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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 3. 10am to 2pm
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Saturday, March 11. 9am to 1pm

Aramburu Island Enhancement

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Broom Busters Work Day – 20th Anniversary Celebration

Come celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Old St. Hilary's Broom Busters. This Open Space Preserve has a friend in the Broom Buster team, a loyal group of volunteers who have worked together to remove French broom on the preserve for the past 20 years. In that time, incredible progress has been made to suppress the broom regrowth and allow native species to recover and thrive. Come learn about the importance of invasive species removal and lend a hand! 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 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).

Sunday, March 12. 9am to 1pm

Workday at Stafford Lake Bike Park

Join Marin County Parks staff and fellow members of the bike community to help maintain various features of Stafford Lake Bike Park. Volunteer work is mildly strenuous and involves bending, pulling, and kneeling and hiking on steep and uneven terrain. All ages are welcome; anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Please bring gloves if you have them. We will provide 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. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Kirk Schroeder at KSchroeder@marincounty.org or (415) 763-2977. Park entrance fee is waived for participants. Meet at Stafford Lake Park in Novato (3549 Novato Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Novato Blvd and follow for 2.6 miles. The park is on the left. Turn right after the gate house and follow to the last parking lot.

Saturday, March 18. 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 of Hal Brown Park and Creekside Marsh. Be a part of a community based effort to install 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. 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 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 18. 10am to 2pm

Kent Island Restoration

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Sunday, March 19. 9am to 12pm

Black Point Boat Launch Spruce-up

Join Marin County Parks staff and fellow members of the community to help spruce up Black Point Boat Launch. We will remove litter, improve landscaped areas, and open up views of Petaluma River by pruning and removing tall shoreline weeds. Volunteer work is mildly strenuous and involves bending, pulling, and kneeling and hiking on steep and uneven terrain. All ages are welcome; anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Snacks and extra water will be provided. 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. Park entrance fee is waived for participants. Meet at the Black Point Boat Launch on Harbor Dr in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for Napa/Vallejo (Hwy 37) east 2.6 miles. Take the Atherton Ave exit towards Black Point, merge onto Harbor Dr, and follow for 0.7 miles. The boat launch is on the right, under the bridge.

Saturday, March 25. 9am to 1pm

Aramburu Island Enhancement

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Saturday, March 25. 10am to 1pm

Ring Mountain Grassland Restoration

Join us to help preserve, restore, and experience the native grasslands that make Ring Mountain special. This is our 17th Annual "Spring Fling" event in partnership with neighboring Marin Montessori and Marin Country Day Schools. Come prepared to have fun and make a positive impact on the environment! 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).

Saturday, April 1. 9am to 12pm

Broom Busters Work Day

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Saturday, April 1. 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 will 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 Familia. Volunteer work is mildly strenuous and involves bending, pulling, and kneeling and hiking on steep and uneven terrain. All ages are welcome; anyone under the age of 18 must be

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Sunday, April 2. 9am to 1pm

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Friday, April 7. 10am to 2pm

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Saturday, April 22. 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. Marin residents have embraced it since the first Earth Day celebrations began. Let's keep up the good work, Marin! Join us to clean up and restore Bothin Marsh, Corte Madera Creek, or Hal Brown Park; 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 22. 10am to 2pm

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Saturday, April 29. 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. 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. Please bring gloves if you have them. Snacks and extra water will be provided. In the event of heavy rain and/or high winds call (415) 473-5058 to find out about event status. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Ring Mountain Stewardship Coordinator Sarah Minnick at 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).

