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Activity Guide

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A Park District Is Born

A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL MANAGER ROBERT E. DOYLE



n 1928, a movement to create a grand park in the East Bay hills was launched by a group of conservationists and community leaders, including such notable members as Robert Sibley, president of the UC Berkeley Alumni Association; Aurelia Reinhardt, president of Mills College; Ansel Hall of the National Park Service; and

East Bay real estate tycoon Duncan McDuffie. Thanks to the vision and determination of these leaders, we are celebrating the East Bay Regional Park District's 85th Anniversary this year.

At the commission of these hopeful leaders, Frederick

Law Olmsted, Jr. of the Olmsted Brothers, the first landscape architecture firm in the nation, came to the East Bay to assess park needs and survey potential



Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr.

Courtesy of Frederick Law Olmsted Nat. Historic Site, NPS

parkland. In 1930, with the co-authorship of Ansel Hall of the National Parks Service, Proposed Park Reservations for East Bay Cities, also known as the Olmsted-Hall Report, was published. The report called for a "sizable park

"The charm of the region as a place in which to live will depend largely upon the natural conditions that are destined to disappear unless properly protected for the public."

— Proposed Park Reservations, 1930

for open space preservation and recreation."

Within four years, the Regional Park Proposal, a measure to establish the East Bay Regional

Park District with an assessment of five cents per \$100 of assessed property value, was placed on the ballot. On November 6, 1934, with the rallying cry "Parks for the People," the proposal passed with 71% of the vote. East Bay residents had decided, during the depths of the Great Depression, to tax themselves for parks.

Thank you for your trust and support. Today, the East Bay Regional Park District is the largest regional park agency in the country with over 122,000 acres protected in perpetuity, and is a national model for land use preservation, recreation, climate adaptation, parkland management, and connecting people with nature.

Join us in celebrating the Park District's 85th Anniversary and thanking the visionary leaders who helped create this beautiful park system for all of us to enjoy.

See you in your Regional Parks!

Measure WW Local Investments

\$125 MILLION BENEFITTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

In 2008, voters in the Alameda and Contra Costa counties approved Measure WW to invest \$500 million in East Bay parks. \$125 million of Measure WW was specifically dedicated for local park and recreation projects (Local Grant Program) on a per/capita (population) basis.

Over the past II years the East Bay Regional Park District has approved \$118 million toward 240 projects benefitting the local communities in the two counties. Of those, 162 projects have been completed so far. Key projects included youth and senior centers, sports courts and fields, aquatics centers, picnic areas, safe playground equipment, and park infrastructures such as bathrooms, water fountains, safety lighting, and parking. For a list of projects in your community visit ebparks.org/MeasureWW.







Alameda Boys & Girls Club Renovation



Richmond Natatorium Renovation

Wildfire Protection A Year-Round Effort

A year-round fire season is now the "new normal" in California. The 2018 wildfire season was the deadliest and most destructive wildfire season on record in California. The Park District is actively working every day to reduce the fuel load in regional parks and maintaining healthy forests by thinning excessive growth.

Each year, the Park District thins and removes hazardous vegetation on over 1,000 acres to reduce fire risks. The Park District also maintains a professional, 50+ member fire

located fire stations, specialized wildland fighting equipment, and five remote weather stations that collect data to help strategically determine staffing levels and locations.

While our efforts to reduce the risk of severe wildfires and prepare for wildfires is extensive, it is the collective efforts of homeowners and neighbors that can have the greatest impact. Reducing fire fuels around homes and taking other precautions can help prevent small fires from becoming large disasters.

What You Can Do To Help

- Create and maintain defensible space 30-100 feet around your home. For more information visit ebparks.org/ about/fire/wildfire_prevention.htm
- Watch for and understand Red Flag warnings and follow all restrictions on burning and use of power equipment.
- If you see a potential fire hazard in the parks, report it by calling 510-881-1833.



Longtime Regional Parks Volunteers Share Fascination with Park District History

Richard Langs began his volunteer service as a docent at the Tilden Park Golf Course. Spending much of his time at the golf course pondering the beautiful park setting around him, he met Jerry Kent, a retired District employee who broadened his familiarity with the history of the Park District. Jerry invited him to volunteer at the Park District's Archives, where in 2005 he became the Archives' first volunteer.



Since becoming a volunteer in the Archives, Richard has authored three books on Tilden Park, including Merry-Go-Round, 100 Years of Spinning Dreams; Tilden Regional Park, Queen of the East Bay Regional Parks; and a recently-published pocket-book version called Tilden Regional Park:

A History. Richard held book signings for the latter two books at the Brazilian Room in Tilden Park. Merry-Go-Round is available for purchase at the carousel concession stand, and the latest edition of the Tilden Regional Park book is available at the concessions stand, the Tilden Park visitor center, and online.

Amelia Marshall began volunteering at the Park District's Archives in 2012, but her volunteer service began much earlier. In 1998, after boarding her horse Dolly at Skyline Ranch for many years, Amelia was invited to join the volunteer mounted patrol. The volunteer mounted patrol is part of the Volunteer Trail Safety Patrol that works with the Park District Police Department to promote safe and courteous park and trail use by District visitors.



Amelia and Dolly rode with the mounted patrol until 2006 when Dolly could no longer actively serve. Amelia then switched to the hiking patrol, where she is currently a volunteer. She discovered the Archives after her son worked there as an intern at Tilden Regional Park.

Amelia had already published a book called Oakland's Equestrian Heritage when she began her work at the Park District Archives. In 2017 she published East Bay Hills, A Brief History, which covers the little-known legends of the area hills, from native peoples to modern-day park naturalists. Her books are available for purchase online.

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ARE PROUD PARTNERS IN 2019 WITH THE MUTUAL GOAL OF PROMOTING HEALTH AND FITNESS.

KAISER PERMANENTE HEALTH TIPS:

Come Back Stronger

Are you the one with good intentions and an on-again, offagain exercise routine? Having trouble reaching your goal?

Don't worry, you're not alone. Even dedicated athletes have bad days — or even bad weeks. And, like them, you can come back stronger.

Rethink Your Exercise Plan:

Having a setback doesn't mean you've failed, so don't get discouraged. It's a sign that you might have to rethink your exercise plan, schedule, goals, or motivation a bit.

Enjoy Yourself:

Life is too short not to have fun and exercise should be fun. If you're bored with what you're doing, try something new.

Encourage Yourself:

Think you're a bad person for skipping your workout? Pressuring yourself can keep you from getting the full benefit of exercise. Remember why you exercise and focus on what you're doing, not on the outcome.

KAISER PERMANENTE IS A MAJOR SPONSOR OF THE PARK DISTRICT'S 2019 TRAILS CHALLENGE. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GETTING IN SHAPE AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLES, VISIT WWW.KP.ORG (YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF KAISER TO RECEIVE INFORMATION).

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SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH



Learn lifeguarding skills in a fun way. Scholarships available.

