

Doug Siden Visitor Center at Crab Cove

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Every Fri
10:30-
11am

Story Time

Come meet story characters like the Lorax, hermit crabs, and “Swimmy the Fish;” then do a craft.

Every
Wed, Sat
& Sun
3-3:30pm

Fish Feeding Time

Visit our aquariums to see who lives here! Observe a shark, fish and other critters while they eat!



Every
Sat & Sun
1:30-
2:30pm

Family Nature Fun

Spend an afternoon at the Bay, make new discoveries, and enjoy a new activity each week with games, crafts, and special surprises.

Apr 6 & 7: Duck, Duck, Goose!—Fun with feathered friends!

Apr 13 & 14: Stop and Smell the Flowers—explore the blooms.

Apr 20 & 21: Going Green—celebrate Earth Day!

Apr 27 & 28: Busy Buzzy Bees and other Pollinators!

Ages 8+

Doug Siden Visitor Center at Crab Cove at Crown Memorial State Beach officially opened on July 4, 1980. You can see bay creatures in our 600-gallon aquarium and 6 other aquariums. The visitor center is open: Wed—Sun

(10am-5pm March—October).

(10am-4pm, November—February)


Programs are free, drop-in, & meet at the visitor center unless otherwise noted.

Program Key:

 = Wheelchair accessible

\$ = Fee program

= Register online at ebparksonline.org

 = Parking Fee may apply

(non-res.) = Residents outside of Alameda & Contra Costa counties


Given advance notice accommodations can be made for visitors with disabilities.

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Dates
10:30-
11:45am

Hikes for Tykes

Enjoy some nature before naptime with your young child! Join a naturalist as they take you over hill and dale to explore the Regional Parks. Tools for exploration will be provided. Hikes average about 1/2 mile.

Bring a snack. Strollers are not recommended for most hikes.

April 2: Redwood Regional Park (Canyon Meadow)

Redwood forests and meadows in springtime: what could be more beautiful?

April 16: Encinal Beach

There is so much to explore: on the beach and on land, with amazing views across the Bay.



Various
dates &
times

Wednesday Walks

Wed April 3, 9:30am-1:30pm: Sibley Regional Preserve (Sibley Staging Area)

Hike about 6 hilly miles along a portion of the beautiful East Bay Skyline National Recreation Trail from Sibley through Huckleberry to Reinhardt Redwood and back. Some sections are strenuous. Bring water & snack.

Wed April 24, 9:30am-12:30pm: Redwood Regional Park (Trudeau Center)

Wind your way through the Redwood Canyons and Manzanita Hilltops. Spring Wildflowers will be there to greet us along the way. About 4.5 miles. Sometimes steep and uneven trails.



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Sat,
Apr 6
8am-
3:30pm

Birdathon \$

East Bay Regional Park District staff will be joining the Golden Gate Bird Alliance (Formerly Golden Gate Audubon) to search the shore and lake for birds for their annual fundraising event.

Fee: Donation cost amount will include boat ride.

Contact sramos@ebparks.org for specific cost/price.



Sun,
Apr 7
8:30am-
1:30pm

Ramble Rocky Ridge

This hike takes us from Moraga and up the less-traveled west side of Rocky Ridge in Las Trampas, highlighting the connections between EBMUD land and EB Parks land. We should see lots of wildflowers. Leader will provide trail permit for all. About 7.5 miles of hiking with 1,800 feet of elevation gain. Please bring food and water, and be prepared for what the weather may bring. Ages 12 years and up.

Where: Rancho Laguna Park



Tue,
Apr 9
10:30-
11:45am

Sea Squirts \$

Once a month share a morning of shoreline fun with your child. Play games, explore nature, sing songs, and do a craft related to the theme of the day! Ages 3-5 years.

Topic: Incredible Invertebrates

Fee: \$5 (\$7 non-res.)

Registration Required: bit.ly/seasquirts49



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Saturday & Sunday Strolls ®

Sat April 13, 9:30-11:30am: Anthony Chabot Regional Park (Clyde Woolridge Staging Area)

From sunny grasslands to shady creek side, we hope to see some wildflowers blooming! Note: some elevation difference, we will be hiking about 2 ½ miles. May be muddy. Plan ahead- sorry no restrooms available.

Sun April 14, 9:30-11am: Leona Canyon Regional Preserve (Merritt College Parking Lot E)

From Ocean Spray to Bitter Cherry, we will meet a whole lot of rose kin in this hidden gem of the Wildland Urban Interface. About 2 miles. Somewhat steep and uneven, but leisurely.



Sun,
Apr 21
8:30am-
3pm

Finley Road to Curry Canyon Hike

This is a serious hike with serious rewards, and highlights sections of the Mount Diablo Foothills that few folks see, traveling along the Oyster Point Trail. It is well worth the trip and the effort. A highlight would be seeing the Bumblebee Moth, AKA California Clearwing. This hike incorporates 3 different park/conservation entities: EBPRD, CA State Parks, and Save Mount Diablo.

About 10 miles and 2,000 feet of elevation

Please bring food and water. Ages 12 years and up.

NOTE: Parking is in pullouts about 0.6 miles from the actual trailhead, but it is a pleasant stroll along a country road to the start of the trail.

**Where: Morgan Territory Regional Preserve
(Finley Road Trailhead)**



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Sat,
Apr 27
9am-
noon

California Bumble Bee Atlas

California is home to at least 25 species of bumble bees, and several of them face an uncertain future. Together, we'll collect high quality scientific data from across the full range of bumble bee habitats and contribute to the local and global understanding of bumble bee distributions.

Pre-requisite: Must take on-line training and a short quiz before in-person field training. **Note:** this will take several hours to complete.

Registration Required: Email sramos@ebparks.org

DEADLINE: Mon, April 22

Where: Redwood Regional Park (Trudeau Center)



Sun,
Apr 28
9am-
12:30pm

A Profusion of Oaks

Las Trampas is one of the premiere destinations in the East Bay for a variety of oaks. We will experience them in their diverse forms and spring exuberance on slopes and ridgetops that inspire. About 4.5 miles of sometimes very steep and uneven ups and downs.

Ages 10 years and up.

Where: Las Trampas Wilderness Regional Preserve



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Volunteer Opportunities

Sat,
Apr 20
9:30-
11:30am

Alameda Earth Day: Cleanup

Happy Earth Day! What better way is there to celebrate than to give the earth a spring cleaning? Help wildlife and make our environment more beautiful by picking up trash along the shore. Students can earn community service hours.

Please bring your own bucket and gloves or borrow some from us.

Registration Required: bit.ly/earthday24ebrpd

**Where: Crown Memorial State Beach
(Main Parking Area—8th and Otis Dr)**



Sat,
Apr 20
1-3:30pm

Sand Dune Habitat

In 2020, a beautiful sand dune habitat was created at Encinal Beach, with unique California native plants. We need the help of weed warriors/good Samaritans to pull invasive weeds, preventing them from taking over, for the benefit of wildlife and humans. Help pick up trash washed in on the beach too!

Snacks and refreshments served; tools provided. Students can earn community service hours. Heavy rain cancels.

Ages 8 years and up.

Registration required: bit.ly/sanddune

