# Regional in Nature

# Activity Guide

March – April 2018





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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL MANAGER ROBERT E. DOYLE

# 2018 Big Year For Parks

STATE BOND ADDRESSING PARKS ON JUNE 2018 BALLOT



On December 21, 2017 the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors approved the 2018 budget aimed at enhancing public access, connecting people with nature,

improving public safety services, and planning for our climate future.

From park services to new park projects, 2018 is set to be a big year with many projects and initiatives moving forward.

#### **Projects and initiatives include:**

- Completing new park facilities such as staging areas, trails, and expansions.
- Continuing wildfire prevention efforts in the East Bay Hills.
- Continuing to leverage local park funds to obtain additional state and federal resources.
- Evaluating continuation of voterapproved funding, specifically
   Measure CC in western Alameda

and Contra Costa counties.

- Accessing the District's vulnerability to a changing climate.
- Adding a new mobile visitor center vehicle to help people connect with nature.

State Bond Measure Addressing Park Needs on June 2018 Ballot

Additionally, on October 15, 2017, after a long, multi-year effort by California legislators, the Park District, and other park agencies, Governor Brown signed SB 5 placing a statewide bond for natural infrastructure on the June 5, 2018 ballot for voters' consideration. State parks have an estimated \$25 billion backlog of infrastructure and maintenance needs. It has been 15 years since the last statewide measure addressing park needs was on the ballot.

The measure, if approved by voters, would provide \$4.1 billion for parks, open space preservation, water resources, and flood protection throughout California. Specifically, the bond measure would provide \$2.83 billion for parks and natural resources,

\$720 million for water resources, and \$550 million for flood protection.

A significant portion of the funding would be provided through project grants to local agencies such as the East Bay Regional Park District. The Park District should be well positioned to receive funds given its ability to leverage voter-approved local revenues from Measure WW and Measure CC.

Additionally, the East Bay Regional Park District operates three local state parks that would likely receive funding for improvements – Crown Memorial State Beach in Alameda, Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore, and McLaughlin Eastshore State Park along the shoreline from Oakland to Richmond. Crown Memorial State Beach and Del Valle Regional Park are both over 60 years old and McLaughlin Eastshore State Park, which covers over 9 miles along the San Francisco Bay, is prone to flooding and under threat of sea level rise.

For more information about the state bond, visit www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/qualified-ballot-measures.

## Virginia Delgado Named Outstanding New Interpreter



Virginia Delgado with Regional Interpretive and Recreation Services Manager Ira Bletz

On Nov. 17, the National Association for Interpretation (NAI) named East Bay Regional Park District Naturalist Virginia Delgado as 2017 Outstanding New Interpreter. Delgado was honored for her accomplishment by the EBRPD Board of Directors at their Nov. 21 meeting. Delgado is a naturalist at Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve in Antioch.

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# Keeping Regional Parks Safe

Anthony Ciaburro has been named Assistant General Manager of Public Safety for the East Bay Regional Park District. Ciaburro will also hold the title of Police Chief. The Assistant General Manager for Public Safety oversees police, fire and lifeguarding services for the District.



Richard Seal, a 25-year veteran of the San Jose Fire Department, has been selected as the new Fire Chief of the East Bay Regional Park District. The Fire Chief oversees fire hazard reduction, lifeguard services, and management of full-time and on-call emergency responders.

# Supporting Environmentally-Friendly "Green Bonds"

#### The East Bay Regional Park District

is the first regional park district in the nation to issue "Certified Green Bonds," which are dedicated to projects that reduce greenhouse gases, mitigate for climate change, or provide other environmental benefits.

On Nov. 15, 2017 the East Bay Regional Park District issued \$50 million of "Certified Green Bonds" as part of 2008 voter-approved Measure WW. Measure WW was passed by 72% of Park District voters in 2008 to invest \$500 million toward improving local and regional parks, preserving open space, and restoring urban creeks and wildlife habitat.

"The Park District is happy to be a trailblazer on Certified Green Bonds," said Board Director and Board Finance Committee Chair Ayn Wieskamp. "Certified Green Bonds allow investors to put their money toward improving

\*\*The East Bay Regional Park District is the first regional park district in the nation to issue Certified Green Bonds...\*

the environment while also benefitting from the tax advantages and stability of municipal bonds."

The Park District's \$50 million Green Bonds issuance included \$30 million of new Measure WW bonds and \$20 million of existing Measure WW bonds refinanced as Green Bonds.

The Park District also received the highest grade possible (Excellent) for the "Green Bonds" by Moody's Investment Services, a nationally recognized investment rating service. The high ratings allow the bonds to be issued at much lower interest rates, saving taxpayers money.



Briones Regional Park Photo: Deane Little



# **Measure CC Restoration Roundup**

Measure CC has restored or enhanced over 1,142 acres of natural wildlife habitat throughout the 20 parks in the Measure CC area.

- Anthony Chabot Regional Park .......321 acres
- McLaughlin Eastshore State Park ..... 4.5 acres
- Martin Luther King Jr. Shoreline....... 71 acres
- Point Pinole Regional Shoreline and Point Molate ......310 acres
- Redwood Regional Park...... 119 acres
- Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline ......... 19 acres
- Claremont Canyon Regional Preserve and Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve ..... 96 acres
- Wildcat Canyon Regional Park ............ 77 acres
- Tilden Regional Park......107 acres

# NEW PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Extension of the San Francisco Bay Trail at Point Pinole Regional Shoreline

Measure CC funding has helped restore habitat

at the District-operated McLaughlin Eastshore

State Park for endangered species

like the burrowing owl.

- New Point Pinole Regional Shoreline Dotson Family Marsh staging area and Atlas Road staging area/park entrance
- Renovated Doolittle Drive Boat Launch at Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline
- New convenience camping cabins at Del Valle Regional Park
- New Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve Wilcox Station Staging Area/McCosker access point on Pinehurst Road
- New picnic sites, restrooms, and walking paths at Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline
- New picnic sites, restrooms, and parking at Huckleberry Botanic Regional Preserve
- Reopened Vargas Plateau Regional Park with improved Vargas Road
- Renovated Wildcat Canyon Regional Park Clark-Boas Staging Area

#### SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH



#### **SWIM LESSONS**

Swim Lessons are a great start to a safe fun summer around the water. We offer a wide range of American Red Cross swim levels for ages 6 months through teens (Adult lessons offered at Roberts). The Contra Loma classes meet Mon/Wed or Tue/Thurs for four weeks. The Roberts Pool classes meet Mon-Thurs for two weeks. Reserve your spot by signing up now. For more info on dates, times, and class descriptions, visit www.eblifeguard. org/swimlessons.



#### JUNIOR LIFEGUARD

Ready for fun and adventure? Our eight, one-week sessions pack loads of lifeguarding skills and engaging ac-tivities. Each session has a different theme but will always cover CPR, first aid, and water rescue skills. Offered at six facilities, this day camp meets from 9am-4pm, Mon-Fri. Scholarships are available. Offered for ages 8-12. For more information on dates, themes, curriculum, and more, visit www. eblifeguard.org/juniorlifeguards. No onsite registration.



#### JUNIOR LIFEGUARD AIDE

Learn leadership, communication, and team building skills in the Junior Lifeguard Aide program. Participants assist instructors and act as role models to young Junior Lifeguard participants by demonstrating and teaching skills as well as setting up and leading activities as directed by the lead instructor. This is a great opportunity to get a foot in the door if you would like to be a lifeguard. Offered for age 13-15. Applications are required for this program and due May I. For more information regarding the Aide program and to receive an application, contact Aaron Roth at aroth@ebparks.org or call 510-690-6624.

#### **JUNIOR CADET**

This program will challenge teens ages 14-18 mentally and physically. Develop skills in teamwork, professionalism, communication and other skills employers look for when hiring. Cadets 15+ will earn a lifeguarding certificate. Cadets should expect daily physical fitness activities, swimming and rescue skill training, first aid lectures, emergency procedure drills and insider knowledge of how to become a lifeguard. Applications due May I. For information and an application, contact Kyle Maxwell at kmaxwell@ebparks.org or call (510) 690-6620.



#### RECREATION

**LLAMAS – MYSTICS OF ANDES LAMAS Outfitters** Redwood Ham-2:30pm, Sat, Mar 10 #20526; Mar 24 #20529; Apr 7 #20569; Fri, Apr 20 #20532; 10am-1:30pm, Sun, Mar 11 #20527; Mar 25 #20530; Apr 8 #20570; Apr 22 #20535; Sat, Apr 21 #20534

The Quechua Andeans refer to llamas as 'Speechless Brothers.' Learn how to groom, feed, lead and interact positively with these specially trained llamas, under the guidance of Geo, a 'Llama Michie,' with over 25 years' experience. Up to three people can share one llama, or reserve your own. Adult participation required for ages 8-17yrs (adult registers).

Registration is required.

Fee: \$80 per llama - 4 llamas max. per class (non-res. \$88)

#### FISHING - TROUT BASICS 6

Various Parks Recreation staff 8-10am, Sat, Mar 10 #20384, Del Valle 8-10am, Sat, Apr 7 #20385 Lake Chabot Join us for this peak season of trout! Learn specialized gear and bait selection to catch rainbow trout, one of the most plentiful freshwater species in our lakes and reservoirs. Ages 16+yrs require a valid California fishing license. Gear provided. Ages 8+yrs.

Registration is required. Fee: \$19 (non-res. \$21)



#### **ARCHERY - INTRODUCTION**

Redwood Bowmen Roberts 10am-noon, Sat, Mar 17 #20080, Apr 21 #20089

Gain 90-minutes of archery coaching and practice at an outdoor range, with all equipment provided. Designed for the beginner, the class starts with 30-minutes of classroom instruction. 8+yrs. Adult supervision required for children ages 8-13yrs. Registration is required.

Fee: \$50 (non-res. \$56)



#### **LEADERS IN TRAINING**

Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4pm Jun 11-15, Temescal #20559 Jun 18-22, Temescal #20560 Jun 25-29, Don Castro #20561 Jul 2-6, Various #20563 Jul 9-13, Contra Loma #20564 Jul 16-20, Coyote Hills #20565 Jul 23-27, Miller Knox #20566 Jul 30-Aug 3, Ardenwood #20567 Looking for work experience or a career in Parks & Recreation? Under staff guidance, work with other teens helping run our day camp! LITs must first apply and interview for positions. They will receive a tee shirt, training, 35 community service hours, and job-skills development from staff. LITs are encouraged to work for more than one camp session. Download an application at www.ebparks.org or contact Mary Ellen Avery, Recreation Supervisor, at meavery@ebparks.org /510.544.2558 for a paper copy. 13-17yrs. Fee: \$50

#### FLY-FISHING INTRODUCTION 6

Tilden Fish First! 7am-Ipm, Sun, Mar II #19931, Apr 8

This exciting and informative day is geared toward the beginning angler. Spend three hours at Lake Anza practicing casting with a certified fly-casting instructor, followed by 2.5 hours of classroom instruction where you will be introduced to knots, fly selection, reading the water, and more. 12+yrs.

Registration is required. Fee: \$60 (non-res. \$66)

#### PET FIRST AID/CPR 6

MLK Shoreline Peter Pay 9am-Ipm, Sat, Apr 7 #19950 Learn how to save a pet's life during an emergency, minimize a pet's trauma after injury and safely transport an injured pet to the veterinary clinic. This program focuses on basic first aid, including wounds, fractures, choking, cardiac emergency and snake bites. Booklet and certificate

included in fee. 12+yrs. Registration is required. Fee: \$50 (non-res. \$56)

#### PARK'N IT DAY CAMP 6 &

Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm Jun II-15, Temescal #20551 Jun 18-22, Temescal #20552 lun 25-29, Don Castro #20568 lul 09-13, Contra Loma #20554 Jul 23-27, Miller Knox #20556 Jul 30-Aug 3, Ardenwood #20557 Spend a whole week exploring and playing in the Regional Parks! Recreation leaders, lifeguards, and naturalists provide caring supervision for hiking, fishing, swimming, arts & crafts, sports, and active fun in the great outdoors. (10% family discount for registration of second child of same family; only applies when both children register and pay in one transaction-either by phone or online). 5-12yrs. Registration is required.

Fee: \$200 (non-res. \$220) PARK'N IT DAY CAMP -

Coyote Hills NEW! Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm Jul 16-20, Coyote Hills #20555 Spend a whole week exploring and playing at Coyote Hills Regional Park! Recreation

Leaders and Naturalists provide caring supervision and an action-packed week of Stone Age living, archeology, swimming, arts + crafts, and active fun in the great outdoors. (10% family discount for registration of second child of same family; only applies when both children register and pay in one transaction-either by phone or online). 5-12yrs.

Registration is required. Fee: \$200 (non-res. \$220)

#### FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT!

Lake Chabot Recreation Staff 8-10pm, Sat, Apr 21 Join us for a FREE family movie, FREE! featuring the 2016 smash hit, MOANA, rated PG, 113 minutes. Movie begins shortly after sunset (8pm) and is a great way to spend the evening outdoors with friends and family. Arrive early to secure a good seat. Bring a flashlight, warm clothes, and a blanket or chair for sitting. Snacks and hot drinks will be available for purchase. No pets. Rain cancels. Questions? Contact (510) 544-2567.

#### KAYAKING / BOATING

#### **KAYAKING FOR FOLKS 50+** $\bigcirc$

Lake Chabot Recreation Staff Ham-3pm, Wed, Mar 7 #20336 Learn kayaking skills with your peers at a pace that is right for you. Learn paddling techniques, equipment selection, and safety guidelines for paddling. Then practice what you have learned touring the lake by kayak.

Registration is required. Fee: \$52 (non-res. \$58)

#### **BIRDING BY KAYAK (f)**

Big Break Cat Taylor/Recreation staff 8:30-11am, Sat, Apr 14 #20338 What better way to see birds than by kayaking on the wondrous waters of the Delta? We will begin with dry-land instruction then paddle our steady and stable craft on a group birding exploration. Adult participation required for ages 10-16yrs (adult registers). 10+yrs. Registration is required. Fee: \$30 (non-res. \$34)

#### **KAYAKING BIG BREAK (6)**

Big Break Cat Taylor/Recreation staff Noon-2:30pm, Sat, Apr 14 #20341 Come ply the welcoming and wondrous waters of the Delta on this beginner (& up) kayak excursion. We will start off with dry-land instruction then paddle our steady and stable craft on a group

exploration of this lovely Delta shoreline. Adult participation required for ages 10-16yrs. (adult registers). 10+yrs. Registration is required. Fee: \$30 (non-res. \$34)

#### **SUNKEN SHIPS & FLOWERPOTS** PADDLE ® NEW!

Big Break Cat Taylor/Recreation staff 3-5:30pm, Sat, Apr 28 #20345 Explore shipwrecks from yester-year as we discover how nature has put them to good use! After dry-land instruction, we will wend our way in our steady and stable tandem kayaks. Adult participation required for ages 10-16yrs. (adult registers). 10+yrs.

#### Registration is required. Fee: \$30 (non-res. \$34) **SUNSET & FULL MOON**

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Big Break Cat Taylor/Recreation staff 6:30-9pm, Sat, Apr 28 #20350 Paddle as the light of the setting sun and the rising moon sparkles on the will wend our way in our steady and stable tandem kayaks. Adult participa-

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Registration is required. Fee: \$30 (non-res. \$34)

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#### **Registration information –** register beginning January 30

www.ebparks.org/register or I-888-327-2757 (I-888-EBPARKS), option 2

#### POLE WALKING & POLE HIKING

Learning HOW to use poles helps walkers & hikers improve endurance, posture, balance, confidence and strength and performance. Pole skills enhance your enjoyment of the outdoors all year long. All levels focus on learning anatomicallyoptimal techniques to expand your capabilities while learning how to avoid joint stress or strain. Carefully select the class that suits your physical ability and inclination. A variety of top quality poles are provided at all seminars. Beautiful hiking locations are based on the season/weather. Mobility class locations offer indoor training and lovely/easy pole walks for practice.

#### **POLES: BASIC HIKING SKILLS &** TECHNIQUES (1 of 2)

Black Diamond Jayah Faye Paley 8:30am-Ipm, Sat, Mar 17 #20134 Morning session helps hikers learn poles, trail and body skills. Beginner to experienced hikers will learn techniques without the added challenge of a practice hike in the afternoon. Uphill: Improve power, endurance, spine function. Downhill: Develop skills for feeling safer and preserving joints - Save your knees! Poles practice less than one mile. Registration is required. Fee: \$48 (non-res. \$54)

#### POLES: PRACTICE HIKE (2 of 2)

Jayah Faye Paley Black Diamond 1:30-4pm, Sat, Mar 17 # 20139 Optional continuation of morning session - for conditioned individuals. Practice, enhance poles skills, improve hiking performance; learn additional techniques for navigating trickier terrain. "Test drive" different models; learn which fit best or bring your own. (Approx. 4 miles). Prerequisite: EBRPD pole hiking class. Registration is required. Fee: \$24 (non-res. \$28)

#### POLES: BASIC SKILLS & TECH-NIQUES PLUS HIKE 6

Sunol Jayah Faye Paley 8:30am-2:45pm, Sat, Apr 7 #20168 Experience everything in the morning Basic Skills & Techniques class PLUS a lovely springtime practice hike. Learn individualized strategies for improving performance on varied terrain, including stream crossings. "Test drive" different models; learn which poles fit you best and will help you achieve your goals. Hike is approx. 5 miles. Registration is required.

Fee: \$55 (non-res. \$61)

#### **POLES: SKILLS & TECHNIQUES** PLUS SHORT HIKE **(f)**

Coyote Hills Jayah Faye Paley 8:30am-Ipm, Sat, Apr 28 #20186 Learn pole, trail and body skills. Beginner to experienced hikers learn and practice techniques on short hike with stunning views. Uphill: Improve power, endurance, performance and spine function. Downhill: Develop skills for feeling safer and preserving joints - Save your knees! Practice hike approx. 3 miles. Registration is required.

Fee: \$48 (non-res. \$54)

Fee: \$39 (non-res. \$43)

#### POLES FOR BALANCE AND MAINTAINING MOBILITY 6

Coyote Hills Jayah Faye Paley 1:30-4:30pm, Sat, Apr 28 #20408 Easy-to-learn pole techniques and gentle exercises empower people to maintain independence, navigate everyday obstacles, reduce risk of falling, restore spine function, improve stamina and walking form. Strengthen muscles that support weight bearing joints. Optional lovely practice pole walk (approx. ½ mile). Special equipment provided. Registration is required.

#### ARDENWOOD

Ardenwood is open Tues-Sun from 10am-4pm. House tours are available by reservation only (call 510-791-4196). Train rides will return in April. Admission fees apply. For program and fee info: (510) 544-2797, awvisit@ebparks.org or www.ebparks.org.

#### SHEEP SHEARING DAY &

Ardenwood Mindy Castle & Interpretive Staff

Ham-3pm, Sat, Mar 17 Spring has sprung and it is time for our sheep's annual "haircut." Watch as the farm's sheep get sheared; then, try your hand at wool carding and see the transformation from fiber to yarn at the spinning wheel. You can even make your own wooly lamb to take home.

Fee: \$6/adults. \$5/seniors (62+), \$4/children (4-17 yrs.), 3 yrs. & under free. Free Parking.

#### **TARTAN DAY SCOTTISH FAIR** 2018 &

Ardenwood East Bay Scottish Association & Interpretive Staff

10am-5pm, Sat, Apr 7

Throw on your kilt and celebrate Tartan Day with music, Scottish dancing, bagpipes, handmade crafts, historical re-enactments, and Highland athletics. Local Scottish clans and societies will share their rich culture and colorful heritage. Children can find magic and fantasy in the Children's Glen and might just see a fairy or dragon. Enjoy a meat pie or other Scottish treat. Fee: \$12/ adults, \$8/seniors (62+), \$5/children (4-17 yrs.), under 4 yrs. free. Free Parking.

#### ANIMAL FEEDING &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 3pm, Thu-Sun, Mar & Apr Check for eggs and bring hay to the livestock. Learn all the animals' favorite foods as we help tuck them in for the evening. Meet at the Chicken Coop.

#### RIDE THE RAILS - TRAIN RIDES &

Ardenwood S.P.C.R.R. Various times, Thu, Fri & Sun (beginning Apr I)

Railroads once connected many of the farms with towns in the East Bay. Today they still run around the farm. Journey past rows of crops and through eucalyptus groves as you travel back in time. Check the daily schedule and meet the train at Arden Station or Deer Park.

#### PATTERSON HOUSE TOURS &

Patterson House Docents Ardenwood Various times, Every Thu-Sun in April (beginning Apr I)

Tour the beautifully restored Patterson House Museum. Discover the history of this 19-room Oueen Anne Victorian farm house listed on the National Register of Historic Places which operates as a museum of local history and Victorian life. Tours are led by docents dressed in 19th-century clothing and take about 45 minutes. Check for tickets at the Train Station upon your arrival. Special 15 minute tours for children 6 and under offered Thu/Fri at 2:30pm, Sat/Sun at 11:30am.

#### HENS LAY EGGS &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 10:30-11am, Sat, Mar 3, Apr 14 Bring the little ones to the farm to meet the chickens. We'll listen to a story, see what a hen's feathers feel like, and search the coop for eggs.

#### **FUN WITH FELTING &**

Ardenwood Mindy Castle Ham-noon, Sat, Mar 3, Apr 14 Have some good clean fun as we learn how felt is made from sheep's wool, and then make a felt toy to take home.

#### CLOTHESPIN DOLLS &

Ardenwood Mindy Castle I-2pm, Sat, Mar 3

Create and dress up your own darling doll. We'll make them out of clothespins just the way they did more than 100 years ago. Meet at the Granary.

#### **BREWING ON THE FARM: A HOME-**BREWING WORKSHOP 6 &

Ardenwood Ira Bletz I-3pm, Sat, Mar 3, 10, 24 #20511 Discover the ancient art of homebrewing in this three-part, hands-on workshop. You'll boil wort, pitch yeast and explore the science of fermentation. Learn beer's incredible history and fascinating lore. We'll brew and bottle a special batch of Ardenwood ale for you to take home (adults). Registration is required. Fee: \$38 (non. res. \$42)

#### LEARN THE ROPES &

Interpretive Staff Ardenwood 2-2:30pm, Sat, Mar 3 Learn how a few twists and turns on our antique machine makes rope making a cinch.

#### WAKE UP THE FARM &

Interpretive Staff Ardenwood 10:30-11am, Sun, Mar 4, 18, Apr 15 Rise and shine little farmers! Say "Good morning!" to the sheep and goats and lend a hand as we prepare a morning snack for the farm animals.

#### MEET THE BUNNIES &

Interpretive Staff Ardenwood II:30am-noon, Sun, Mar 4, 18, Apr 1; Sat, Mar 31

Come meet the farm rabbits. Learn why they have big ears, their favorite food and how they communicate. See if you can find the softest part of a bunny.

#### **ROPE MAKING & HAY HOISTING**

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff I-2pm, Sun, Mar 4, 25, Apr 22, 29; Sat, Mar 31

Make rope with our antique machine, and then see how lots of rope plus a few pulleys make hoisting hay bales into the barn loft a cinch.

#### TODDLER TIME &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 10:30-11:45am, Wed, Mar 7, 21, Apr 4, 18 Bring the tots out for an exciting morning at the farm. Hear a story, do some chores, and meet some farm friends. Little ones will enjoy a variety of activities at their own pace. We'll meet rain or shine!

#### BARNYARD BUDDIES &

Interpretive Staff Ardenwood 10:30-11am, Sat, March 10, 24 Rise and shine! Lend a hand! We'll start with a story before we prepare a morning treat for the sheep, goats and chickens.



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#### TRAILS CHALLENGE & FREE

We challenge you to complete 5 featured trails by December I, 2018. The guidebook features trails for all fitness levels as well as tips for new trail users. Go "green" by downloading the guidebook at ebparks.org - print only what you need. Go to http://www.ebparks.org/TC

for more information, and to use the AllTrails app.

A commemorative pin will be sent (while supplies last) once you complete the Challenge and return your Trail Log to Reservations. Kaiser Permanente is a major sponsor of this program.



#### YARNS ABOUT WOOL &

Mindy Castle Ardenwood Ham-noon, Sat, Mar 10 Flock to the farm for some fleecy fables, visit our fuzzy friends, and discover the wonderful worth of wool.

#### **GARDEN CHORES FOR KIDS**

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff I-2pm, Sat, Mar 10 Our garden has been sleeping all winter. Lend

a hand weeding, watering and maybe planting some seeds. Discover the secrets of heirloom vegetables as we get our hands dirty.

#### **RABBIT RENDEZVOUS**

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 2-2:30pm, Sat, Mar 10

Hop on over for a warm welcome from some of the farm's furriest residents. Learn why rabbits are great hoppers and how they use their long ears to sense danger.

#### **SPRING GARDENING**

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 10:30-11:30am, Sun, Mar 11; Sat, Mar 31 Warmer weather and longer days means spring is right around the corner. Hop on down to the garden as we ready the beds for planting.