Friday, May 5. 10am to 2pm

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Saturday, May 6. 9am to 1pm

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Saturday, May 6. 9am to 12pm

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Saturday, May 6. 10am to 2pm

Yoga in the Park

This fun-filled, dynamic event offers a great way to get active while giving to a wonderful park, and giving to yourself! We'll begin with service projects that will focus on beach clean-up, landscape maintenance, and habitat restoration. At noon we'll switch gears and enjoy a 45 minute yoga class on a flat, grassy area beside the bay. The class will be led by professional yoga teacher Daniel Rauck and will be suitable for all ages and ability levels. A free, healthy lunch will be provided at 1pm. 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 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. 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 13. 9am to 12pm

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Sunday, May 14. 9am to 1pm

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Saturday, May 20. 10am to 2pm

Kent Island Restoration

Be a part of the team working to restore the unique ecosystem on Kent Island in Bolinas Lagoon! You'll learn the value of protecting this little oasis, and how to identify and remove the invasive species that threaten it. Participation requires a short rowboat ride to the island. Volunteer work is mildly strenuous and involves bending, pulling, and kneeling, and usually requires a short hike to the site. It is possible for volunteers as young as 5 years old to join if teamed with a parent or guardian. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes and bring water. Rubber boots strongly recommended, although not required. 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. Space is limited, so RSVP to save a spot! Questions or to RSVP Contact Volunteer Coordinator Greg Reza at GReza@marincounty.org or (415) 473-3778. Meet at the public dock on Wharf Rd in Bolinas (across from the College of Marin biology lab). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 20.4 miles to Olema. Turn left onto Hwy 1 9.2 miles, right onto Olema-Bolinas Rd, left to stay on Olema-Bolinas Rd, and straight onto Wharf Rd 2.3 miles.

Saturday, May 27. 10am to 1pm

Ring Mountain Grassland Restoration

Come to Ring Mountain to help restore habitat on this special volunteer day. We'll venture out to see the endangered Tiburon mariposa lily and remove invasive plants that threaten their existence. Invasive yellow star and tocolote thistle were once a thriving population on the rise, but our efforts have yielded positive results. We have eradicated yellow star thistle and tocolote star thistle is on a steep decline. We'll finish our day with storytelling and activities for kids! Join us to become part of a 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.

Wednesday, March 1. 10am to 2pm

Birds at Bolinas Lagoon

We'll start the day exploring the small forest at Pine Gulch, which can host an array of songbirds, before heading to the shore of the lagoon to scan for water birds. At this time of year the species diversity should be fantastic; waterfowl and shorebirds that have stayed for the winter will still be here, joined by others that are on their way north. 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 Bob Stewart trailhead on Olema-Bolinas Rd in Bolinas. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 20.4 miles to Olema. Turn left onto Hwy 1, 9.2 miles, right onto Olema- Bolinas Rd, approximately 1 mile. The access to the Bob Stewart trailhead is on the left at the pullout, just east of the nursery.

Sunday, March 5. 10am to 2pm

Indian Valley

Hopefully we will have had enough rain to start the day with a look at the frogs, toads, and newts that breed here, then we'll slowly 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.

Thursday, March 9. 10am to 2pm

Rush Creek

These tidal wetlands at the edge of San Pablo Bay are a fantastic place to appreciate our local birds. Ducks (in gaudy breeding plumage), shorebirds, raptors, and many types of land birds should keep us entertained all day. The road sometimes gets quite muddy, so bring 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 Shannon Burke at SBurke@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9520. 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.

Wednesday, March 15. 10am to 11:30am

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.

Sunday, March 19. 10am to 2pm

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 make our way up to the ridge among a unique oak woodland before dropping back down to follow the 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. 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 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.

Thursday, March 23. 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-foot uphill from this junction, left onto Crown Rd, and follow to end (dead end).

Wednesday, March 29. 10am to 2pm

Cascade Canyon

Flowers, birds, and butterflies will surround us as we enjoy a spring day in this Fairfax preserve. This canyon is the upper reach of the San Anselmo Creek watershed, a pristine wildlife refuge, and truly one of the jewels of Marin County. We should see an assortment of lilies and other shade-loving flowers in the forest, and with luck, we may get a head start on some early returning birds 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 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.

Sunday, April 2. 10am to 11:30am

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 singing 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 6. 10am to 2pm

Wildflowers at 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. We'll be joined by Ring Mountain Steward, Sarah Minnick, who will discuss the ongoing restoration efforts and research being done at this special preserve. 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).

Sunday, April 9. 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 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.