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD

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

SWIM LESSONS

Offered at Contra Loma Lagoon and Roberts Pool. Swim Lessons are a great start to a safe, fun summer. We offer a wide range of American Red Cross swim levels for ages 6 months through teens. Adult Lessons offered at Roberts. Classes at both locations meet Mon-Thu 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 AIDE

Learn leadership, communication, and team building skills. 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, and due May I. For more info and an application, contact Aaron Roth at aroth@ebparks.org or call (510) 690-6624.



Cadets relaxing after a morning of active training.

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD CADET

Offered at Lake Anza Only. This program will challenge teens ages 14-18 mentally and physically to embrace the EBRPD Lifeguard Service's core values of integrity, honesty, respect, service, and safety. Junior Cadets do this through developing skills in teamwork, professionalism, and communication. 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. Cadets 15+ will earn a lifeguarding certificate. Applications are required and due May I. For information and an application, contact Kyle Maxwell at kmaxwell@ ebparks.org or call (510) 690-6620.

RECREATION

LLAMAS – MYSTICS OF THE ANDES 6 Redwood LAMAS Outfitters

Noon-3:30pm, Sat, May 4 #25059; 10am-1:30pm, Sun, May 5 #25060; May 19

#25063; Jun 2 #25066;

Ham-2:30pm, Sat, May 18 #25062; Jun 1 #25064:

The Quechua Andeans refer to Ilamas 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 two people can share one llama, or reserve your own. Adult participation required for ages 8-17yrs (adult registers).

Registration is required. Fee: \$90 per llama - 6 llamas max. per class (non-res. \$100)

FIRST AID FOR DOGS 6

MLK Shoreline Peter Pay 9am-Ipm, Sat, May 25 #25084 Learn how to save a pet's life during an emergency, minimize a pet's trauma after injury, and safely transport an injured pet

PARK'N IT DAY CAMP

Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm Jun 10-14, Temescal #24216 Jun 17-21, Temescal #24218 Jun 24-28, Don Castro #24219 Jul 8-12, Contra Loma #24382 Jul 15-19, Coyote Hills #24384 Jul 22-26, Miller Knox #24423 Jul 29-Aug 2, Ardenwood #24376

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;

LEADERS IN TRAINING (

Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4pm 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. LITs must first apply and interview for positions. Download an application at www.ebparks.org or contact Megan Seccombe, Recreation Coordinator, at mseccombe@ ebparks.org or (510) 544-2554 for a paper copy. 13-17yrs. Fee: \$50

\$P = Parking fee may be charged



A week of hiking, fishing, swimming, arts & crafts and other

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)



LITs receive training, community service hours, and job-skills

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)

FATHER'S DAY FISHING 6

Crown Beach Recreation staff 12:30pm-2:30pm, Sun, Jun 16 #25139 Learn about some 'famous' fish dads then go fishing with your kids! Adults who are fishing must have a day or annual fishing license - call for more information. Kids 15 & under can fish for free. All fishing gear provided. Space is limited.

Registration is required. No fee.

FLY-FISHING INTRODUCTION

Fish First! 7am-Ipm, Sun, May 12 #25042; Jun 9 #25048

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. Then enjoy two and one-half 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)

ARCHERY - INTRODUCTION (A)

Roberts Redwood Bowmen 10am-noon, Sat, Jun15 #25100; 1:30-3:30pm, May 18 #25094; Jun 15 #25099

Gain 90-minutes of archery coaching and practice at an outdoor range; all equipment provided. Designed for beginners, 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)

ARDENWOOD

Ardenwood is open Tue-Sun. from 10am-4pm. Admission fees apply. Info: (510) 544-2797, awvisit@ebparks.org or www. ebparks.org.

ANIMAL FEEDING &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 3pm, Thu-Sun Check for eggs and feed 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

KAYAKING / BOATING

Registration is required.

KAYAKING FOR FOLKS 50+ (6)

Recreation Staff Lake Chabot Ilam-3pm, Fri, May 3 #25176; Wed, June 19 #25177

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.

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

MOTHER'S DAY PADDLE!

Big Break Cat Taylor/Recreation Staff I-3:30pm, Sun, May 12 #24990 Bring mom out for a guided Mother's Day natural paddle adventure on sparkling Delta waters! After dry-land instruction, we'll wend our way in our tandem kayaks.

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

KAYAKING – LONGER PADDLE Big Break Cat Taylor/Recreation Staff 9am-12:30pm, Sun, Jun 30 #25113 Come ply the welcoming and wondrous waters of the Delta on this beginner (& up) kayak excursion. We'll start off with dry-land instruction then paddle our steady and stable craft on a group exploration of this lovely, rich shoreline.

Adult participation required for ages 10-16yrs. (adult registers). 10+yrs. Fee: \$40 (non-res. \$44)

SUNSET PADDLE 6

Tidewater Boating Center Recreation

6pm-9pm, Fri, May 31 #25208; Fri, Jun

Relish the beauty of the sunset by kayak! We'll set off just before sunset and explore the calm waters of San Leandro Bay. Kayaks, instruction, and all associated safety gear provided. Adult participation required for ages 10-16yrs. (adult registers). 10+yrs.

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

BOAT TO BROOKS ABOARD DELPHINUS 6

Brooks Island Dolphin Charters/ Interpretive Staff

9am-3pm, Fri, May 3 #25014 9:30am-3:30pm, Sat, May 4 #25036 Join us for a relaxed, narrated boat ride to Brooks Island. Once anchored near the shoreline, participants will be ferried (by skiff) to the island to enjoy a naturalist-guided, two-mile hike around this beautiful preserve. Hot coffee, hot chocolate and tea are provided. Ages 12+yrs. Fee: \$72 (non-res. \$80)

Registration information - register beginning March 26 www.ebparks.org/register or I-888-327-2757 (I-888-EBPARKS), option 2

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 &

Ardenwood Patterson House Docents Various times, every Thu-Sun Tour the beautifully restored Patterson House Museum. Discover the history of this 19-room Queen Anne Victorian farm house. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it 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 arrival. Special 15-minute tours for children 6 and under offered Thursday and Friday at 2:30pm, Saturday and Sunday at 11:30am. Info: (510) 791-4196.

TODDLER TIME &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 10:30-11:45am, Wed, May 1, 15, 22, Jun 5, 19, 26

Bring the tots out for an exciting morning at the farm. Hear a story, do some chores, and meet some farm friends. Little ones can enjoy a variety of activities at their own pace. We'll meet rain or shine!

WAKE UP THE FARM &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 10:30-11am, Sat, May 4, 18; Sun, June 9, 23 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.

FUN WITH FELTING &

Ardenwood Mindy Castle Ham-noon, Sat, May 4 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.

BEGINNING EMBROIDERY &

Ardenwood Mindy Castle I-2pm, Sat, May 4

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.

ROPE MAKING & HAY HOISTING

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, Sat, May 4, 18 Make rope with our antique machine, and see how lots of rope plus a few pulleys make hoisting hay bales into the barn loft a cinch.