#### CORN MOSAICS &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff Noon-Ipm, Sun, Mar II, 25, Apr I, 15 Learn how to turn our freshly-harvested Indian corn into a fun craft for the whole family. Use the rainbow of colored kernels to make your own mosaic.

#### STILT WALKERS

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 1:30-2:30pm, Sun, Mar II, 18, Apr I, 8, 15 Want to be taller? Improve your balance? Give stilts a try. It's fun. Guess why farmers used these fun tools in the past.

#### PRESSING PLANTS

Ardenwood Mindy Castle Ham-noon, Sat, March 24, Apr 28 Flowers are fun for the whole family. Learn to press and preserve plants, and take home your finished flower to enjoy.

#### BEGINNING EMBROIDERY &

Ardenwood Mindy Castle I-2pm, Sat, Mar 24, Apr 14, 28 Victorians loved to embroider and you will too! Learn some basic embroidery stitches and you will be able to decorate all sorts of cloth objects. Training materials supplied.

#### GORGEOUS GOATS &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 2-2:30pm, Sat. Mar 24

Discover why goats are a farmyard mainstay. Lend a hand grooming our nannies and give them a snack as you learn all about these gentle farm friends.

#### **MEET THE CHICKENS**

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 10:30-11am, Sun, Mar 25, Apr 1, 22 Where do the chickens live? Find out where they lay their eggs, how they sleep, and much more! Meet at the chicken coop.

#### GARDEN BIRDS &

Ardenwood Christina Garcia 8-9:30am, Sat. Mar 31: Sun. Apr 22 Walk through the beautiful gardens and woodlots of the farm in search of early spring migrants. Perhaps the magic fountain will draw some colorful visitors! Beginners welcome. No Ardenwood admission fee for this early morning program.

#### **BEAUTIFUL TREES**

Christina Garcia Ardenwood 2-3pm, Sat, Mar 31; Sun, Apr 29 From Bald Cypress to Yew, lovely specimen trees fill the estate of George and Clara Patterson. Stroll the grounds, see some special trees and hear their stories.

#### COOKING IN THE COUNTRY KITCHEN &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff Ilam-Ipm, Sun, Apr I, 8, 15, 29 Stop by the Country Kitchen and take a tasty step back in time. Discover how to cook with a wood-burning stove and sample the special of the day, be it savory or sweet. Pick up an historic recipe to try at home.









#### LITTLE LAMBS

Ardenwood Christina Garcia 10:30-11:30am, Sun, Apr 8, 29 Little lambs are frolicking on the farm! Come see our babies play, feed their moms a snack, and learn about their wonderful

#### **CHORES FOR LITTLE FARMERS**

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff I-I:30pm, Sun, Apr 8

Rise and shine! Lend a hand! We'll start with a story before we prepare a morning treat for the sheep, goats and chickens.

#### **FARMYARD GAMES**

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, Sat, Apr 14, 28

American's pastimes once included stilt walking, running with tubers (potatospoon race), testing one's strength (tug-owar) and hopping like a bunny (sack races). Join the fun and test your skill!

#### FARM CHORES FOR KIDS &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 10:30-11am, Sat, Apr 21, 28 Running a farm is hard work, but it's fun too! Lend a hand cracking corn and feeding the animals. You'll check the chickens and help with other morning chores.

#### **APPLE CIDER PRESSING**

Ardenwood Mindy Castle II-II:30am, Sat, Apr 21

Come help squeeze the juice from apples and discover how long people have enjoyed this as a tasty fruit treat! Afterwards, we'll taste a sample of our hard work.

#### WAX: IT'S THE BEE'S KNEES! &

Ardenwood Mindy Castle

I-2pm, Sat, Apr 21

What's the buzz about bees? Beeswax! This secretion of waxiness is important to both bees and humans. Illuminate your mind as you make a candle and sample Ardenwood's honey.

#### **VICTORIAN TABLE TOP GAMES &**

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff

2-3pm, Sat, Apr 21

Ready for some old-fashioned fun? Challenge your family and friends to a game of ball and cup, tops, or Jacob's Ladder as you delve into our box of games from daysgone-by.

#### ARDENWOOD VOLUNTEER FAIR

Ardenwood Mindy Castle 10am-3pm, Sun, Apr 22

Do you have a passion for Victorian Era culture and dress? Join us at Ardenwood, a historic working farm, to learn more about being a docent in the farmyard, the Patterson House or the railroad. Lunch included. Learn crafts, games, farm chores or cooking. Lead tours through the 16-room mansion. Help restore historic railroad cars. Assist during special events and dress in period-style clothing!

Contact Mindy Castle to RSVP or with any questions: mcastle@ebparks.org, (510) 544-3285.

#### **OLD FASHIONED BUTTER MAKIN'**

Ardenwood Christina Garcia II:30am-noon, Sun, Apr 22

Before modern grocery stores, people needed to make their own staples at home. Discover an easy way to make butter from cream then sample your tasty concoction on crackers.

#### **BIG BREAK**

Big Break Visitor Center at the Delta is open Wed-Sun, 10am to 4pm. Info: 510-544-3050 or email BigBreakVisit@ebparks.org.

#### **DELTA DISCOVERIES &**

Big Break Interpretive Staff Ilam-2pm, Every Sat & Sun Discover the wonders of the Delta through hands on arts and crafts activities! Each week we will explore different wetland wonders.

#### TESTING THE WATER &

Big Break Interpretive Staff 9-10am, Every Sat & Sun Track the health of the Delta! Using state of the art instruments, test for dissolved oxygen, pH, conductivity, and more. Our results go into a regional database for use by researchers, scientists and water managers.

#### **BIRDING BAY POINT**

**Bay Point** Cat Taylor 9:30am-noon, Sat, Mar 3 #20469 Join us for a morning jaunt along a 1.5-mile loop trail to spy on wetland birds of marsh and pond along Harrier Trail. All birding levels welcome! Bring binoculars. Registration is required.

#### **BOUNTIFUL BIRDS**

Big Break Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, Sun, Mar 4 Fly on in for some winged-wonder. Soar through some fun facts about frantic feathers, big beaks, tough talons, whistling wings, and exquisite eggs.

#### **BIG BREAK LITTLES**

Big Break Nichole Gange 10-11am, Mon, Mar 5, Apr 2; Tue, Mar 13, Apr 10

Bring the little ones to explore nature. In March, we'll gaze at clouds and April we'll play with mud. Parent/caregiver participation required. I-5 yrs.

#### **COFFEE TALK & DELTA NEWS**

Big Break Interpretive Staff 8:30-9am, Wed, Mar 7, Apr 4 From tunnels to research projects, farming to fish stocks, the Delta is always in the news. Stop by the Visitor Center on the FIRST Wednesday of each month for coffee and discussion of science and events shaping the region.

#### **PLANT PARADISE**

Big Break Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, Sat, Mar 10 Join us for a leafy spring foliage scavenger

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY RAINBOW'S END TREASURE HUNT

Big Break Cat Taylor 10:30am-3:30pm, Sat, Mar 17

If you can trap a leprechaun, he will grant you three wishes! Build your own ingenious trap, then follow the leprechaun's clues through a wild wetland wander to the elusive treasure! Drop in anytime between 10:30am and 3:30pm.

#### **LOVELY BUGS & LADY BEETLES**

Big Break Nichole Gange 10-11am, Sun, Mar 18, 25

Why do farmers love lady bugs' ferocious appetites while birds can't stomach this beetle? Join us as we explore bugs around Big Break.

#### **WETLAND WALK**

Big Break Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, Sun, Mar 18

Feel the contours on cottonwood bark, listen for marsh wrens and watch cattail seeds travel away in the wind as winter gives way to spring.

#### **ASPARAGUS EXPLORATION**

Big Break Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, Sat, Mar 24 Explore this land's past as we search for asparagus on this former, now flooded,

#### THURSDAY BIRDING: RAPTOR **BASELINE** 6

Various Parks Mike Moran 9-11:30am, Thu, Mar 29 #20425 9-11:30am, Thu, Apr 26 #20426 The morning (eastern) side of Mount Diablo hosts a magnificent array of birds of prey; hawks, falcons, eagles. Help us document their variety and numbers in this fun, social, citizen science research project. No experience necessary - we'll teach you how to identify these birds. Mar 29: Marsh Creek; Apr 26: Round Valley. Registration is required.

#### **SNIPE HUNT**

Big Break Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, Sun, Apr I

No fooling! Let's search the wetlands for this elusive bird. We don't often find it- all the more reason to look!

#### **CALLING ALL ARTISTS! PLEIN** AIR DAY 6

Big Break Cat Taylor 8am-12:30pm, Sat, Apr 7 #20468 Spend a day landscape painting under expansive Delta skies. Check in anytime after 8 am. Bring your artwork back at noon for viewing and refreshments. Some studentgrade supplies available.

#### **WONDERS OF WEATHER**

Registration is required.

Big Break Interpretive Staff

2-3pm, Sat, Apr 7

Bring on the sunshine, snow, wind and rain! Let's explore how weather changes and how it effects the Delta.

#### ARACHNID ADVENTURES

Big Break Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, Sun, Apr 15

Our eight-legged residents are prowling the park? for food! Learn about spiders and join us in fun arachnid activities!

#### **SCAT TRACK FEVER**

Big Break Interpretive Staff

2-3pm, Sat, Apr 21

Discover what animals roam our wetlands! Become a Big Break detective by examining clues left behind by the animals hidden amongst the trees and tules.

#### **EARTH DAY RESTORATION - DUNES** & WETLANDS €

Big Break Cat Taylor 2:30-4:30pm Sat, Apr 21 #20417 Celebrate our home planet during this annual terrestrial celebration and day of service! Bring water, work gloves, hat, dress for the weather and prepare for general grubbiness. Registration is required.

#### **EARTH DAY CITIZEN SCIENCE -**BATWATCH!

Big Break Cat Taylor 7-9:15pm Sat, Apr 21

Bats at Big Break? Tonight, let's find out which bats call this place home as we monitor a foraging location. Bring a flashlight and chair. Dress in dark, quiet clothing.

#### **MACRO MAYHEM**

Big Break Interpretive Staff

2-3pm, Sun, Apr 29

Explore the incredible world of water bugs. Collect and identify plankton and macroinvertebrates to discover their important role in the wetland ecosystem.

#### Healthy Parks Healthy People: Bay Area



Monthly activities and outings that provide safe, low-impact physical activity and improve health and well-being of all Bay Area residents, through regular use and enjoyment of the Regional Parks. Look for **HPHP**.









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Ardenwood: Animal Feeding

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Ardenwood: Hens Lay Eggs, Fun With Felting, Clothespin Dolls, Brewing On The Farm: A Homebrewing Workshop, Learn The Ropes, Animal Feeding, Bay Point Shoreline: Birding Bay Point

Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta Discoveries

Crab Cover Family Nature Fun Hours

**Crab Cove:** Family Nature Fun Hour, Fish Feeding Time

Sunol: Wild Wonders, Incredible Edible Nature, Nature Journaling: Skull Detection & Artistry

**Tilden Nature Area:** Farm Chores For Littles, Cordage-From Plant to Animal

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Ardenwood: Wake Up The Farm, Meet The Bunnies, Rope Making & Hay Hoisting, Animal Feeding

**Big Break:** Testing The Water, Delta Discoveries, Bountiful Birds

Coyote Hills: "Ssnakes, Sstories and Sspirals", Discovery Days, Stories of the Past: Stone Tools

Crab Cove: Kids Storytime and Nature Exploration, Family Nature Fun Hour, Fish Feeding Time

Sunol: Animal Feeding
Tilden Nature Area: Talk With The
Animals, You Otter Care

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Big Break: Big Break Littles

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MLK Jr. Shoreline: Hikes for Tykes Vargas Plateau: Weekday Bird Walk

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Ardenwood: Toddler Time Big Break: Coffee Talk & Delta News Lake Chabot: Kayaking for Folks 50+

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Ardenwood: Animal Feeding

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Ardenwood: Animal Feeding

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Ardenwood: Barnyard Buddies, Yarns About Wool, Garden Chores For Kids, Rabbit Rendezvous, Animal Feeding Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta



Discoveries, Plant Paradise

Coyote Hills: Macrophotography Workshop,
Discovery Days, Cart of Curiosities

Crab Cove: Nature Party-Bay Critters, Nature Party-Reptiles, Family Nature Fun Hour, Fish Feeding Time

**Del Valle:** Rocky Ridge Visitor Center: Fishing - Trout Basics

Leona Canyon: Saturday Strolls Redwood: Llamas - Mystics of Andes Sunol: Wild Wonders

Tilden: South Park Wander
Tilden Nature Area: Farm Chores For Littles

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Ardenwood: Spring Gardening, Corn Mosaics, Stilt Walkers, Animal Feeding Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta Discoveries

Coyote Hills: Discovery Days, Stories Under an Oak

Crab Cove: Nature Party-Bay Critters, Reptiles, Family Nature Fun Hour, Fish Feeding Time

Del Valle: Eagle Watch, Bird Eden
Garin: Wild Edibles and Plant Uses
Point Pinole: Sunday Early-ish Birds
Redwood: Llamas - Mystics of Andes
Tilden: Fly-Fishing Introduction
Tilden Nature Area: Talk With The
Animals, It's All Relative, Springy Afternoons

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**Briones:** Monday Birding-Briones **Sunol:** Outdoor Discoveries

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Big Break: Big Break Littles Crab Cove: Sea Squirts - Snake Secrets Tilden Nature Area: Tilden Tots

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Ardenwood: Animal Feeding
Crown Beach: Third Thursdays at the
Beach

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Ardenwood: Animal Feeding

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**Anthony Chabot:** End of the Rainbow Geocache Hike

**Ardenwood:** Sheep Shearing Day, Animal Feeding

Big Break: Testing The Water, St. Patrick's Day Rainbow's End Treasure Hunt, Delta Discoveries

**Black Diamond:** Poles: Basic Hiking Skills & Techniques (I of 2), Poles: Practice Hike (2 of 2)

Coyote Hills: Wonders of Wetlands, Discovery Days, Ohlone Village Site Tour Crab Cove: Nature Party-Bay Critters, Nature Party-Reptiles, Family Nature Fun Hour, Fish Feeding Time

Roberts: Archery Introduction Round Valley: Vasco Caves Regional Preserve Tour Sunol: Wild Wonders, Nature Journaling Tilden Nature Area: Farm Chores For Littles, Meet the Newts

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Ardenwood: Wake Up The Farm, Meet The Bunnies, Stilt Walkers, Animal Feeding
 Big Break: Testing The Water, Lovely Bugs
 Lady Beetles, Delta Discoveries, Wetland Walk

Black Diamond: Wildflower Hlkes
Coyote Hills: Discovery Days
Crockett Hills: Sunday Early-ish Birds
Crab Cove: Nature Party-Bay Critters,
Nature Party-Reptiles, Family Nature Fun
Hour, Fish Feeding Time

Leona Canyon: Birding By Ear Sunol: Ranch Life Round-Up!, Spring Forward for Frogs

Tilden Nature Area: Talk With The Animals, Perch of Jewel Lake, Springy Afternoons in the Nature Area

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**Point Pinole:** Monday Birding **Shadow Cliffs:** Lakeside Littles

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Coyote Hills: Weekday Bird Walk Lafayette/Moraga Trail: Hikes for Tykes

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Ardenwood: Toddler Time
Tilden Nature Area: Meet the Equinox
Sun-Hike

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**Ardenwood:** Animal Feeding

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**Ardenwood:** Animal Feeding

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Alameda Creek Trail: Canine Capers Walk Ardenwood: Barnyard Buddies, Pressing Plants, Beginning Embroidery, Gorgeous Goats, Animal Feeding

Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta Discoveries, Asparagus Exploration Brushy Peak: Vasco Caves Regional Preserve Tour

Contra Loma: Secrets of Spring Birds Coyote Hills: Discovery Days, Budding Birders

Crab Cove: Splash into Spring & Egg Scramble, Family Nature Fun Hour, Fish Feeding Time

**Del Valle:** Light of Nature Photography Walk

Redwood: Llamas - Mystics of Andes Sunol: Wild Wonders, Nature Journaling: Wildflowers!

**Tilden Nature Area:** Farm Chores For Littles

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Anthony Chabot: Sunday Strolls
Ardenwood: Meet The Chickens, Corn
Mosaics, Rope Making & Hay Hoisting,

Animal Feeding

Big Break: Testing The Water, Lovely Bugs & Lady Beetles, Delta Discoveries

Briones: Sunday Early-ish Birds

Coyote Hills: Skills of the Past: Fire Making, Discovery Days, Skills of the Past: Cordage Making

Crab Cove: Nature Party-Bay Critters, Nature Party-Reptiles, Family Nature Fun Hour, Fish Feeding Time

Las Trampas: Between Two Ridges Redwood: Llamas - Mystics of Andes Round Valley: Vasco Caves Regional

Preserve Tour

Sunol: Pond Party Hike

Tilden Nature Area: Talk With The

Animals, Springy Afternoons in the Nature Area

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Coyote Hills: Coyote Cubs - An Eggcellent Adventure, Outdoor Discoveries Tilden Nature Area: Monday Birding

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Crab Cove: Sea Squirts: Birds of a Feather

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Lake Chabot: Wednesday Walks

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Ardenwood: Animal Feeding
Marsh Creek Trail: Thursday Birding

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**Ardenwood:** Animal Feeding, Garden Birds, Spring Gardening, Meet The Bunnies, Rope Making & Hay Hoisting, Beautiful Trees

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Ardenwood: Animal Feeding
Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta
Discoveries

Coyote Hills: Cart of Curiosities, Discovery Days, Nature Walk: Native Knowledge Crab Cove: Family Nature Fun Hour, Fish Feeding Time

Round Valley: Vasco Caves Regional Preserve Tour

Sunol: Wild Wonders, Nature Journaling
Tilden Nature Area: Farm Chores For
Littles, Peering Into Ponds, Almost April 1st
- Fools Walk, Nature Notes

Ardenwood: Ride The Rails-Train Rides, Meet The Chickens, Cooking In The Country Kitchen, Patterson House Tours, Meet The Bunnies, Corn Mosaics, Stilt Walkers, Animal Feeding

**Big Break:** Delta Discoveries, Testing The Water, Snipe Hunt

Coyote Hills: Birding 4 Different Habitats, Discovery Days, "Eating Eggs and Nests -No Foolin!"

**Crab Cove:** Family Nature Fun Hour, Fish Feeding Time

**Roberts:** April Fools Truths & Lies Hike **Sunol:** Easter at Sunol!

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Tilden Nature Area: Talk With The Animals, Take a Walk On the Wild Side -Wildcat Peak Walk, Nature Exploration!

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Big Break: Big Break Littles

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**Redwood:** Hikes for Tykes

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Ardenwood: Toddler Time Big Break: Coffee Talk & Delta News Tilden: Wednesday Walks

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**Ardenwood:** Ride The Rails-Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding **Coyote Hills:** Docent Training

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Ardenwood: Ride The Rails-Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding, Tartan Day Scottish Fair 2018, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding

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Big Break: Calling All Artists! Plein Air Day, Testing The Water, Delta Discoveries, Wonders of Weather

Coyote Hills: Discovery Days Crab Cove: Native Plant and Butterfly Gardening, Family Nature Fun Hour, Fish Feeding Time

Garin: Wild Edibles and Plant Uses Lake Chabot: Fishing - Trout Basics MLK Jr. Shoreline: Pet First Aid & CPR Morgan Territory: Morgan's Manzanitas Round Valley: Vasco Caves Regional Preserve Tour

Sunol: Poles-Basic Skills & Techniques Plus Hike, Wildflower Workshop, Wild Wonders

**Tilden Nature Area:** Farm Chores For Littles, Wax - It's the Bee's Knees!

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Ardenwood: Ride The Rails, Little Lambs, Cooking In The Country Kitchen, Patterson House Tours, Chores For Little Farmers, Stilt Walkers, Animal Feeding

**Big Break:** Testing The Water, Delta Discoveries

**Briones:** March Showers Bring April Flowers! **Coyote Hills:** Discovery Days, Ohlone People & Culture

Crab Cove: Nature Party-Bay Critters, Nature Party-Reptiles, Family Nature Fun Hour, Fish Feeding Time

**Dry Creek/Pioneer:** Juan Bautista De Anza Trail Hike

Five Canyons: Sunday Strolls Round Valley: Vasco Caves Regional Preserve Tour

Sunol: Sunol Wildflower Festival
Tilden: Fly-Fishing Introduction
Tilden Nature Area: Talk With The
Animals, Nature Exploration!

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Sunol: Outdoor Discoveries

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Big Break: Big Break Littles
Crab Cove: Sea Squirts - Sneaky Scavengers
Tilden: The Over-The-Hills Gang
Tilden Nature Area: Tilden Tots

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**Ardenwood:** Ride The Rails-Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding **Coyote Hills:** Docent Training

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**Ardenwood:** Ride The Rails-Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding

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Ardenwood: Hens Lay Eggs, Fun With Felting, Patterson House Tours, Beginning Embroidery, Farmyard Games, Animal Feeding Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta

Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta Discoveries, Birding by Kayak, Kayaking Coyote Hills: Skills of the Past: Willow Basket, Discovery Days

Crab Cove: Nature Party-Bay Critters, Nature Party-Reptiles, Family Nature Fun Hour, Fish Feeding Time

Del Valle: Boisterous Birds

**Leona Canyon:** Leona Canyon Native Plant Restoration

Round Valley: Vasco Caves Regional Preserve Tour

Sunol: A Walk Amongst Wildflowers, Wild Wonders, Cave Rocks - Wildflowers & Citizen Science Hike

**Tilden Nature Area:** Farm Chores For Littles, Animal Face Paint

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Ardenwood: Ride The Rails, Wake Up The Farm, Cooking In The Country Kitchen, Patterson House Tours, Corn Mosaics, Stilt Walkers, Animal Feeding

Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta Discoveries, Arachnid Adventures Coyote Hills: Ohlone Village Site Tour,

Discovery Days

Crab Cove: Nature Party-Bay Critters, Nature Party-Reptiles, Gyotaku: The Art of Fish Printing, Family Nature Fun Hour, Fish Feeding Time

Feeding Time
Round Valley: Vasco Caves Regional
Preserve Tour

Shadow Cliffs: Rangers and Rigs
Tilden Nature Area: Talk With The
Animals, Nature Exploration!, Water You
Doing?, March Showers Bring April Flowers!

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**Shadow Cliffs:** Lakeside Littles

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**Garin:** Weekday Bird Walk **Lake Chabot:** Hikes for Tykes

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**Ardenwood:** Toddler Time **Five Canyons:** Wednesday Walks

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Ardenwood: Ride The Rails-Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding Coyote Hills: Docent Training Crown Beach: Third Thursdays at the Beach

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Ardenwood: Ride The Rails-Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding Redwood: Llamas - Mystics of Andes

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Ardenwood: Farm Chores For Kids, Apple Cider Pressing, Patterson House Tours, Wax: It's The Bees Knees!, Victorian Table Top Games, Animal Feeding

Arroyo: Springtime Stargazing
Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta
Discoveries, Scat Track Fever, Earth Day
Restoration - Dunes & Wetlands, Earth
Day Citizen Science - Batwatch
Black Diamond: Wildflower Hlkes

Coyote Hills: Earth Day-Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Discovery Days

Crab Cove: Alameda Earth Day-Coastal Clean-up, Family Nature Fun Hour, Fish Feeding Time

Del Valle: Eagle Eye View
Lake Chabot: Free Outdoor Movie Night!
Point Pinole: Earth Day Volunteers 2018
Redwood: Llamas - Mystics of Andes
Roberts: Redwood Bowmen Archery Club Archery Introduction

Round Valley: Vasco Caves Regional Preserve Tour

Sibley: Earth Day Volunteers 2018
Sunol: Wild Wonders, Wildflowers of Sunol
Tilden Nature Area: Farm Chores For
Littles, Old Fashioned Butter Makin'

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Ardenwood: Garden Birds, Ardenwood Volunteer Fair, Ride The Rails, Meet The Chickens, Cooking In The Country Kitchen, Patterson House Tours, Rope Making & Hay Hoisting, Animal Feeding Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta Discoveries

**Black Diamond:** Wildflower Hlkes **Brushy Peak:** Vasco Caves Regional Preserve Tour

Coyote Hills: Discovery Days
Crab Cove: Nature Party-Bay Critters,
Nature Party, Minus Low Tide Walk, Family
Nature Fun Hour, Fish Feeding Time
Redwood: Llamas - Mystics of Andes
Tilden Nature Area: Talk With The Animals,
Lake to Lake Watershed Walk, The Earth is
Our Home, Tule Float - Make a Mini Tule Boat

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Sunol: Outdoor Discoveries - Creek Safari

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Crab Cove: Sea Squirts: Whale of a Tale Sobrante Ridge: The Over-The-Hills Gang

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Sunol: Wednesday Walks

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Ardenwood: Ride The Rails-Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding Coyote Hills: Docent Training Round Valley: Thursday Birding

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Ardenwood: Ride The Rails-Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding, Farm Chores For Kids

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Ardenwood: Pressing Plants, Patterson House Tours, Beginning Embroidery, Farmyard Games, Animal Feeding Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta Discoveries, Sunken Ships & Flowerpots Paddle, Sunset and Full Moon Paddle Coyote Hills: Poles-Hiking Skills & Techniques Plus Short Hike, Ohlone Village Site Tour, Discovery Days, Poles for Balance & Maintaining Mobility Crab Cove: Nature Party-Bay Critters, Nature Party-Reptiles, Family Nature Fun Hour, Fish Feeding Time

Del Valle: Wonderful Wildlife
Lafayette/Moraga Trail: Saturday Strolls
Round Valley: Vasco Caves Regional
Preserve Tour

Sunol: City Nature Challenge 2018!, Wild Wonders

**Tilden Nature Area:** Farm Chores For Littles, Spider Hang-Out

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Ardenwood: Ride The Rails-Train Rides, Little Lambs, Cooking In The Country Kitchen, Patterson House Tours, Rope Making & Hay Hoisting, Beautiful Trees, Animal Feeding Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta Discoveries, Macro Mayhem Black Diamond: Wildflower Hlkes Coyote Hills: Discovery Days, Leapin' Lizards Crab Cove: Family Nature Fun Hour, Fish Feeding Time
Garin: Wildflower Hike Huckleberry: Botanical Bloom

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Sunol: Sunol to Mission Peak Hike
Tilden Nature Area: Talk With The
Animals, Fun With Felt, Nature Exploration!

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Coyote Hills: Coyote Cubs - Leapin' Lizards

#### **Bird Walks**

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#### **BLACK DIAMOND**

Greathouse Visitor Center is open 10am-4:30pm, weekends March through November. Info: (510) 544-2750 or bdvisit@ ebparks.org. Programs meet in parking lot at south end of Somersville Road unless otherwise noted. Weekend parking fee: \$5.

#### **GRAND OPENING OF EXTENDED** MINE TOUR ROUTE \$P

Black Diamond Noon-4:30pm, Sat, Mar 10 and Sun, Mar II

The mine tour route has been extended! Check out the new route (ages 7+ only) on a free, self-guided tour starting at Hazel-Atlas Portal and ending, on the lower level, at Greathouse Portal. All ages are invited to enjoy above-ground activities including old-fashioned crafts and games and a self-guided Somersville history walk.

#### **HAZEL-ATLAS SILICA-SAND MINE** TOUR \$P

Black Diamond Interpretive Staff Various times, weekends, Mar-Nov Explore the recently extended tour route on a 1-hour, guided, small-group tour. Must be 7+ years old. Reservation tours offered at 10am (only for groups of 10-15), as well as IIam and 2pm. First-come, firstserved tours offered at noon and 3pm. Additional first-come, first-served tours may be offered, when demand is high and staffing permits. Reserve in advance online or by phone. Day-of ticket sales available



Reading patterns left by ancient tides at Hazel-Atlas Mine.

only at Greathouse Visitor Center, where tours begin. Fee: \$5.

#### WILDFLOWER HIKES \$P

Black Diamond Willis / Dixon 10am-noon, Sun, Mar 18, Apr 22, 29; Sat, Apr 21

Meet your local wildflowers on these hikes, over steep and rugged terrain. Chaparral (Mar 18): Search native shrubland to look for the first flowers of the season. 2 miles.

Woodland (Apr 21): Gather below oaks and pines to get to the root of this habitat's flowers. 2-3 miles.

Grassland (Apr 22): Cross open hillside prairies to find flowers that flourish in wind and sun. 2-3 miles.

Disturbed (Apr 29): Find colorful plants that thrive after slides, road building, and other disturbances. I-2 miles.

#### MOON OVER STAR MINE 6

Black Diamond Frederickson Lane Dixon 6:30am-10pm, Sat, Apr 28 #20395 Spring days are bright, sunny, and green. It's a subtler and quieter scene at night. Bask in the silver moonlight on an afterhours hike.

Registration is required.

#### **COYOTE HILLS**

Coyote Hills Visitor Center is open Wed-Sun, 10am-4pm. Info: 510-544-3220 or chvisit@ebparks.org.

#### DISCOVERY DAYS & SP

Coyote Hills Interpretive Staff 10:30am-3:30pm, Every Sat & Sun Enhance your park adventure with hands-on exploration or crafts the whole family will enjoy. Come at 10:30am for an introduction to the topic of the week, or participate at your own pace.

#### SSNAKES, SSTORIES & SSPIRALS & & Coyote Hills Dino Labiste

10am-noon, Sun, Mar 4

Meet the snakes that make Coyote Hills their home. Learn about their unique adaptations and how these slithering reptiles have become part of our folklore. Create a snake spiral craft to take home.

#### STORIES OF THE PAST: STONE TOOLS 🕹 🕪

Coyote Hills Dino Labiste 1:30-4pm, Sun, Mar 4

Travel back in time and follow the progression of tool making through the story of stone. How were stone tools made? Learn about the rock cycle, flintknapping and grinding techniques to shape rocks. Examine prehistoric replicas of Stone Age

#### **MACROPHOTOGRAPHY WORK-**SHOP ⊕ ₺ ®

Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison, Don ledlovec

9-10:30am, Sat, Mar 10 Course #19915 Learn about the unique plants and animals of Coyote Hills while photographer Don Jedlovec teaches macrophotography for intermediate level photographers. Bring a macro lens with your digital SLR or another camera equipped for close-up photography. 12+yrs. Registration is required.

#### CART OF CURIOSITIES & SP

Kristina Parkison Coyote Hills I-3pm, Sat, Mar 10 9-IIam, Sat, Mar 31

The Curiosity Cart, filled with wonders of cultural and natural history, is hidden somewhere within the park. Find it and discover the secrets it shares!

#### STORIES UNDER AN OAK 🕹 🔊

Coyote Hills Interpretive Staff Ilam-noon & I:30-2:30pm, Sun, Mar II Settle in for story time under the canopy of a majestic oak.

#### WONDERS OF WETLANDS & SP

Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison 10-11:30am, Sat, Mar 17

Wetlands vibrate with life - insects, mammals, fish and birds! Explore this amazing habitat with dip nets, binoculars and fun scavenger hunts. 6+yrs.

#### COYOTE CUBS & \$P

Interpretive Staff Coyote Hills 10:30-11:30am, Mon, Apr 30 Get your preschooler out and into nature! We'll play games, explore the park, and do a craft related to the theme of the day. Parent/Caregiver participation required. 3-5 years old. Mar 26: An Eggcellent Adventure, Apr 30: Leapin' Lizards

#### OHLONE VILLAGE SITE TOUR & SP Interpretive Staff

Coyote Hills 1:30-3:30pm, Sat, Mar 17

10am-noon & 1:30-3:30pm, Sun, Apr 15, 28 Walk one-half mile through vibrant marsh habitat to a more than 2,000-year-old Ohlone village site. Learn about Ohlone cultures, past to present. Tour a reconstructed shade structure, pit house and sweat house.

#### **BUDDING BIRDERS \$P**

Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison I-3pm, Sat, Mar 24

Beautiful birds abound - but how do you tell who's who? Playful activities help kids learn the basics of bird identification and foster an appreciation of our feathered friends!

7+yrs

#### SKILLS OF THE PAST: FIRE MAKING

⊕ ė \$P Coyote Hills

Dino Labiste 9:30am-12:30pm, Sun, Mar 25 #19927 Ever wondered how fire was created in other cultures before matches or a lighter? Unravel the secrets of fire-by-friction, fireby-percussion and fire-by-compression. Discover the techniques to produce a glowing ember as we practice fire making skills with hands-on activities and demonstrations. 16+yrs.

Registration is required.

#### **REGIONAL PARKS BOTANIC GARDEN**

The Botanic Garden is open 8:30am-5pm. Info: 510-544-3169. See www.nativeplants.org for information about docent training, special events, and classes, and to sign up for e-newsletter.

#### **CLASSES THROUGH THE** FRIENDS OF REGIONAL PARKS **BOTANIC GARDEN**

9:30am-noon, Thu, Mar 22 Tending a Native Garden with Katherine Greenberg.

9am-3pm, Sat, Mar 31 Spring Wildflowers and Restoration Ecology at Skyline Gardens with Glen Schneider.

#### **DOCENT-LED GARDEN TOURS**

Botanic Garden Visitor Center 2pm, Sat; IIam & 2pm on Sun Docent-led tours start in front of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden's Visitor Center. Rain cancels!

#### **2018 SPRING SALE OF CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANTS**

10am-3pm, Sat, Apr 21 Public Plant Sale at the Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Tilden Regional Park.

Friends Member's Only Plant Sale from 9am to 10am.

Friends memberships can be purchased the morning of the plant sale, starting at 8:30am at the entrance to the plant sale. Info at:www.nativeplants.org.

#### **SKILLS OF THE PAST: CORDAGE** MAKING 6 & SP

Coyote Hills Dino Labiste 2-4:30pm, Sun, Mar 25 #19934 The ability to twist, twine or braid fibers into cordage allowed indigenous cultures to tie their world together. Learn the various techniques of gathering, preparing, extracting and plying of plant materials

to create cordage. Practice the efficient method of leg rolling plant fibers. 9+yrs

Registration is required.

#### **NATURE WALK: NATIVE KNOWL-**EDGE \$P

Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison 1-2:30pm, Sat, Mar 31

Ohlone peoples have lived on this land for centuries and know its secrets. We'll share some of that knowledge of plant use and animals, plus play some games Ohlone people enjoy. 7+yrs

#### **BIRDING 4 DIFFERENT HABITATS**

Francis Mendoza Coyote Hills 8:30-10:30am, Sun, Apr 1

Explore this birding hotspot as we look for ducks, songbirds and raptors in four different habitats - oak woodland, freshwater marsh, chaparral and grassland. All levels of experience welcome.

14+yrs

#### **EATING EGGS AND NESTS - NO** FOOLIN'!

Coyote Hills Francis Mendoza 2-3pm, Sun, Apr I

Make nests out of shredded wheat, melted chocolate, and marshmallows...then eat them! We'll discover birds that make their nests out of sticks, mud, and spider webs. Please be mindful of food allergies. 2+yrs

#### **DOCENT TRAINING** &.

Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison 10am-noon, Thu, April 5, 12, 19, 26 #19961 We are looking for people who are excited to share the joy and enthusiasm of nature with children and the public! This training provides information about the cultural and natural history of this park, as well as tips and tricks for helping with school and public programs. Join us in helping to foster a sense of stewardship in future generations through inspiring and thoughtprovoking environmental education! 18+yrs

Registration is required.

#### OHLONE PEOPLE & CULTURE SP

Coyote Hills Francis Mendoza 1:30-2:30pm, Sun, Apr 8 Learn about Ohlone people and their intimate relationship with nature, family and their ancestors. Discuss the values of generosity and fairness that continue to resonate with Ohlone people today. 8+yrs

#### SKILLS OF THE PAST: WILLOW BASKET 6 & SP

Dino Labiste Coyote Hills 10am-4:30pm, Sat, Apr 14 #19990 Willow was used by California Natives for various utilitarian baskets. What makes this versatile plant of the wetlands so unique? Learn more as we create a traditional basket from whole shoot willow. 18+yrs

Registration is required. Fee: \$35 (non-res. \$39)

#### **EARTH DAY: REDUCE, REUSE,** RECYCLE & SP

Coyote Hills Dino Labiste 9:30am-4pm, Sat, Apr 21

Learn about the care of our precious earth. Enjoy family fun while creating your own litter bug craft, view an environmental puppet show (starts II:40am & 3:40pm), and play recycling games. Learn how you can make a difference!

#### **LEAPIN' LIZARDS**

Coyote Hills Francis Mendoza 1:30-2:30pm, Sun, Apr 29 Look for blue bellies and alligator lizards on this easy 1.5-mile hike. We'll learn why we have these lizards to thank, in part, for combating Lyme disease. 8+yrs

#### CRAB COVE

Crab Cove Visitor Center is open Wed-Sun, 10am-4pm, and offers aquariums and exhibits about San Francisco Bay. For information about naturalist programs or other activities, call (510) 544-3187, or ccove@ ebparks.org.

#### **FAMILY NATURE FUN HOUR**

Crown Beach Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, Every Sat & Sun, Mar & Apr Spend an afternoon at the Bay, make new discoveries, and enjoy a new activity each week with games, crafts, and special surprises.

#### FISH FEEDING TIME & SP

Interpretive Staff Crown Beach 3-3:30pm, Every Sat & Sun, Mar & Apr Meet crabs, fish, and sharks while they eat!

#### KIDS STORYTIME AND NATURE **EXPLORATION**

Crown Beach Michael Charnofsky 10-11:30am, Sun, Mar 4

Come for stories and songs at the Cove, looking for wildlife and washed up treasures before finishing with a nature craft.

#### "SPLASH INTO SPRING" & EGG SCRAMBLE &

Crown Beach Interpretive Staff 10am-4pm, Sat, Mar 24

Celebrate spring! Enjoy all-day family activities including the annual egg hunt around the visitor center lawn. 10-11:30am: Visit activity stations including crafts, games, the Bunny, and music. 11:30am: Egg Scramble.

#### SEA SQUIRTS &

Crown Beach Interpretive Staff 10:30-11:45am, Tue, Mar 13, 27,

Apr 10, 24

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. Registration is required.

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

Mar 13: Snake Secrets #20032

Mar 27: Birds of a Feather #20033

Apr 10: Sneaky Scavengers #20035

**Apr 24:** Whale of a Tale #20037

1:30-2pm: "Dive" into the Bay in the Old Wharf Classroom. 2-3pm: Family Nature Fun - Incredible Eggs. 3-3:30pm: Fish Feeding. Sponsored by EBRPD, Alameda Recreation & Parks, and Alameda Rotary Club. (Rainout date: Mar 31)

#### MINUS LOW TIDE WALK

Susan Ramos Crown Beach 12:30-2pm, Sun, Apr 22

Pull on your boots get dirty while we search for clams, seaweed, crabs and more in our protected marine area.

#### **GYOTAKU - FISH PRINTING**

Crown Beach Susan Ramos

12:30-2pm, Sun, Apr 15

Discover the Japanese art of Gyotaku while learning about the parts of your favorite San Francisco Bay fish! Bring a T-shirt or print on a handkerchief (donation \$1.00).

#### **DEL VALLE**

All programs meet outside the Del Valle Visitor Center unless otherwise noted. The Visitor Center is closed for the season and will reopen on weekends as of May I. Info: 510-544-3146 or dvvisit@ebparks.org.

#### BIRD EDEN SP

Del Valle Interpretive Staff I-2pm, Sun, Mar II

Make a bird feeder to gather birds in your own backyard before exploring the park to discover what birds make Del Valle home.

#### **EAGLE WATCH SP HPHP**

Del Valle Interpretive Staff

10am-noon, Sun, Mar II

Bald Eagles have been a fixture at Lake Del Valle since the 90s. Discover their stories as we walk to see what is happening at their nest today.

#### LIGHT OF NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WALK ( SP HPHP

Del Valle Interpretive Staff 9-11:30am, Sat, Mar 24 #20512

The light glistens off the lake, an acorn woodpecker darts overhead, in the distance the deer have not yet yielded the shoreline. Grab your camera and join us for a photo friendly walk along the shoreline, discovering what natural wonders await. Registration is required.

#### **BOISTEROUS BIRDS \$P**

Del Valle Interpretive Staff 10-11:30am, Sat, Apr 14

Enjoy a hike along the lake and into the oak hills to see and hear our feathered residents.

#### **EAGLE EYE VIEW** A SP

Del Valle Interpretive Staff 10-11am, Sat, Apr 21, #20522

Grab your cameras and spotting scopes as we go in search of the Bald Eagles. Discover what these birds are up to as we line up the most eaglcellent images. Registration is required.

#### **SPRINGTIME STARGAZING**

Del Valle Constance Taylor

8:15-10pm, Sat, Apr 21

Be dazzled by the constellations of the spring sky and see star clusters, nebulae, and Venus! Tri-Valley Stargazers will be here with telescopes. Bring blankets, flashlights, and dress in layers.

#### **WONDERFUL WILDLIFE \$P**

Del Valle Interpretive Staff

10-Ilam, Sat, Apr 28

Come explore our wonderful wildlife, peek through a spotting scope, investigate owl boxes, and pet some pelts.

#### SUNOL

All programs meet at the Sunol Visitor Center unless otherwise noted. The Sunol Visitor Center is open weekends 10am-4pm. Info: 510-544-3249 or svisit@ebparks.org.

#### WILD WONDERS \$P

Sunol Interpretive Staff

Ham-noon, Every Sat

Wildness awaits! Discover the wonders of the Wilderness through games, activities, crafts. Great for families of all ages.

#### **INCREDIBLE EDIBLE NATURE SP**

Interpretive Staff Sunol

Noon-I:30pm, Sat, Mar 3

What's growing at Sunol? Come explore nature's grocery store and learn how to forage for yummy and nutritional plants.

#### **NATURE JOURNALING SP**

Sunol Constance Taylor I-4pm, Sat, Mar 3, 17, 24, 31 Use your notebook to have even more fun with nature. Unleash your creative mind while we draw and write about what we

discover. No artistic skill necessary! Mar 3: Skull Detection & Artistry. Mar 17: Insects All Around! Mar 24: Wildflowers! Mar 31: Knock Knock Oak.

#### ANIMAL FEEDING SP

Sunol Interpretive Staff 10:30-11:30am, Sun, Mar 4

Join us every Sunday while we feed our

#### WILDFLOWER WORKSHOP SP

Constance Taylor 10am-3pm, Sat, Apr 7



Take a wildflower photography hike, use a dichotomous key to identify spring blossoms, dissect flowers, and use iNaturalist to learn more about flowers and document change over time. 10am-noon - Wildflower cell phone photography hike

10am-noon - Flower dissection class I-3pm - Dichotomous key hike 1-3pm - iNaturalist class (download free iNaturalist app before the event)

#### WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL \$P

Interpretive Staff Sunol 10am-4pm, Sun, Apr 8 The hills are bursting with colors, as we celebrate the season. Hikes throughout the park get people into the blooms,

while games, crafts, and activities offer something for everyone on the valley floor. Off-site parking with shuttle will be provided.

#### A WALK AMONGST WILDFLOWERS \$P HPHP

Interpretive Staff Sunol Ham-noon, Sat, Apr 14 Spring brings vernal pools and wildflowers. Take a hike to see what's blooming in the hillsides.

#### **CAVE ROCKS: WILDFLOWERS & CITIZEN SCIENCE HIKE SP**

Constance Taylor Noon-3:30pm, Sat, Apr 14 Hike to beautiful Cave Rocks and look for wildflowers along the way. Use the iNaturalist app (free download before coming to Sunol) to record the flowers we see. Instruction will be provided. Bring lunch.

#### WILDFLOWERS OF SUNOL SP

Sunol Constance Taylor I-4pm, Sat, Apr 21 Come for a relaxing stroll to discover spring blossoms and other signs of the

resident education critters at the Visitor Center. Learn about these animals and how their relatives live in the wild.

#### OUTDOOR DISCOVERIES A SP Sunol Ashley Adams

10-11:30am, Mon, Mar 12, 26, Apr 9, 23 Come explore the world around you in this hands-on preschool and home school nature series. We will discover, adventure. and create in the outdoor classroom.

4-8yrs. Registration is required.

Mar 12: Snakes of Sunol #19925

Mar 26: Spring to Life #19928

Apr 9: Flower Power #19930

Apr 23: Creek Safari #19933

#### RANCH LIFE ROUND-UP! \$P

Sunol Ashley Adams

10am-noon, Sun, Mar 18

Step back in time as we discover what life was like on the Sunol ranch! Make your own rope, design a brand to mark your territory, play games and more!

#### SPRING FORWARD FOR FROGS SP

Interpretive Staff Sunol

I-3pm, Sun, Mar 18

Jump into some fun, family-friendly frog activities and a hiking adventure to celebrate amazing amphibians.

#### POND PARTY HIKE SP HPHP

Sunol Ashley Adams 10am-2pm, Sun, Mar 25 Spring has sprung! Search for life in the ponds of Sunol and find out which creatures are being monitored by EBRPD scientists and why. Moderate 3.5-mile trek.

#### **CITY NATURE CHALLENGE** 2018! **♠** \$P

Sunol Constance Taylor 10am-3pm, Sat, Apr 28 #20528 Which city has the most nature? More than 75 cities on six continents are participating to document species they find. Help the Bay Area win this year! Lunch provided.

Registration is required.

#### SUNOL TO MISSION PEAK 6 SP Ashley Adams Sunol

8am-4pm, Sun, Apr 29, #20533 Hike the beast from the East! Many have made the trek to Mission Peak but few have journeyed through the wilderness of Sunol. This 10-mile adventure on the Ohlone Trail is a one of a kind experience any Bay Area hiker won't want to miss. Registration is required. Fee: \$2.

#### TILDEN NATURE AREA

The Environmental Education Center is open Tue-Sun, 10am-4:30pm. The Little Farm is open daily. Info: 510-544-2233 or tnarea@ebparks.org.

#### CAMP OF THE WILD 6

Tilden Nature Area "Trail" Gail Broesder & Anthony Fisher 10am-4pm, Mon-Fri, Jul 9-13 #20403 10am-4pm, Mon-Fri, Jul 16-20 #20404 Get in touch with your wild side! Practice and learn ancient and useful skills. We'll build shelters, make cordage and

containers, cook over an open fire, and discover edible and useful plants. Make things! Explore! Have fun! 9-12 yrs. Registration is required. Fee: \$270 (non-res. \$290)

#### TILDEN LITTLE FARM CAMP (

Tilden Nature Area Jenna Scimeca & Trent Pearce

10am-4pm, Mon-Fri, Aug 6-10 #20406 10am-4pm, Mon-Fri, Aug 13-17 #20407 Experience the old-time country farm lifestyle during a week of farm camp fun! We'll learn about caring for farm animals, harvesting, cooking, getting dirty, and having fun. Register early for this popular camp. 8-11 yrs.

Registration is required. Fee: \$270 (non-res. \$290) Limit one week of registration per child.

#### **FARM CHORES FOR LITTLES**

Interpretive Staff Tilden Nature Area 10:30-11am, Every Sat, Mar & Apr Little children will enjoy taking care of the little animals at the Little Farm. Meet at the rabbit hutch for a variety of age appropriate activities.

#### **CORDAGE - FROM PLANT TO** ANIMAL &

Trail Gail Tilden Nature Area 1:30-2:30pm, Sat, Mar 3 Cordage (rope & string) is one of the most used and necessary items of our lives. We'll practice creating it with 3 different materials in this basic class. 7+ yrs.

#### TALK WITH THE ANIMALS

Tilden Nature Area Interpretive Staff II-II:30am, Every Sun, Mar & Apr Get up close and personal to the animals that call the Little Farm and Nature Area home. Learn how they move, how they find their food, and how they keep safe from predators. A different animal will be featured each week. Mar 4: Pigs, Mar II: Sheep, Mar 18: Turtle, Mar 25: Cow, Apr I: Rabbit, Apr 8: Snake, Apr 15: Goat, Apr 22: Chicken, Apr 29: Spiders

#### YOU OTTER CARE &

Tilden Nature Area Kate Holum 2-3pm, Sun, Mar 4

... About otters! Learn about these furry Jewel Lake visitors and the important role they play in the balance of nature.

#### **EASTER AT SUNOL! \$P**

Sunol Ashley Adams Ham-3pm, Sun, Apr I Celebrate Spring at Sunol! Hop on over to the park for a day of family Ham-3pm - Nature Crafts

Ham-noon & I-2pm - Lawn Games Noon-Ipm & 2-3pm - Wildflower Stroll

#### IT'S ALL RELATIVE &

Tilden Nature Area

Brianna Contaxis-Tucker

I-2pm, Sun, Mar II

Albert Einstein's curiosity illustrated the relations of acceleration and gravity with atoms and molecules as conduits of energy. Come celebrate his birthday, experience some of his discoveries, and eat pi.

#### **SPRINGY AFTERNOONS IN THE** NATURE AREA HPHP

Tilden Nature Area Anthony Fisher 2-3:30pm, Sun, Mar II, 18, 25 Enjoy the seasonal subtleties of nature on easy strolls. Meet at the visitor center.

#### TILDEN TOTS

Tilden Nature Area Trent Pearce 3-4pm, Tue, Mar 13, Apr 10 Join an indoor/outdoor nature adventure program for 3-4 year olds, each accompanied by an adult (grandparents welcome!)

#### **MEET THE NEWTS**

Tilden Nature Area 2-3pm, Sat, Mar 17

Trail Gail

Rains have awakened the salamanders of the park. Search for resident newts and learn about other herpetofauna. Bring a curiosity for the slimy. Rain or shine.

#### PERCH OF JEWEL LAKE &

Tilden Nature Area Kate Holum I-2pm, Sun, Mar 18

Jewel Lake is home to one of the few remaining populations of Sacramento Perch. See our finned friends in our aquarium, learn how we protect them, and enjoy fish-related crafts.

#### **MEET THE EQUINOX SUN – HIKE**

Tilden Nature Area 6:15-8:30am, Wed, Mar 21

Rise with the sun on this early morning hike. We'll meet at the Nature Center and hike 3.5 miles to the peak in hopes of greeting the morning sun. Bring your own coffee! 7+yrs

#### PEERING INTO PONDS

Tilden Nature Area

Trail Gail

Trail Gail

10-11:30am, Sat, Mar 31

Scoop up some pond water and peer inside the aquatic world, using nets and magnifying glasses. Look for baby dragonflies, midges, frogs and maybe even find newts!

#### ALMOST APRIL 1ST - FOOLS WALK HPHP

Tilden Nature Area Trail Gail 1-2:30pm, Sat. Mar 31

Take a stroll around Jewel Lake and look for some of the ways that nature tries to fool us through camouflage, mimicry and other trickery.

#### NATURE NOTES &

Tilden Nature Area

Brianna Contaxis-Tucker

2-3pm, Sat, Mar 31

With activities and art to guide your way,

wander through the park today, and keep a record of your stay.

#### TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE -WILDCAT PEAK WALK

Tilden Nature Area Trail Gail 8:30-10:30am, Sun, Apr 1

Trek to the top of the world. Bring a snack and water. Head to the peak, where we'll experience our connection to the rest of the Bay Area.

#### NATURE EXPLORATION! HPHP

Tilden Nature Area Trail Gail 2-3:30 pm, Sun, Apr I, 8, 15, 29 Awaken your five senses and your imagination while exploring nature. Newts, tracks, & slugs, oh my! Dress to get dirty and maybe wet.

#### **WAX: IT'S THE BEE'S KNEES!**

Tilden Nature Area Ienna Scimeca 2-3pm, Sat, Apr 7

What's the buzz about bees? Beeswax! This secretion of waxiness is important to both bees and humans. Illuminate your mind as you make a candle and sample local honey.

#### ANIMAL FACE PAINT &

Tilden Nature Area Laura Graham 2-3pm, Sat, Apr 14

Do you want to be a crafty cougar or a bounding bunny? Choose a local animal you'd like painted on your face, then learn fascinating facts about that creature as you are transformed into its image.

#### WATER YOU DOING? &

Tilden Nature Area Brianna Contaxis-Tucker

2-3pm, Sun, Apr 15 Rivers to Oceans to Sky it rises and falls. Down mountains, rooftops and streets it feeds the forests and ponds. Find out where our resource of water cycles and sits.

#### OLD FASHIONED BUTTER MAKIN' &

Tilden Nature Area Jenna Scimeca 2-3pm, Sat, Apr 21

Before modern grocery stores, people needed to make their own staples at home. Discover an easy way to make butter from cream then sample your tasty concoction on crackers!

#### LAKE TO LAKE WATERSHED WALK

Tilden Nature Area Trail Gail 10:30am-lpm, Sun, Apr 22 Trek from lake to lake and explore the Wildcat Creek watershed. What stories might be revealed along the way? Hidden waterfalls, the start of the Park District, and more - let's go find out!

#### THE EARTH IS OUR HOME &

Tilden Nature Area Brianna Contaxis-Tucker

1:30-2:30pm, Sun, Apr 22 Happy Earth Day! Make your own carbon footprint! Hear about the heroes who have helped the earth, and gain tips and tricks for saving water, resources, and energy.

#### **TULE FLOAT - MAKE A MINI TULE** BOAT &

Tilden Nature Area Trail Gail 2:30-3:30pm, Sun, Apr 22

Bull Rush or Tule has many uses, one is to make boats. Make a mini tule boat, and see if it float!

#### SPIDER HANG-OUT &

Tilden Nature Area Laura Graham I-2pm, Sat, Apr 28

Ever wonder what separates spiders from other critters? Come see our adorable eight-legged friends up close and find out what makes them extraordinary.

#### FUN WITH FELT &

Tilden Nature Area Trail Gail Ilam-I2:30pm, Sun, Apr 29 Stop by and make a felted creation. We'll use wool, soap and our own energy to make a unique piece. Get your hands wet while learning about wool and sheep.

#### OTHER PARKS

#### **MONDAY BIRDING**

Anthony Fisher Various Parks 9am-noon, Mon, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26 Birds have feathers, and most of them fly. They're amazing! Mar 5: Fernandez Ranch. Christie Rd. off of Hwy 4 in Martinez. Hills. Mar 12: Briones, Bear Creek Staging Area. Hills. Mar 19: Pt. Pinole, Giant Hwy Staging Area. Flat. Mar 26: Tilden Nature Area, meet at the Environmental Education Center Hills. Info: (510) 544-2233.

#### WEEKDAY BIRD WALK \$P

Various Parks Interpretive Staff 7:30-9:30am, Tue, Mar 6, Mar 20, Apr 3, Apr 17 #20317

Share your enthusiasm for bird life on a tranquil walk through various Bay Area parklands. All levels of birding experience welcome. Bring water, sunscreen, and binoculars or scopes. 12+yrs

Mar 6: Vargas Plateau Regional Park. Mar 20: Coyote Hills, meet at Visitor Center. Apr 3: Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge/Fremont. Apr 17: Garin, meet at Visitor Center. Info: (510) 544-3220.

#### **SOUTH PARK WANDER**

Tilden Trail Gail 2-3:30pm, Sat, Mar 10 South Park Drive is closed Nov I- Mar 31, find out why and explore! Plan on some hills! Meet at the Steam Train Overflow Parking Lot. Info: (510) 544-2233.

#### WILD EDIBLES & PLANT USES 6 P

Garin Dino Labiste 9am-Ipm, Sun, Mar II #20208; Sat, Apr 7 #20211

Identify edible plants on a sprintime hike. Gather Miner's lettuce for a tasty salad, process Manzanita cider, try stinging nettle soup, snack on Pine nuts, and sample other savory wild foods. 18+yrs. Registration is

#### **SUNDAY EARLY-ISH BIRDS**

Various Parks Anthony Fisher 8-10am, Sun, Mar 11, 18, 25 We concentrate on the language of the birds. Mar II: Dotson Family Marsh. Mar 18: Crockett Hills. Meet at Crockett Ranch Staging Area. Mar 25: Briones, Briones Rd. Staging off Alhambra Creek Rd. Info: (510) 544-2233.

#### THE OVER-THE-HILLS GANG

Various Parks Trail Gail 10am-12:30pm, Tue, Mar 13, Apr 10, 24 Hikers 55 years and older interested in nature study, history, fitness, and fun are invited to join this series of monthly excursions exploring the Regional Parks.

Mar 13: Radke Martinez Shoreline, at the end of Ferry Street. Mostly flat. Apr 10: Tilden Regional Park, Inspiration Point, mostly flat and paved. Apr 24: Sobrante Ridge, Coach Drive, hills. No facilities. Info: (510) 544-2233.

#### **BIRDING BY EAR**

Leona Canyon Michael Charnofsky 9:30-11:30am, Sun, Mar 18

Yes, it does count when you identify a bird by its song. Let's practice in this beautiful,



Northern Flicker.

diverse canyon with many bird habitats. Constant rain cancels. Directions: From HWY 580, take the Keller Ave exit and drive towards the hills for around one mile. Turn left on Campus Drive. Make the first right onto Canyon Oaks, drive to-

wards the condos, then make an immediate left to the end of the driveway to the trailhead parking area. 8+ yrs.

#### **VASCO CAVES REGIONAL PRESERVE TOUR**

Vasco Caves Interpretive Staff Staging from Round Valley:

9am-2pm, Sat, Mar 17 #20251, 31 #20271, Apr 7, #20351, 14 #20390, 21 #20293; Sun, Mar 25 #20264, Apr 8 #20389, 15 #20392 Staging from Brushy Peak:

9am-2pm, Sat, Mar 24 #20258; Sun, Apr 22

Hike 2-3 miles through this windswept land which is sacred to local California Indian communities and a refuge for golden eagles, fairy shrimp, and tiger salamanders. The Preserve is accessible only through guided tours staging at Round Valley or Brushy Peak. 10+yrs. Registration is required.

#### **END OF THE RAINBOW GEOCACHE HIKE**

Anthony Chabot Dill & Recreation Staff 10am-12:30pm, Sat, Mar 17 #20136 Take to the rolling green hills for St. Patrick's Day, as we embark on a modern-day treasure hunt using GPS-enabled devices that we provide. Bring small trinkets to trade on this 3-mile adventure. Ages 7+. Registration is required.

#### LAKESIDE LITTLES \$P

Shadow Cliffs Ashley Adams 10-11am, Mon, Mar 19, Apr 16 Bring your little ones out and discover nature. Each month we'll explore a trail, look at bugs, search for birds, and much more. Let's get outside! Parent/caregiver participation required. I-5yrs. Info: (510) 544-3249.

Fee: \$30 (non-res. \$34)

#### SECRETS OF SPRING BIRDS & HPHP

Contra Loma Kevin Dixon

8-10am, Sat, Mar 24

Busy birds are finding food, singing and looking for mates. The lucky ones will soon be raising chicks underground, in the trees, and on the water. Info: (510) 544-2755.

#### CANINE CAPERS WALK ( SP

Alameda Creek Trail Kristina Parkison 9-11am, Sat, Mar 24 #20214

The restorative effect of spending time outdoors with a friend, furry or otherwise, is well-known! Join this monthly adventure to nurture our inner and outer-selves by exploring and learning about the natural world around us as we hike park trails. 8+yrs. Registration is required.

#### **BETWEEN TWO RIDGES!?**

Las Trampas Interpretive Staff 8-10am, Sun, Mar 25 Las Trampas and Rocky Ridges tower above a creek-side oasis - a cool, wet microclimate along the valley floor. Discover flora and fauna that live between

#### two ridges. Info: (510) 544-3249. **APRIL FOOLS TRUTHS AND** LIES HIKE &

Roberts Michael Charnofsky 10am-noon, Sun, Apr 1

Fool each other with truths and falsehoods about nature and science. Hike 3.5 moderate miles through beautiful redwood forest (that part's true) as we share, trick and guess. 10+ yrs. Info: (510) 544-3187.

#### **MORGAN'S MANZANITAS**

Morgan Territory Kevin Dixon 9am-2pm, Sat, Apr 7 Breathe deep, celebrate the glory of

spring, peer into seasonal pools, and enjoy California's unique botanical treats on this sometimes steep hike. Info: (510) 544-2755.

Registration is required.

#### **JUAN BAUTISTA DE ANZA** TRAIL HIKE

Dry Creek Francis Mendoza 9-11:30am, Sun, Apr 8 Learn about the 1776 Juan Bautista De Anza Expedition from Mexico and how it

impacted the Native peoples in the Bay Area on this intermediate, 3-mile hike. Some steep grades. 15+yrs.

#### MARCH SHOWERS BRING APRIL FLOWERS!

Trail Gail Various Parks 9-11:30am, Sun, Apr 8, 15 Walk with a naturalist and search for summer blooms! Apr 8: Briones, Alhambra Creek Staging Area. Apr 15: Tilden Regional Park, Steam Trains Overflow parking lot. Info: (510) 544-2233.

#### RANGERS AND RIGS \$P

Shadow Cliffs Interpretive Staff 10am-4pm, Sun, Apr 15 Bring the family and explore what it takes to work in our parks. Kids can get in the rigs, and try their hand at ranger jobs. From police and firefighters to carpenters and educators, park employees do it all. Staff will be on hand to help everyone explore, and answer questions about working

#### **SATURDAY & SUNDAY** STROLLS \$P

for the parks. Info: (510) 544-3249.

Various Parks Interpretive Staff 10am-noon, Sat, Mar 10 & Apr 28; Sun, Mar 25 & Apr 8. Wake up and walk into nature. Each week we will explore a different park and the natural wonders within. Hikes range from two to five miles. Great for families.

Dogs welcome on most hikes. See

www.ebparks.org/parks for maps

and directions. Mar 10: Leona Canyon (Canyon Oaks Dr.) Discover what the winter rains have brought to this creek side trail on a 3-mile hike.

Mar 25: Anthony Chabot (Bort Meadow Staging Area) Celebrate spring surrounded by meadow, for-

est, and stream on a 3-mile loop. Apr 8: Five Canyons Open Space (Deer Canyon Trailhead) New location! Take a 2+ mile moderate hike into a charming oak-covered canyon. Sorry no restroom facilities available. Apr 28: Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail (St. Marys Road Staging Area) Observe wildlife and impressive landscapes along Las Trampas Creek, 3 miles round trip.

#### HIKES FOR TYKES \$P HPHP

Various Parks Interpretive Staff 10:30-11:45am, Tue, Mar 6, 20, Apr 3,

Enjoy some nature before naptime with your young child! Join a naturalist as they take you over hill and dell to explore the Regional Parks. Tools for exploration will be provided. Hikes average about one mile. Bring a snack. Strollers are not recommended for most hikes.

Mar 6: Martin Luther King Ir Shoreline (Arrowhead). Mar 20: Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail. (St. Marys Road Staging Area). Apr 3: Redwood Regional Park (Canyon Meadow). Apr 17: Lake Chabot (Marina).

#### ALAMEDA EARTH DAY EVENT &

Crown Beach Interpretive Staff 10am-3pm, Sat, Apr 21

Celebrate the Earth and its amazing natural habitats, including our beautiful Bay. Learn how to live more sustainably with fun activities and free giveaways at the City of Alameda's Washington Park (next to Crown Beach); food/beverages available for purchase. Come to Crab Cove before the main festival, from 8:30-10am to participate in a beach & pond cleanup (advance registration required: use Course #20091; students will earn community service hours.) Sponsored by the City of Alameda & EBRPD. For information, call (510) 544-3187.

#### **WILDFLOWER HIKE**

Garin/Dry Creek Francis Mendoza 8:30-11am, Sun, Apr 29 Go on a 3-mile hike through rolling hills and meadows to look for spring wildflowers. Remember not to pick any flowers so that others may enjoy them. 12+yrs. Info: (510) 544-3220.

#### **BOTANICAL BLOOM**

Huckleberry Botanic Garden Bellal Naderi and Susan Ramos

10am-noon, Sun, April 29 Discover beauty in this natural botanic garden. After the winter rains, spring is the time to find many plants blooming on a 2-mile, moderate hike through this botanical preserve. Info: (510) 544-3187.

#### VOLUNTEER

#### WILDLIFE VOLUNTEERS - "SHORE-**BIRD SANCTUARY"**

MLK Jr Shoreline Dave "Doc Quack" Riensche, Wildlife Biologist 12:30-3:30pm, Sat, Mar 3 #20571 An exciting adventure over land and water to create nesting habitat for the threatened Western Snowy Plover awaits you. You will help move bulk sand and shells, pull weeds, thereby crafting ideal/idyllic courtship conditions for breeding plovers, avocets and stilts. By participating, you'll earn your "Shorebird Sanctuary" patch. Physical labor is involved with this project. Parent participation required. We recommend: outdoor clothing (long pants), hiking boots (close-toed footwear), gloves, hats, water, and sunscreen. All ages are welcome and parent participation is required. Deadline to sign-up is Feb 23.

#### WILDLIFE VOLUNTEERS - "BIRD-A-THON" - FUND RAISING EVENT

TBA - from a special interior Regional Park location downstream to the Bay "Doc Quack" Certified Wildlife Biologist & Friends

1/2 hour before sunrise-1/2 hour before sunset, Sat, Apr 28

Are you interested in participating in an exciting, renewing and rewarding birding adventure while helping to generate funds to support the Wildlife Volunteer Program? During this "Quest for more than 150 Birds in a Day", you will get "nose to beak" with birds, while visiting several active bird research and restorations sites. Our dawn to dusk adventure, supported by local Audubon Society Chapters, will take us through numerous locations recording the "Feathered Jewels" they contain, while generating tax-deductible donations to meet the mission of protecting and enhancing California Least Tern and Western Snowy Plover nesting habitat in the District. Space is limited. We recommend: binoculars, water, lunch and trail snacks, outdoors clothing (long pants), hiking shoes/boots (Waterproof footwear), gloves, hat, windbreaker, sweater, jacket, sunglasses, insect repellant, and sunscreen. Register by contacting Doc Quack at docquack@ebparks.org. Registration is required and must be received no later than Fri, Apr 13.

#### **NATIVE PLANT AND BUTTERFLY** GARDENIN &

Crown Beach Michael Charnofsky 9:30am-12:30pm, Sat, Apr 7 #20065 Help keep our wildlife-friendly gardens beautiful by pruning, weeding, mulching, and planting around the visitor center. Choose the work that inspires you. Community Service hours available for students. Snacks and refreshments served, tools provided. Heavy rain cancels. 8+ yrs. Registration is required.

#### ALAMEDA EARTH DAY: COASTAL CLEAN-UP &

Crown Beach Michael Charnofsky 8:30-10am, Sat, Apr 21 #20091 The pond and beach need your help! Have fun with friends while picking up litter to

#### WEDNESDAY WALKS

Various Locations Interpretive Staff #19886-889

9:30am, Wed, Mar 28, Apr 4, 25 Discover the natural and human history of our beautiful parklands and improve your health on a naturalist-led hike. Hikers of all ages and abilities are welcome on these fast-paced hikes. Wear sturdy footwear, bring water and dress for the weather. Heavy rain cancels. Mar 28: Lake Chabot - Circle the

lake on a moderate to strenuous 9- mile hike with a stop for lunch on the way. Meet at the Marina. Christina Garcia. Apr 4: Tilden Park - Hike from Inspiration Point to Volmer Peak and back. Look for wildflowers and hear the history of the peak. Trail Gail. Apr 18: Five Canyons - Moderate 4+ mile hike to scenic ridgelines and charming oak-covered canyons. Sorry, no restrooms available. Meet at Deer Canyon Trailhead. Susan Ramos. Apr 25: Sunol - Take a peek at Mother Nature's bloomers. See plenty of gorgeous wildflowers on a moderately-strenuous 5- mile loop hike on the Canyon View trail.

help wildlife and make our environment more beautiful. Students earn community service hours. Stay and enjoy the Alameda Earth Day event afterwards! 4+ yrs. Registration is required.

Meet at Green Barn Visitor Center.

Christina Garcia.

#### LEONA CANYON NATIVE PLANT RESTORATION

Merritt College Parking Lot E Michael Charnofsky

10am-2pm, Sat, Apr 14 #20342 Volunteers are needed to help protect featured native plants by pulling non-native invasive grasses and shrubs, focusing around the stations of the self-guided "Local Indian Uses of Plants" trail. Lunch, tools and gloves provided. Community service hours available for students. Rain or shine. 10+ yrs. Registration is required.

#### THIRD THURSDAYS AT THE **BEACH**

Staff Crown Beach 10am-noon & I-3pm, Thu, Mar 15 & Apr 19

Volunteers are needed in our Demonstration Garden to help with maintenance, including weeding, pruning, mulching and other park projects. One-time or on-going help welcome. Please wear long pants, closed-toe shoes and a hat. Bring a water

#### **VISITOR CENTERS**

#### **ARDENWOOD**

34600 Ardenwood Blvd. Fremont, CA (510) 544-2797

#### **BIG BREAK**

69 Big Break Road Oakley, CA (510) 544-3050

#### **BLACK DIAMOND MINES**

5175 Somersville Road Antioch, CA (510) 544-2750

#### **BOTANIC GARDEN**

Tilden Regional Park Berkeley, CA (510) 544-3169

#### **COYOTE HILLS**

8000 Patterson Ranch Rd. Fremont, CA (510) 544-3220

#### **CRAB COVE**

1252 McKay Avenue Alameda, CA (510) 544-3187

#### **DEL VALLE**

7000 Del Valle Road Livermore, CA (510) 544-3146 summer weekends only; 544-3249

#### **GARIN**

1320 Garin Avenue Hayward, CA (510) 544-3220

#### **SUNOL-OHLONE**

P.O. Box 82 (on Geary Road) Sunol, CA (510) 544-3249

#### **TILDEN NATURE AREA**

**Environmental Education** Center (EEC) at Tilden Regional Park Berkeley, CA (510) 544-2233

#### **SWIM FACILITIES**

#### 1-888-327-2757, option 3

#### **LAKE ANZA**

Tilden Regional Park Berkeley, CA | ext. 4563

#### **CASTLE ROCK**

1700 Castle Rock Road Walnut Creek, CA | ext. 4515

#### **CONTRA LOMA**

1200 Frederickson Lane Antioch, CA | ext. 4518

#### CULL CANYON

18627 Cull Canyon Road Castro Valley, CA | ext. 4523

#### **DEL VALLE**

7000 Del Valle Road

#### Livermore, CA | ext. 4524

**DON CASTRO** 22400 Woodroe Ave

#### Hayward, CA | ext. 4527

**QUARRY LAKES** 2100 Isherwood Way

#### Fremont, CA | ext. 4552

**ROBERTS POOL** 10570 Skyline Blvd.

#### Oakland, CA | ext. 4555

**SHADOW CLIFFS** 2500 Stanley Blvd. Pleasanton, CA | ext. 4557

#### **LAKETEMESCAL**

6502 Broadway Terrace Oakland, CA | ext. 4561

#### **How to Register • Fee Payment**

Many programs do not require registration. Simply join the instructor at the location indicated in the program description. Call the phone number listed for further information.

For programs that indicate "Registration is required," register by calling I-888-EBPARKS (I-888-327-2757), option 2, or by calling the number listed.



**ONLINE** registration is available if the program title displays this symbol: f Go to www.ebparksonline.org. When registering online, use the course code printed next to the program date(s).



WALK-IN: Come to the District Headquarters between 8:30am and 5pm Mondays through Fridays. We are located at 2950 Peralta Oaks Court in Oakland, next to the Dunsmuir House and south of the Oakland Zoo off I-580. See map below.



BY PHONE: Phone registration requires a VISA or Mastercard. The Reservations Office is open between 8:30am-4:00pm Mondays through Fridays (closed weekends and holidays). Call I-888-EBPARKS (327-2757) and select option 2. TRS Relay for the Hearing Impaired: 7-1-1.



BY MAIL: Call the Reservations Office at I-888-EBPARKS (327-2757) option 2, to request a mail-in registration form. Registration is payable by check only up to 15 days before the program.

**FEE PAYMENT:** Fees must be paid in full at the time of registration. Fees may be paid by money order, VISA, Mastercard, cash, or preprinted check for walk-in registration. Make checks payable to EBRPD. Programs registered in the parks may be paid for by check up until the day of the program if space is available. Returned checks will be charged a \$25 Returned Check charge. Non-resident fees apply to anyone living outside Alameda or Contra Costa counties. Parking or park entrance fees may be charged depending on program time and location. Ardenwood entrance fees vary depending on the event or activity. Confirm all fees when registering for a program.

CREDIT CARDS: VISA WISA and Mastercard are accepted for all fee programs except those that are registered at a park. Call the phone number in program description for info.

CANCELLATION POLICY: REFUNDS/TRANSFERS: Refunds or transfers will be processed for programs canceled because registration is below the minimum enrollment at the cutoff date, or if a program is canceled due to inclement weather or instructor illness. Please allow up to three weeks for receipt of refund. CANCELLATION POLICY: At least five business days advance notice is necessary for a full refund. Failure to notify the Reservations Office at least five business days in advance of your cancellation will result in forfeiture of the program fee. The Reservations Office is open Monday through Friday. The last day to cancel a Saturday or Sunday program is the prior Monday.



# Spring Wildflower Festival

Sunday, April 8 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Celebrate the season of the birds, bees, flowers and trees!

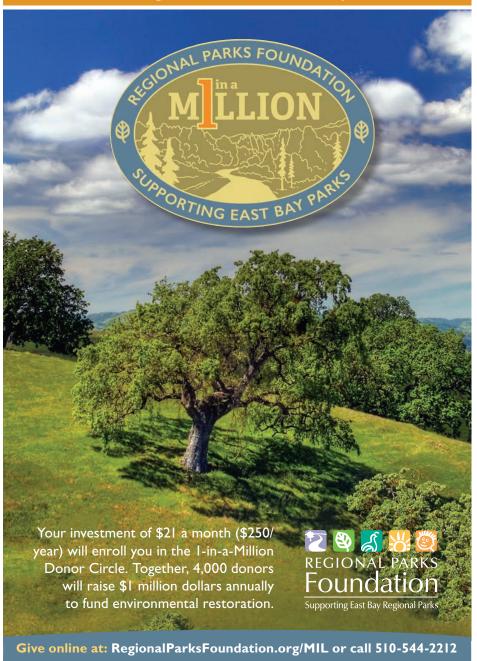
- Wildflower hikes
- Arts and crafts
- Live entertainment
- Nature activities

Information: ebparks.org or (510) 544-3249

Free admission. Parking is \$5.



Sunol-Ohlone Regional Wilderness: 1895 Geary Road, Sunol





Healthy Parks Healthy People

2950 Peralta Oaks Court Oakland, CA 94605-0381 ebparks.org





#### PARK'N IT SUMMER DAY CAMP

Explore the Regional Parks through field trips, art, swimming and outdoor play.

Park'n It Day Camp is a traditional summer day camp program that takes place Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in various East Bay Regional Parks. Camps feature hands-on experiences under the care of highly-trained staff of recreation leaders, lifeguards, and naturalists.

**Registration:** Open to children 5 to 12. **Cost:** \$200/week. Financial Aid is available.

Register at ebparks.org/activities/daycamps