Monday, April 17. 10am to 2pm

Wildflowers at Chimney Rock

Come celebrate Native Plant Week with Marin County Parks and the California Native Plant Society. The coastal bluffs along the outer reaches of the Pt Reyes Peninsula host a fantastic display of spring wildflowers. We'll take our time identifying the species that we find as we enjoy breathtaking views of the ocean. 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 Chimney Rock 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 19 miles (allow about 30 minutes for this segment). Just after you pass the last dairy ranch (Ranch A) and a "V" in the road, go left, the parking lot is at the end.

Thursday, April 20. 10am to 2pm

Wildflowers of Mount Burdell

Come celebrate Native Plant Week with Marin County Parks and the California Native Plant Society 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. 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 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 23. 9am to 2pm

Wildflowers of Gary Giacomini

Come celebrate Native Plant Week with Marin County Parks and the California Native Plant Society. The ridge above the south side of the San Geronimo Valley is one of the great gems in the county. Wildflowers (including several serpentine endemics), a pygmy Sargent cypress forest, and incredible views are our reward for the sustained climb that will bring us to the top. 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 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, April 26. 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 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.

Sunday, April 30. 10am to 2pm

Wildflowers of Mount Burdell

The wildflower display at this location is among the best in the county. We'll visit a variety of habitats including serpentine soils, freshwater springs, and oak woodlands. The flora of this Novato preserve is incredibly diverse and includes a number of rare plants. 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 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, May 3. 10am to 2pm

Cascade Canyon

This is a wonderful spot to spend a spring day. As we make our way through different habitats we'll enjoy the chorus of breeding birds that make this preserve their home and we'll keep an eye out for an array of wildflowers that decorate this lovely 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 5.3 miles. Turn left onto Pacheco Ave, turn right onto Broadway and make first left onto Bolinas Rd 0.4 miles, slight right onto Cascade Dr (at the stop sign) continue about 1.5 miles to the gate (dead end). Parking is limited.

Sunday, May 7. 9am to 12pm

Morning Stroll on the Old Railroad Grade

We'll enjoy a slow stroll along the old railroad grade, a route that takes us in and out of a series of forested valleys separated by open grassland and coastal scrub habitats; a great combination which will provide us with a nice variety of birds, flowers, and everything else we're lucky enough to encounter along the way. We'll employ a car shuttle so we can have a relaxing morning walk. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at SBurke@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9520. Meet at the trailhead at the end of Glen Dr in Fairfax. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 6.7 miles, turn right onto Glen Dr and follow 0.5 miles to end (dead end).

Thursday, May 11. 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. 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).

Sunday, May 14. 10am to 1pm

Celebrating Mothers at Deer Island

In honor of Mother's Day, we'll focus on the myriad manifestations of motherhood in the natural world. Learn about the strategies that have evolved around the rearing of offspring in the world of birds, insects, reptiles, and mammals, and all of the challenges that mothers face. 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 Deer Island Ln in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for Atherton Ave east 1.7 miles. Turn right onto Olive Ave and left onto Deer Island Ln. The gate is on your right.

Tuesday, May 16. 10am to 2pm

Carson Falls

Join Marin County Parks and our One Tam partner, the Marin Municipal Water District, for a special outing. 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 5.3 miles. Turn left onto Pacheco Ave, turn right onto Broadway and make first left onto Bolinas Rd. Follow for 3.8 miles (1.3 miles past the entrance to the Meadow Club). The parking area is on the left.

Thursday, May 18. 7pm to 8:30pm

Rattlesnakes of Marin

Here in Marin we have only one species of venomous snake; the Northern Pacific Rattlesnake. This lecture will focus on the amazing pit vipers called rattlesnakes. Learn why some biologists refer to them as "the most highly evolved vertebrates on the planet today". Come hear all about our local rattler and the latest developments in our understanding of reptile venoms. This lecture is intended 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 in the Auditorium in the Whittell Building at the Marin Humane Society in Novato (171 Bel Marin Keys Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the Ignacio Blvd/Bel Marin Keys Blvd exit. Follow the signs to Bel Marin Keys Blvd, go past the overpass, and turn left at the first stop light into the parking lot.

Sunday, May 21. 9am to 12pm

Birds at Mount Burdell

We'll get an early start so we can focus on vocalizations. Bird activity should be at its peak; some species will be working overtime to satisfy their ravenous broods, some will be tending newly fledged young, and a few will even be tending new nests. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at 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).

Tuesday, May 23. 10am to 11:30am

Senior Stroll at Old St. Hilary'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 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).

Wednesday, May 31. 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 Shannon Burke at SBurke@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9520. 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 12. 10am to 1pm

Nature for Kids: Mount Burdell

The pond here is called “Hidden Lake” because it dries up and disappears every year. During the rainy season, however, thousands of newts, treefrogs, and different kinds of insects gather in the water. Sometimes we can even find other animals waiting nearby 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).

Thursday, April 13. 10am to 1pm

Nature for Kids: Stafford Lake

We'll visit a pond, a permanent creek, and a marsh, and talk about the animals that live in these wet habitats. Then we'll explore a shady forest and have lunch in a beautiful meadow where we can look out over the lake. Remember to bring lunch. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. 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. Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at Stafford Lake Park in Novato (3549 Novato Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Novato Blvd and follow for 2.6 miles. The park is on the left. Turn right after the gate house and follow to the last parking lot.

Monday, May 29. 10am to 1pm

Nature for Kids: Indian Valley

We'll start the day looking for bugs and lizards, and if we're lucky we might even find young frogs or toads that are looking for a cool, moist place to hide for the summer. After that we'll head into the forest which is also a good place to find wildlife. Remember to bring lunch. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org 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.

RANGER ACTIVITIES

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

Thursday, March 2. 7pm to 8:30pm

Wild Canines of Marin

Learn about the wild canines of Marin with Chief Park Ranger and Project Coyote volunteer Rob Ruiz. He will discuss the habits and identifying characteristics of our canine neighbors: The foxes and coyotes. This event is ideal for all ages. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Questions: Contact Rob Ruiz at RRuiz@marincounty.org or (415) 473-4045. Meet at the Marinwood Community Center on Miller Creek Rd in Lucas Valley (775 Miller Creek Rd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Lucas Valley Rd west approximately 1 mile. Turn right onto Miller Creek Rd and immediately right into parking lot.

Saturday, March 4. 10am to 12pm

Roll at Rush Creek

Want to go on a scenic mountain bike ride with a ranger? Come join Supervising Ranger Ian McLorg for a morning ride along the marsh at Rush Creek Preserve. 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. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain will cancel. Questions: Contact Ian McLorg at IMcLorg@marincounty.org or (415) 473-2818. Meet at the Pinheiro Fire Rd gate on Binford Rd in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for Atherton Ave east. Turn left onto Binford Rd. The gate is on the right.

Saturday, March 11. 6pm to 7:30pm

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! This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Easy. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water, snacks, and a flashlight. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain will cancel. Questions: Contact Mike Warner at MWarners@marnicounty.org or (415) 473-6381. 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, March 18. 6:15am to 8:30am

Sunrise Hike at King Mountain

Start your Saturday with a sunrise hike. Join Ranger Blain Thompson as we walk through your local forest to watch the sun rise from the beautiful King Mountain Loop Trail (approximately 1.5 miles). 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. Rain will cancel. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Questions: Contact Blain Thompson at BThompson@marincounty.org or (415) 473-6381. 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).

Saturday, March 25. 9am 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. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Easy. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water and snacks. Rain will cancel. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Questions: Gabe Ngarangad GNgarangad@marincounty.org or (415) 473-6381. 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, March 26. 10am to 12pm

Learn to Freshwater Fish

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. A limited number of fishing poles and bait will be provided first come first serve. Fishing license required for participants 16 and older. Dogs are welcome at McInnis Park but must be leashed. Snacks and water will be provided. Rain will cancel. Park entrance is free. Questions: Contact Jason Olivotti at JOlivotti@marincounty.org or (415) 446-4423. Meet at the McInnis Park dock in San Rafael (310 Smith Ranch Rd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Smith Ranch Rd east approximately 0.7 miles. Go through entrance and look for the softball field on the right, turn right, then immediate left into the dock parking area.

Sunday, March 26. 7:30pm to 9pm

Ring Mountain Night Photography

Join Ranger/Photographer Mike Warner for a rare opportunity to go on a short hike through Ring Mountain Preserve at night. We'll explore the photo possibilities along the way with a focus on taking long exposure photographs. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring your camera, water, and a flashlight. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Heavy rain will cancel this event. Questions: Contact Ranger Mike Warner at MWarner@marincounty.org or (415) 473-2816. 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, April 1. 9am to 11am

Learn to Fish

Join us at Stafford Lake where rangers will teach the basics of fishing. A limited amount of poles will be available on a first come, first-served basis. A valid California fishing license is required when fishing from the shore, not from the pier. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Easy. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a fishing pole. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Rain will cancel. Questions: Contact Josh Gilmore at JGilmore@marincounty.org or (415) 897-0618. Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at Stafford Lake Park in Novato (3549 Novato Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Novato Blvd and follow for 2.6 miles. The park is on the left. Turn right after the gate house and follow to the last parking lot.

Sunday, April 9. 9am to 11am

Learn to Ride

Learn to ride pump tracks and rollers with a ranger at the Stafford Lake Bike Park. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Rain will cancel. Questions: Contact

Supervising Ranger Adam Craig at ACraig@marincounty.org or (415) 897-0618. Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at Stafford Lake Park in Novato (3549 Novato Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Novato Blvd and follow for 2.6 miles. The park is on the left. Turn right after the gate house and follow to the last parking lot.

Sunday, April 9. 10am to 12pm

Explore a Salt Marsh

Come discover your local salt marsh at Santa Margarita Island to learn about the creatures that live in this fascinating habitat. Why does an egret have such long legs? How many living things are in one handful of mud? How do plants survive drinking salt water? This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Easy. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this preserve. Rain will cancel. Questions: Contact Elia Narayan at ENarayan@marincounty.org or (415) 473-6381. Meet at the gate at the end of Meadow Dr in San Rafael. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for N San Pedro Rd east 1.1 miles. Turn left onto Meadow Dr (opposite the 7-Eleven store) and drive to the end (dead end).

Monday, April 10. 7pm to 9pm

Stafford Lake Full Moon Campfire and Smore's Fest!

Celebrate Spring Break with a fun-filled, educational event for the whole family. We'll tell stories around the campfire, sipping cocoa and constructing our Smore's while taking in views of the full moon and park. We'll discuss the Coast Miwok and the significance of their communities that are woven into the local landscapes as well as basic astronomy concepts and the influence they have on our life in Marin County. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a flashlight. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Rain will cancel. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Adam Craig at ACraig@marincounty.org or (415) (415) 897-0618. 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.

Tuesday, April 11, 10am to 1pm

Art in the Park at Creekside

Bring the whole family out to Hal Brown Park to paint the beautiful scenery and wildlife of Creekside Marsh along Corte Madera Creek. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Easy. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. We will provide supplies and healthy snacks. Don't forget to bring water. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Rain will cancel. Questions: Contact Mike Maraccini at MMaraccini@marincounty.org or (415) 435-9212. Meet across from Marin General Hospital at Hal Brown Park (at the picnic tables nearest the restrooms). 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.

Wednesday, April 12. 10am to 12pm

Deer Island Stroll

Join rangers for a fun mid-morning hike at Deer Island to discover the local wildlife and unique views of this wonderful preserve. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Easy. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain will cancel. Questions: Contact: Josh Rosenfeld at JRosenfeld@marincounty.org or (415) 473-6381. Meet at the gate on Deer Island Ln in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for Atherton Ave east 1.7 miles. Turn right onto Olive Ave and left onto Deer Island Ln. The gate is on your right.

Saturday, April 15. 10am to 12pm

Learn to Fish at Paradise Park

Join rangers, and a few of our experienced local anglers, to learn the secrets and tricks of the trade when fishing from a pier. A limited amount of poles will be available on a first come, first-served basis. A valid California fishing license is required when fishing from the shore, not from the pier. This event is ideal for all ages. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring your fishing pole and water. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain will cancel. Questions: Contact Mike Maraccini at MMaraccini@marincounty.org or (415) 435-9212. 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 15. 12pm to 2pm

Wild Fire History of Mt. Tamalpais

Come on a hike with Marin County Parks Ranger Mike Warner and One Tam partner California State Parks Ranger Cecilia Rejas to learn about the history of wildfires on the slopes of Mt Tamalpais. This will be an easy, one mile walk with a unique view of the mountain. This event is ideal for all ages. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water and snacks. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain will cancel. Questions: Mike Warner at MWArner@marincounty.org or (415) 473-6381. Meet at the East Peak of Mt Tamalpais. 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 5.3 miles, turn right onto Pantoll Rd.1.5 miles, go right at East Ridgecrest Blvd. and follow 3 miles to parking area (\$8 fee).

Sunday, April 23. 10am to 12pm

Backpacking Basics

Learn the basics of backpacking with Ranger Lindsay Contreras at Mount Burdell Preserve. You'll learn how to plan for a multi-day outing in the back country and what things you should bring. Afterwards you can practice with your gear (bringing a backpack is optional) as we take an easy hike through the preserve. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Easy. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water and snacks. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Questions: Contact Lindsay Contreras at LContreras@marincounty.org or (415) 473-6381. Meet at the gate on San Carlos Way in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.1 miles. Turn right onto San Carlos Way and follow to end (dead end).

Sunday, April 30. 9am to 11am

Learn to Ride

Learn to ride pump tracks and rollers with a ranger at the Stafford Lake Bike Park. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Rain will cancel. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Adam Craig at ACraig@marincounty.org or (415) 897-0618. Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at Stafford Lake Park in Novato (3549 Novato Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Novato Blvd and follow for 2.6 miles. The park is on the left. Turn right after the gate house and follow to the last parking lot.

Saturday, May 6. 10am to 2pm

Mystery of White Hill

Come on a hike with Ranger Mike Warner to find the crash site of the B-17 Flying Fortress, a bomber aircraft from World War II. We'll discuss the history, context, and mystery surrounding the site. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Easy. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water and lunch. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain will cancel. Questions: Contact Mike

Warner at MWarners@marincounty.org or (415) 473-6381. 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 8 miles. Park in the big gravel pullout on the right side, below the crest of the hill.

Saturday, May 13. 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. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. We will provide supplies and healthy snacks. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions: Contact Sarah Burkhart at SBurkhart@marincounty.org or (415) 446-4424. 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

Saturday, May 20. 7pm to 9pm

Campfire Program: Evening at Stafford Lake

Join rangers for an evening of fun around the campfire! There will be a short hike, stories, and sing-a-longs. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Easy. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a flashlight. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions: Contact Mike Warner at MWarners@marincounty.org or (415) 473-6381. 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.

Sunday, May 21. 9am to 11am

Learn to Ride

Learn to ride pump tracks and rollers with a ranger at the Stafford Lake Bike Park. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Adam Craig at ACraig@marincounty.org or (415) 897-0618. Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at Stafford Lake Park in Novato (3549 Novato Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Novato Blvd and follow for 2.6 miles. The park is on the left. Turn right after the gate house and follow to the last parking lot.

Saturday, May 27. 1pm to 3pm

Kayak Voyage to Santa Margarita Island

Join Rangers on a kayak voyage exploring the beautiful wetlands of Las Gallinas Creek. Our voyage will take us to Santa Margarita Island where we will attempt to land and then explore this wonderful preserve. Bring your own kayak and life vest. Snacks and water provided. We request no pets (except service animals) attend. Please reserve your spot in advance. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Jason Olivotti at JOlivotti@marincounty.org or (415) 446-4423. Park entrance is free. Meet at the McInnis Park dock in San Rafael (310 Smith Ranch Rd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Smith Ranch Rd east approximately 0.7 miles. Go through entrance and look for the softball field on the right, turn right, then immediate left into the dock parking area.

Sunday, May 28. 10am to 12pm

Birds and History at Rush Creek

Meet a ranger for a hike at Rush Creek Preserve. We'll learn about the birds and animals that live in the area as well as some of the colorful history of the preserve. 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. 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 Jake Feickert at JFeickert@marincounty.org or (415) 473-6381. 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.