BIRDS OF THE FARM HPHP

Ardenwood Christina Garcia 8-9:30am, Sun, May 5, 26, Jun 9, 30 The farm provides valuable habitat for a variety of birds. Let's explore the gardens, forests and fields for anything with feathers. No admission fee.

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 anatomically-optimal 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. Registration is required.

POLES 2: PRACTICE HIKE 6

Tilden Botanic Garden Jayah Faye Paley

8:30am-10:30am, Fri, Jun 7 #24984 Explore Beautiful Native Garden. Refine, enhance, and learn new skills on a gentle, varied terrain. Easy practice hike - connect with nature while improving confidence, pole performance, and body awareness. Previous EBRPD pole hiking instruction required. Test Drive Poles. Hike approximately 2 miles.

Fee: \$26 (non-res. \$30)

HIKING POLES: SKILLS & TECH-NIQUES PLUS HIKE

Redwood Regional Jayah Faye Paley 8:30am-3pm, Sat, Jun 15 #24950 Comprehensive training helps hikers improve performance and confidence on the trail. Uphill: Improve power, endurance, and spine function. Downhill: Develop skills for feeling safer and preserving joints - Save you knees! "Test drive" quality pole models on a beautiful, Redwood hike: learn which poles fit you best. Fee: \$75 (non-res. \$83)

= Register at www.ebparksonline.org

رغ = ADA accessible program

\$P = Parking fee may be charged

HPHP = Healthy Parks Healthy People program

HENS LAY EGGS &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 10:30-11am, Sun, May 5, 26 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.

COOKING IN COUNTRY KITCHEN &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff Ham-Ipm, Sun, May 5, 26, Jun 2, 16, 23 Stop by our outdoor farm 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. Pick up a historic recipe to try at home.



MOTHER'S DAY ON THE FARM

Ardenwood Christina Garcia Ham-3pm, Sun, May 12 Celebrate this special people in your life at the farm today. Create a lovely gift sachet or flower crown, enjoy live music, and play a game of croquet or bocce ball. Treat yourselves to an elegant buffet brunch (advanced reservations required, www.ardenwoodevents.com/mothers-day-brunch. com) or purchase from a special a-la-carte menu at the café.

STRAW PLAITING &

Ardenwood Marlene Gallegos I-2pm, Sun, May 5, Jun 30 Want to weave beautiful braids out of straw? Stop by the farm to try straw plaiting using the straw from our hay harvest!

WALKING TALL

Ardenwood Max Cade 2-3pm, Sun, May 5, 26

Think you need to join the circus to handle stilts? Think again! Stop by the farm, learn about their global history, and try them out for yourself.

RABBIT RENDEZVOUS &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 10:30-11am, Sat, May 11, 25; 2-2:30pm, Sat, June 1, 15, 29

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.

FARMYARD STORY TIME &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff Ilam-noon, Sat, May II

The Little Red Hen, the Billy Goats Gruff and other farm friends are waiting to meet you! Join the story circle for some classic barnyard tales before visiting the main characters.

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM! &

Interpretive Staff Ardenwood I-2pm, Sat, May II, Sun, May 26 Put together some ice, salt, cream, sugar, then add a little muscle power and learn how delicious old-fashioned ice cream is made. Learn the tasty history of this popular treat.

OLD-FASHIONED FUN

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, Sat, May 11, 25 Old-fashioned pastimes once included stilt walking, running with tubers (potatospoon race), testing your strength (tug-owar) and hopping like a bunny (sack races). Join the fun and test your skills!

CORN MOSAICS &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff Ham-noon, Sat, May 18; Noon-Ipm, Sat, lun 22

Learn how to turn our Indian corn into

MEMORIAL DAY FREE DAY &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 10am-4pm, Mon, May 27 Celebrate the holiday with an admission-free day of fun! Help with farm chores, ride the train, and tour the Victorian farmhouse. Taste some farm-baked cookies from our outdoor wood stove, try your skills at some old-time games and visit with the goats, sheep, chickens and bunnies.

a fun craft for the whole family! Use the rainbow of colored kernels to make your own mosaic.

VICTORIAN TABLE TOP GAMES &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff I-2pm, Sat, May 18

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 days-

gone-by.

GORGEOUS GOATS &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 10:30-11am, Sun May 19, Jun 2, 16, 30 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.

CHOCOLATE: A STORY OF POWER, **CULTURE, AND WONDER**

Nicholas Fowlks Ardenwood Ham-noon, Sun, May 19, Jun 30 loin us for an irresistible taste of chocolate's tale, all while sampling this notorious treat.

TRACTOR TALK

Ardenwood Marianne Beacham & Aris Curtis

I-2pm, Sun, May 19, Jun 2

Come get face-to-face with one of the farm's unique tractors. Find out why the 1951 Model G John Deere was a mechanical workhorse and ahead of its time.

BEAUTIFUL TREES

Ardenwood Christina Garcia 2-3pm, Sun, May 19 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.

SWEET SALTINES &

Ardenwood Mindy Castle Ham-noon, Sat, May 25

"Salty" and "crunchy" might pop into your head when you think of saltines, but join us in the Country Kitchen for a sweet take on this popular 19th century cracker.

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

Ardenwood Mindy Castle

I-2pm, Sat, May 25

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 taste some Ardenwood honey.

REGIONAL PARKS BOTANIC GARDEN

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

DOCENT-LED GARDEN TOURS

2pm, Sat; Ilam & 2pm, Sun Meet at the Botanic Garden Visitor Center, Rain cancels.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY TOUR

Center. Rain cancels.

2pm-3pm, Sun, May 19 This is a docent-lead, family-friendly theme tour, Pollination Tour of California Native Plants. Spring flowers erupt in the garden calling all butterflies, birds, beetles and bees. You'll dissect a California poppy, watch pollinators at work, and learn how seeds disperse. Meet at the Botanic Garden Visitor

CLASSES: FRIENDS OF REGIONAL PARKS BOTANIC GARDEN

May II: 10am-4pm, Sat - Landscape Alchemy Spring Color with California

Jun 8: Ilam-3:30pm, Sat - Make & Take



Western azalea Rhododendron occidentale

Your Own Watercolors with Natural Pigments.

Jun 15: 10am-Ipm, Sat - Gardening for Butterflies.

Jun 16: 10am-2pm, Sun - Landscape Drawing & Observation



GARDEN CHORES FOR KIDS &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 10:30-11:30am, Sun, June 1, 15, 29 Our garden has been growing this spring. Lend a hand weeding, watering and maybe planting some seeds. Discover how to grow vegetables as we get our hands dirty.

GARDEN BUG SAFARI &

Ardenwood Pia Loft 12:30-1:30pm, Sat, Jun 1, 15

Discover the mysterious world of bugs as we explore our vegetable garden. We will observe these tiny farmers at work and tell their stories through arts and crafts.

LEARN THE ROPES &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 2-2:30pm, Sun, Jun 2
Learn how a few twists and turns on our

Learn how a few twists and turns on ou antique machine makes rope making a cinch.

CHORES FOR LITTLE FARMERS &

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 10:30-11am, Sat, June 8, 22 Rise and shine! Lend a hand! We'll start with a story before we prepare a morning treat for the sheep, goats and chickens.

MEET THE FARMER: WHAT'S THE BUZZ ABOUT BEES? &

Ardenwood Pia Loft Noon-Ipm, Sat, June 8, 29 Join our team as we explore the wonderful world of fruits and vegetables and discover why bees are a farmer's best friend.

FARMYARD GAMES

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 2-2:30pm, Sat, Jun 8, 22 Life on a farm wasn't all work and no play. Join us for some old-fashioned fun! Try

Join us for some old-fashioned fun! Try your hand at classic American pastimes including tug-of-war and the potato-spoon race.

OLD FASHIONED BUTTER MAKIN'

Ardenwood Christina Garcia Ilam-noon, Sun, Jun 9

Before modern grocery stores, people needed to make their own staples at home. Try some different ways to make butter from cream, then sample your tasty concoction on crackers.

HAY HARVESTING

Ardenwood Christina Garcia & Staff I-2:30pm, Sun, Jun 9, 16, 23 Join in the fun of an old-fashioned hay harvest! Hop into the hay wagon for a ride into the fields, then help load the freshly mown hay and haul it back to the hay boom to build a big stack. We'll discover the difference between hay and straw as we bring in this year's crop.

RAILROAD ADVENTURE DAY

Ardenwood S.P.C.R.R 10am-3:30pm, Sat, Jun 15 This is a great opportunity to take a Saturday ride on the narrow gauge train and learn about the history of the original railroad that ran through Ardenwood. The train is operated by the nonprofit Society for the Preservation of Carter Railroad Resources (spcrr.org, facebook.com/spcrrmuseum). Unlimited train rides are included with the Ardenwood park admission fee: \$6/adults (18+), \$5/seniors (62+), \$4/children (4-17), 3 and under are free.

BIG BREAK

Big Break Visitor Center at the Delta is open Wed-Sun, 10am to 4pm. Info: (510) 544-3050, or 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 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, we'll test for dissolved oxygen, pH, conductivity, and more. Our results go into a regional database for use by researchers, scientists and water managers.

COFFEE TALK & DELTA NEWS

Big Break Interpretive Staff 8:30-9am, Wed, May I, June 5 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.

ARACHNID ADVENTURES

Big Break Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, Sat, May II
Our eight-legged residents are prowl-

Our eight-legged residents are prowling the park...for food! Drop by to learn about spiders and join us in fun, arachnid activities.

MOTHER'S DAY FILM FEST!

Big Break Cat Taylor 10am-3pm, Sun, May 12

What critters live here? Bring mom out to enjoy wildlife footage taken by our trail cameras to view the hidden lives of these rarely-seen residents.

DUNES DAY RESTORATION!

Big Break Cat Taylor 9-11am, Sun, May 12, June 23 Help restore a small piece of the historic dunes as we remove invasive weeds and re-



An old log provides the perfect perch for this western pond turtle to bask in the sunlight. Photo: Jerry Ting.

TURTLEY AWESOME EGGS

Big Break Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, Sat, May 4
Turtles love Big Break. Join us on a nature hike to traverse the world of our favorite shelled reptiles.

establish native plants! Bring water, gloves, hat, closed-toed shoes, dress for weather and prepare for general grubbiness.

BIG BREAK LITTLES

Big Break Cat Taylor 10-11am, Mon, May 13, June 10 Tue, May 14, June 11 Bring the little ones out to the park to explore nature. Same program both days - come to one or the other! Dress to get dirty! May: Owls – Whooo goes there? June: Getting Buggy! – Crawlie, jumpy explorations.

PICKIN' UP YOUR PICNIC

Big Break Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, Sun, May 19 In celebration of Earth Day, come to the park to learn ways to make your next picnic outing more eco-friendly!

HAPPY HAWK HPHP

Big Break Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, Sun, May 26 Frolicsome feathered friends are famously found in our park! Join us on a hike and discover how hawks hunt in their habitat.

THURSDAY BIRDING: RAPTOR BASELINE $\stackrel{\frown}{\oplus}$

Various Parks Michael Moran 9-11:30am, Thu, May 30 #25434 Big Break Regional Trail Jun 27 #25435 Round Valley Regional Preserve

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 community science research project. No experience necessary - we'll teach you how to identify these birds. Join in for one or all. Registration is required.

DASHING DRAGONFLIES

Big Break Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, Sat, June I

From darners to skimmers, many dragonflies grace our waters and skies. Come learn the life cycle & lifestyles of these shoreline marvels.

STORIES OF THE NIGHT SKY

Big Break Cat Taylor

8:30-10pm, Sun, June 2

Sit back and enjoy star stories from around the world as we learn to navigate around the summer skies! Bring a flashlight, blanket or reclining camp chair (optional).

BLISSFUL BUTTERFLIES

Big Break Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, Sat, June 8

Join us on a walk as we learn about the beautiful butterflies that call Big Break home!

SECOND SUNDAY CAMPFIRE – GOING BUGGY!

Big Break Cat Taylor 6:30-8pm, Sun, June 9
Gather the family for an evening in the park! Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy before the festivities begin! We'll explore the buggy wonders of Big Break through insect activities and a family campfire (and

NATURE PLAY

S'mores, of course!)

Big Break Nichole Gange 10-11am, Sat, June 15

The great outdoors is a natural playground for children. Bring your little ones out to explore nature in a playful way. Ages 1-5 yrs. Adult participation required.

MAMMALS OF THE MARSH

Big Break Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, Sat, June 15
Discover some of the Delta's furry cuties: river otters, beavers, minks and more. Explore their similarities, differences, and adap-

tions to the unique habitat they call home. SUMMER SOLSTICE SUNSET WALK

Big Break Interpretive Staff 7:30-9pm, Fri, June 21

Celebrate the longest day of the year with an evening exploration of the Delta.

HELPFUL HEAT

wetland ecosystem!

Big Break Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, Sun, June 23 Join us in learning just how helpful the warm weather of summer can be for a

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: : Toddler Time Big Break: Coffee Talk & Delta News **Shadow Cliffs:** My First Fish!

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding

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Brooks Island: Boat to Brooks Aboard Delphinus

MLKing Jr. Shoreline: Kayaking for Folks 50+

Ardenwood: Wake Up The Farm, Fun With Felting, Patterson House Tours, Beginning Embroidery, Rope Making & Hay Hoisting, Animal Feeding

Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta Discoveries, Turtley Awesome Eggs Black Diamond: Butterfly Spring, Mine Tours Brooks Island: Boat to Brooks Aboard

Coyote Hills: Discovery Days, Ohlone Village Site Tour

Crab Cove: Family Nature Fun, Fish Feeding Del Valle: Soaring With Eagles Dry Creek/Pioneer: Bird Walk **Hayward Shoreline:** Wildlife Volunteers Redwood: Llamas - Mystics of Andes Round Valley: Vasco Caves Sunol: Nature Crafts, Wild Wonders

Tilden Nature Area: Farm Chores, Insect Party!, Closing the Farm (Moo)

Ardenwood: Birds Of The Farm, Train Rides, Hens Lay Eggs, Cooking In Country Kitchen, Patterson House Tours, Straw Plaiting, Walking Tall, Animal Feeding **Big Break:** Testing Water, Delta Discoveries **Black Diamond:** Mine Tours Coyote Hills: Ethnobotany Hike, Discovery Days, Ohlone People & Culture Crab Cove: Family Nature Fun, Fish Feeding Huckleberry: Botanizing An Ecological Jewel Redwood: Llamas - Mystics of Andes Round Valley: Vasco Caves Sunol: Nature Crafts, Animal Feeding, Wild

Tilden Nature Area: Talk With Animals, May Day Celebration Open House

Crab Cove: Early Early Grunion Search

Contra Loma: Over-The-Hills Gang

Regional in Nature Activity Calendar

Lafayette/Moraga Trail: Hikes for Tykes

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding

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Alameda: Love Your Mother (Earth) Ardenwood: Rabbit Rendezvous, Farmyard Story Time, Patterson House Tours, We All Scream For Ice Cream!, Old-Fashioned Fun, Animal Feeding

Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta Discoveries, Arachnic Adventures **Black Diamond:** Mine Tours Coyote Hills: Discovery Days Crab Cove: Family Nature Fun, Fish Feeding Diablo Foothills: Butterfly Spring I Roberts: Saturday Stroll Sunol: Nature Crafts, Wild Wonders Tilden Nature Area: Farm Chores, Insect

Closing the Farm (Moo)

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Mother's Day On Farm, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding Big Break: Testing The Water, Dunes Day Restoration!, Mother's Day Family Film Fest, Delta Discoveries, Mother's Day Paddle! Black Diamond: Mother's Day Mine Tours Coyote Hills: Dust Marsh Bird Hike, Discovery Days, Engaging Ectotherms Crab Cove: Mother's Day Mamas, Family

Party!, Coastal Conservation Celebration,

Nature Fun, Fish Feeding
Sunol: Marvelous Moms!, Nature Crafts, Animal Feeding, Wild Wonders Tilden Nature Area: Fly-Fishing Intro., Nature Around Us, Talk With Animals, Fun

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Big Break: Big Break Littles **Sunol:** Outdoor Discoveries

Big Break: Big Break Littles Crab Cove: Sea Squirts

Ardenwood: Toddler Time Crockett Hills: Wednesday Walks

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding

Crab Cove: Third Thursdays in the Garden

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding

Ardenwood: Wake Up The Farm, Corn Mosaics, Patterson House Tours, Victorian Table Top Games, Animal Feeding Big Break: Testing Water, Delta Discoveries

Black Diamond: Mine Tours Carquinez Strait: Butterfly Spring I Coyote Hills: Discovery Days, Cart of Curiosities

Crab Cove: Family Nature Fun, Fish Feeding Del Valle: Nature Hike, Beach Break **Garin:** Canine Capers Walk **Redwood:** Llamas - Mystics of Andes **Roberts:** Archery Introduction Sunol: Nature Crafts, Wild Wonders Tilden Nature Area: Farm Chores, Insect Party!, Closing the Farm (Moo)

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Gorgeous Goats, "Chocolate: A Story .. ", Patterson House Tours, Tractor Talk, Beautiful Trees, Animal Feeding Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta Discoveries, Pickin' Up Your Picnic **Black Diamond: Mine Tours** Coyote Hills: Discovery Days, Ohlone People & Culture

Crab Cove: Native Plant and Butterfly Gardening, Family Nature Fun, Fish Feeding Del Valle: Nature Hike, Beach Break Garin: Ohlone Plant Uses Morgan Territory: High Altitude Spring Redwood: Llamas - Mystics of Andes Sunol: Sunol to Mission Peak Hike, Nature Crafts, Animal Feeding, Wild Wonders Tilden Nature Area: Nature Around Us,

Talk With Animals, Tule Float

Shadow Cliffs: Lakeside Littles

Alameda Creek Trail: Weekday Bird Walk Crab Cove: Hikes for Tykes Miller/Knox: Over-The-Hills Gang 22

Ardenwood: Toddler Time

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding Crab Cove: World Turtle Day Shell-Ebration!

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding

Del Valle: Days of the Pioneers

Anthony Chabot: Campfire Programs Ardenwood: Rabbit Rendezvous, Sweet Saltines, Patterson House Tours, Wax: It's Bee's Knees!, Old-Fashioned Fun, Animal Feeding

Big Break: Testing Water, Delta Discoveries **Black Diamond:** Mine Tours Coyote Hills: Discovery Days

Crab Cove: Family Nature Fun, Fish Feeding Del Valle: Nature Hike, Beach Break, Night with a Naturalist

Diablo Foothills: Pine Creek Picnic **Garin:** Opening Day MLKing Jr. Shoreline: First Aid for Dogs

Sunol: Nature Crafts, Wild Wonders Tilden Nature Area: Farm Chores, Insect Party!, Closing the Farm (Moo)

Ardenwood: Birds Of Farm, Train Rides,

Hens Lay Eggs, Cooking In Country Kitchen, Patterson House Tours, We All Scream For Ice Cream!, Walking Tall, Animal Feeding Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta Discoveries, Happy Hawk **Black Diamond:** Mine Tours

Coyote Hills: Ohlone Village Site Tour, Discovery Days

Crab Cove: Family Nature Fun, Fish Feeding Del Valle: Nature Hike, Beach Break Huckleberry: Sunday Stroll

Sunol: Nature Crafts, Animal Feeding, Wild Wonders

Tilden Nature Area: Nature Around Us, Talk With Animals, Take a Walk on Wild Side

Ardenwood: Memorial Day Free Day Black Diamond: Memorial Day Mine Tours Coyote Hills: Memorial Day Open House Crab Cove: Memorial Day Open House Tilden Nature Area: Memorial Day Open House

Crab Cove: Sea Squirts: Incredible Insects

Crab Cove: Senior Stroll Don Castro: Wednesday Walks

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding Big Break: Thursday Birding

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding Del Valle: Days of the Pioneers MLKing Jr. Shoreline: Kayaking - Sunset **Paddle**

Anthony Chabot: Campfire Programs Ardenwood: Garden Chores For Kids, Patterson House Tours, Garden Bug Safari, Rabbit Rendezvous, Animal Feeding Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta Discoveries, Dashing Dragonflies Black Diamond: Oak Tales. Mine Tours Coyote Hills: Bird Walk, Discovery Days, Native Knowledge Nature Walk Crab Cove: Family Nature Fun, Fish Feeding Del Valle: Nature Hike, Beach Break, Night with a Naturalist **Redwood:** Llamas - Mystics of Andes

Round Valley: Around Round Valley Sunol: Nature Crafts, Wild Wonders Tilden Nature Area: Farm Chores, Science Stories and Seeking Stategies

Anthony Chabot: Sunday Stroll Ardenwood: Train Rides, Gorgeous Goats, Cooking In Country Kitchen, Patterson House Tours, Tractor Talk, Learn The Ropes, Animal Feeding

Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta

Discoveries, Stories of the Night Sky



Celebrating 85 Years of Regional Parks

Black Diamond: Mine Tours, Moonless Night Hike

Coyote Hills: 20th Butterfly & Bird Festival, Discovery Days

Crab Cove: Family Nature Fun, Fish Feeding Del Valle: Nature Hike, Beach Break Redwood: Llamas - Mystics of Andes Sunol: Nature Crafts, Animal Feeding, Wild Wonders

Tilden Nature Area: Talk With Animals, Firemaking Techniques of the Ancients, Throwing the Atlatl

Crab Cove: Early Early Grunion Search **Roberts:** Hikes for Tykes

Ardenwood: Toddler Time Big Break: Coffee Talk & Delta News

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding

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Anthony Chabot: Campfire Programs Ardenwood: Chores For Little Farmers, Patterson House Tours, Meet The Farmer, Farmyard Games, Animal Feeding Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta Discoveries, Blissful Butterflies **Black Diamond:** Mine Tours **Contra Loma:** Fun In the East Bay Parks Coyote Hills: Phlower Photography, Discovery Days, Ohlone Village Site Tour Crab Cove: Annual Sand Castle & Sculpture Contest, Family Nature, Fish Feeding Del Valle: Nature Hike, Beach Break, Night with a Naturalist

Sunol: Nature Crafts, Wild Wonders Tilden Nature Area: Farm Chores, Fun with Felting, We All Scream for Ice Cream!

Ardenwood: Birds Of The Farm, Train Rides, Wake Up The Farm, Old Fashioned Butter Makin', Patterson House Tours, Hay Harvesting, Animal Feeding

Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta Discoveries, Second Sundays Campfire-Going Buggy!

Black Diamond: Mine Tours, Evening Cemetery Hike

Coyote Hills: Stories of the Past: Archaeology, Discovery Days

Crab Cove: Low Tide Exploration, Family Nature Fun, Fish Feeding

Del Valle: Has the Eagle Landed?, Nature Hike, Beach Break

Sunol: Mini Grand Tour, Nature Crafts, Animal Feeding, Wild Wonders

Tilden Nature Area: Fly-Fishing Intro., Talk With Animals, Make String from Plants, Dragons and Damsels

Big Break: Big Break Littles **Sunol:** Outdoor Discoveries Temescal: Leaders in Training -I, Park'n It Day Camp -I

Big Break: Big Break Littles Crab Cove: Sea Squirts Roberts: Over-The-Hills Gang Shadow Cliffs: How Does Our Garden Grow?

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding Del Valle: Days of the Pioneers

Alameda Creek Trail: Canine Capers Walk **Anthony Chabot:** Campfire Programs Ardenwood: Railroad Adventure Day, Garden Chores For Kids, Patterson House Tours, Garden Bug Safari, Rabbit Rendezvous, Animal Feeding

Big Break: Testing The Water, Nature Play, Delta Discoveries, Mammals of the Marsh Black Diamond: Mine Tours, Evening in the Wild Wild West End

Coyote Hills: Discovery Days, Archeology Adventures

Crab Cove: Return of the Terns, Family Nature Fun, Fish Feeding

Del Valle: Nature Hike, Beach Break, Night with a Naturalist

Redwood: Hiking Poles: Skills & Techniques Plus Hike

Roberts: Archery Introduction Sunol: Nature Crafts, Wild Wonders Tilden Nature Area: Farm Chores, Chores for Little Gardeners, Jewel Lake Goat Walk

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Gorgeous Goats, Cooking In Country Kitchen, Patterson House Tours, Hay Harvesting, Animal Feeding Big Break: Testing Water, Delta Discoveries Black Diamond: Mine Tours, Who-o-o Eats Who?

Coyote Hills: Discovery Days Crab Cove: Father's Day Fishing, Family Nature Fun, Fish Feeding

Del Valle: Has the Eagle Landed?, Nature Hike, Beach Break

Garin: Father's Day Adventure: Fire Making, Father's Day Adventure: Atlatl Throwers Sunol: Fearless Fathers, Nature Crafts, Animal Feeding, Wild Wonders

Tilden Nature Area: Talk With Animals, Games from Native CA, Throwing Atlatl

Shadow Cliffs: Lakeside Littles **Sunol:** Outdoor Discoveries Temescal: Leaders in Training - 2, Park'n It Day Camp - 2

Anthony Chabot: Hikes for Tykes Dry Creek/Garin: Weekday Bird Walk

Ardenwood: Toddler Time Hayward Shoreline: Wednesday Walks MLKing Jr. Shoreline: Kayaking for Folks 50+

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding

Crab Cove: Third Thursdays in the Garden Del Valle: Boat Tour

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding

Big Break: Summer Solstice Sunset Walk Del Valle: Days of the Pioneers

Anthony Chabot: Campfire Programs Ardenwood: Chores For Little Farmers, Patterson House Tours, Corn Mosaics, Farmyard Games, Animal Feeding Big Break: Testing Water, Delta Discoveries

Black Diamond: Summer's Wildflowers, Mine Tours

Coyote Hills: Wonders of Wetlands, Discovery Days, Cart of Curiosities Crab Cove: Family Nature Fun, Fish Feeding Del Valle: Nature Hike, Beach Break, Night with a Naturalist

Sunol: Nature Crafts, Wild Wonders, Bats in Flight

Tilden Nature Area: Farm Chores, Fun with Felting, We All Scream for Ice Cream!

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Wake Up The Farm, Cooking In Country Kitchen, Patterson House Tours, Hay Harvesting, Animal Feeding Big Break: Testing The Water, Dunes Day Restoration!, Delta Discoveries, Helpful Heat Black Diamond: Mine Tours, Snakey Summer Season

Covote Hills: Skills of the Past: Knotless Netted Bag, Discovery Days Crab Cove: Family Nature Fun, Fish Feeding

Del Valle: Has the Eagle Landed?, Nature Hike, Beach Break

Redwood: Sunday Stroll

Sunol: Nature Crafts, Animal Feeding, Wild

Tilden Nature Area: Talk With Animals, Ferns are (Around) Us, Dragons & Damsels

Del Valle: Junior Naturalist Camp Don Castro: Leaders in Training, Park'n It Day Camp

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Crab Cove: "Sea Squirts: Move it, Move it!" Point Pinole: Over-The-Hills Gang

Ardenwood: Toddler Time Bay Farm Island: Wednesday Walks

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding

Round Valley: Thursday Birding

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding Del Valle: Days of the Pioneers MLKing Jr. Shoreline: Kayaking - Sunset Paddle

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Anthony Chabot: Campfire Programs Ardenwood: Garden Chores For Kids, Patterson House Tours, Meet The Farmer, Rabbit Rendezvous, Animal Feeding Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta Discoveries, Levee Top Stroll

Black Diamond: Mine Tours, Prospect Tunnel

Coyote Hills: Nectar Garden Fun Day, Discovery Days, Animal Tracking Crab Cove: Family Nature Fun, Fish Feeding Del Valle: Nature Hike, Beach Break, Night with a Naturalist

Sunol: Nature Crafts, Wild Wonders Tilden Nature Area: Farm Chores

Ardenwood: Birds Of The Farm, Train Rides, Gorgeous Goats, "Chocolate: A Story ...", Patterson House Tours, Straw Plaiting, Animal Feeding

Big Break: Delta Discoveries, Testing The Water, Kayaking - Longer Paddle Coyote Hills: Plein Air Paint Out, Art in the

Park, Discovery Days Crab Cove: Family Nature Fun, Fish Feeding Del Valle: "Beat The Heat, Catch the View",

Has the Eagle Landed?, Nature Hike, Beach Break **Roberts:** The Biggest Trees in the World?

Sunol: Nature Crafts, Animal Feeding, Wild Wonders

Tilden Nature Area: Talk With Animals, Firemaking Techniques of the Ancients, Dragons and Damsels

LEVEE TOP STROLL

Big Break Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, Sun, June 29 Let's wander along the willows, water and wildlife on this flat. I-mile stroll.

BLACK DIAMOND

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

HAZEL-ATLAS SILICA-SAND MINE TOUR \$P

Black Diamond Interpretive Staff Various times, weekends, Mar-Nov Explore the extended tour route on a I-hour, guided, small-group tour. Must be 7+yrs. Reservation tours offered at 10am (only for groups of 10-15), as well as IIam and 2pm. First-come, first-served tours offered at noon and 3pm. Additional firstcome, first-served tours may be offered when demand is high and staffing permits. Reserve online or by phone. Day-of ticket sales available only at Greathouse Visitor Center, where tours begin. Fee: \$5

MOTHER'S DAY MINE TOURS SP

Black Diamond Interpretive Staff Ilam-4:15pm, Sun, May 12 On Mother's Day, one-hour tours of Hazel-Atlas mine will be offered on a firstcome, first-served basis at Ilam, noon, Ipm, 2pm, and 3pm. Tickets available at Greathouse Visitor Center. 7+yrs. Parent participation is required. Fee: \$5.



A red-winged and a yellow-headed blackbird at Ardenwood. Photo: Jerry Ting.

BIRD WALKS

Birds of the Farm, Ardenwood, May 5, 26, June 9, 30 page 5 Thursday Birding, Raptor Baseline, Various Parks, May 30, June 27, page 7 Happy Hawk, Big Break, May 26 Dust Marsh Bird Hike, Coyote Hills, May 12, page 10 Bird Walk, Garin, May 4, Coyote Hills, June 1, page 13 Weekday Bird Walk, Various Parks, May 21, Jun 18, page 14

MEMORIAL DAY MINE TOURS SP

Black Diamond Interpretive Staff Ilam-4pm, Mon, May 27

On Memorial Day, one-hour tours of Hazel-Atlas mine will be offered on a firstcome, first-served basis at Ilam, noon, Ipm, 2pm, and 3pm. Tickets available at Greathouse Visitor Center. 7+yrs. Parent participation is required. Fee: \$5.

BUTTERFLY SPRING SP HPHP

Kevin Dixon Various Parks 9-11:30am, Sat, May 4, 11, 18 Where do butterflies go in winter? When do they return? Join us for one program, or all three, to meet these quiet beauties in their summer homes. Moderate distances. May include steep terrain. Bring binoculars, if you have them. May 4: Black Diamond, end of Somersville Road, \$5 parking fee. May II: Diablo Foothills, Orchard Staging Area. May 18: Carquinez Strait, Nejedly Staging Area. 8+yrs. Info: (510) 544-2750.

OAK TALES SP

Black Diamond Ricardo Black 9-11am, Sat, Jun 1 See the land through the eyes of the oaks on a hike over steep and varied terrain. 9+yrs.

MOONLESS NIGHT HIKE

Eddie Willis Black Diamond 7:30-10pm, Sun. Jun 2 #25046 Explore a realm that awakens after sundown. Hike 3.5 miles up steep, uneven, and rocky terrain to catch the sunset, then hike down in the dark. 10+yrs. Registration is required.

EVENING CEMETERY HIKE \$P HPHP

Black Diamond Eddie Willis 6-8pm, Sun, Jun 9 Long ago, miners left their mark on these hills. Take a hike to historic Rose Hill Cemetery to hear tales of spirit, tragedy,

heroism, and endurance. 8+yrs. EVENING IN THE WILD WEST END **P** Black Diamond Kevin Dixon 6-10pm, Sat, Jun 15 #25057

Join the waking owls of the Preserve's west side in welcoming the night as the moon ascends. 6 steep and rugged miles. 10+yrs. Registration is required.

WHO-O-O EATS WHO? SP

Black Diamond Eddie Willis Ham-noon, Sun, Jun 16 Reconstruct the last meal of an owl. While picking through bony pellets, you'll learn whooo they eat and how they help our

SUMMER'S WILDFLOWERS P 6

Black Diamond Kevin Dixon 9am-Ipm, Sat. Jun 22. #25070 Sparser than Spring's yield - hardy and

beautiful - summer wildflowers are worth the wait. Route will be selected based on best blooms, but will almost certainly be steep. 10+yrs.

Registration is required.

friends.

SNAKEY SUMMER SEASON SP

Black Diamond Eddie Willis Ham-noon, Sun, Jun 23

Reptile season is in full swing. Meet two resident snakes and learn how to safely share the trails with them and other scaly

PROSPECT TUNNEL LOOP

Black Diamond Kevin Dixon 6:30-10pm, Sat, Jun 29 #25086 Enjoy East County to the fullest on a summer night. Prospectors did indeed scour these hills. Learn what they were after on this strenuous 7-mile hike. Meet at end of Frederickson Lane. 10+yrs. 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 Ham-3:30pm, every Sat & Sun Enhance your park adventure with handson exploration or crafts the whole family will enjoy. Come at 11am for an introduction to the topic of the week, or participate at your own pace. Parent participation required.

ETHNOBOTANY HIKE SP HPHP

Coyote Hills Francis Mendoza 10-11:30am, Sun, May 5

Go on a moderate 2-mile hike and learn how native Californians traditionally managed the land through burning, pruning, and cultivation. We'll explore plants like tule, willow, and dogbane to unearth their many uses. 12+yrs.

OHLONE PEOPLE & CULTURE SP & Coyote Hills Francis Mendoza

I-2:30pm, Sun, May 5 & 19 Learn about Ohlone people and their intimate relationship with nature, family, and their ancestors. We'll discuss the important values of generosity and fairness that continue to resonate with Ohlone people today. 8+yrs.

DUST MARSH BIRD HIKE SP HPHP

Coyote Hills Francis Mendoza 9-11am, Sun, May 12 Go on a flat, easy 2-mile hike within the marsh as we look for ducks, shorebirds, and passerines in this important stop along the Pacific migratory flyway. 15+ yrs.

ENGAGING ECTOTHERMS \$P

Coyote Hills Francis Mendoza I-2pm, Sun, May 12

OHLONE VILLAGE SITE TOUR SP &

Coyote Hills Interpretive Staff 1:30-3:30pm Sat, May 4 #24998 10-noon & 1:30-3:30pm, Sun, May 26 #25000 1:30-3:30pm Sat, Jun 8 #24999 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. Meet at the Visitor Center.

Look for resident reptiles, native fish, and butterflies in and around the visitor center. Observe various ways these ectotherms regulate their body temperature. 5+yrs.

CART OF CURIOSITIES P &

Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison I-3pm, Sat, May 18, Jun 22 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!

MEMORIAL DAY OPEN HOUSE SP &

Francis Mendoza & Coyote Hills Interpretive Staff 10am-4pm Mon, May 27

This Memorial Day, drop by to learn about the park's varied stories. Ohlone cultures, the military, and the wonders of nature that await you on the trails all play a part in Coyote Hills' past and present.

NATIVE KNOWLEDGE **NATURE WALK SP**

Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison I-2:30pm, Sat, Jun I

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

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Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison & Don ledlovec

9:30-11am, Sat, Jun 8 Course #24987 Photographer Don Jedlovec teaches tips and tricks needed to get professional images of floral jewels in the Butterfly Garden. In addition, learn how to attract avian and insect pollinators to your garden. 12+yrs. Registration is required.

STORIES OF THE PAST: ARCHAEOLOGY \$P &

Coyote Hills Dino Labiste 10am-noon & 1-3pm, Sun, Jun 9 Are you a dirt digger, history seeker, and artifact looker? Do you like puzzles? Piecing together stories from clues? These are all things archaeologists do to investigate how people lived in the past. Help us solve a puzzle and discover a story.

ARCHEOLOGY ADVENTURES SP & 6 Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison

1-3:30pm, Sat, Jun 15 #25010

Discover the fascinating science of archeology and join us for a "dig!" We'll cover the basic principles of archeology through hands on activities and we'll finish up with a walk to - and tour of - our 2,000 yearold Ohlone village site.

10+yrs. Registration is required.

WONDERS OF WETLANDS SP & HPHP Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison

10-11:30am, Sat, Jun 22

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

SKILLS OF THE PAST:

Registration is required.

KNOTLESS NETTED BAG P & Coyote Hills Dino Labiste

9am-4pm, Sun, Jun 23 #25114 Acquire the skill to create a bag using the traditional technique of looping cordage. Knotless netting was used to create bags, baskets, nets, and garments during the Upper Paleolithic era. You'll also learn about plant fibers and process a dogbane to make cordage. 16+yrs. Fee: \$7 (non-res. \$9).

NECTAR GARDEN FUN DAY SP &

Coyote Hills Interpretive Staff 10am-noon, Sat, Jun 29 Come face-to-face with a caterpillar, chrysalis, or butterfly during this drop-in program. Make a butterfly-themed gift, and learn how to garden with plants that attract butterflies.

ANIMAL TRACKING \$P &

Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison 1:30-3pm, Sat, Jun 29 Have you ever wondered who left a track? Find out with fun activities designed to help you learn to decode the secret language of animal tracks! 7+yrs.

20TH ANNUAL BUTTERFLY & BIRD FESTIVAL SP &

Coyote Hills Dino Labiste 10am-3:30pm, Sun, Jun 2 Join us for a fun time at the 20th Annual Butterfly & Bird Festival. The special event is dedicated to increasing the numbers and species of butterflies and birds in Bay Area landscapes. Spend a day of adventure and learning that allows you to get close to nature's flying critters. Enjoy garden tours, family hands-on activities, educational speakers, photo presentations and music. Learn how to bring your backyard to life by creating wildlife-friendly habitats!

PLEIN AIR PAINT OUT \$P & 6

Coyote Hills Dino Labiste 8:30am-3pm, Sun, Jun 30 # 25135 Visitor Center - Join fellow artists in a I-day open air paint out and exhibition at Coyote Hills. Find inspiration from the natural setting as you capture the light and colors in the park. All 2-dimensional mediums are accepted. People's Choice Awards at the end of the day. 18+yrs. Fee: \$8 (nonres. \$10). Registration is required.



Artists capturing a classic California landscape in one of the Regional Parks. Photo: CatsMan2.

ART IN THE PARK \$P &

Coyote Hills Dino Labiste 10am-2pm, Sun, Jun 30 Families are invited for a day of art and fun. Enjoy nature-related art activities, meet talented artists painting in the park, learn about California's impressionists, and vote in the People's Choice Awards. Info: (510) 544-3215.

CRAB COVE

Crab Cove Visitor Center is open Wed-Sun, 10am-5pm, 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 \$P &

Crab Cove Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, every Sat & Sun, May & Jun The tides roll in and out making each day a chance to discover something new. Visit the beach or bike along the San Francisco Bay Trail, and drop by the Visitor Center to explore with us and have fun with a nature craft!

FISH FEEDING TIME SP &

Crab Cove Interpretive Staff 3-3:30pm, every Sat & Sun, May & Jun Meet our crabs, fish, and sharks while they eat! Learn how the Seafood Watch app helps their friends in the wild!

MOTHER'S DAY MAMAS HPHP

Crab Cove Michael Charnofsky 10:30am-noon, Sun, May 12 Explore around the Cove and pond, watching baby ducks, geese and possibly other animals being cared for by their mothers (and fathers). End with a motherly craft.

EARLY-EARLY GRUNION SEARCH (6)

Crab Cove Susan Ramos Iam-3am, Mon, May 6 #25039 12:30am-2:30am, Tue, Jun 4 #25040 Otis St. Parking Lot - Under the cloak of night, stealthy silver fish called grunion slip and flip on sandy beaches to spawn. Help search our shore to see if they are here! Registration is required.

SEA SOUIRTS & A

Crab Cove Interpretive Staff 10:30-11:45am, Tue, May 14, 28 & Jun

Share a morning of shoreline fun with your preschooler. We'll play games, explore nature, share stories, and do a craft related to the theme of the day! Please no older or younger siblings (exception: infants). 3-5 years. May 14: Fabulous Flowers #25015. May 28: Incredible Insects #25017. Jun 11: Mission to Outer Space #25018. **Jun 25:** Move it, Move It! How Animals Move #25020. Fee: \$5 (non-res. \$7). Registration is required.

WORLD TURTLE DAY SHELL-EBRATION!

Crab Cove Morgan Guenther 4:30-5:30pm, Thu, May 23 Esmerelda the three-toed box turtle formally invites you to her turtley awesome birthday party. