at Stafford Lake Park to try to reel in the biggest fish in the lake. 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. 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. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions: Contact Ranger Josh Gilmore at [JGilmore@marincounty.org](mailto: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.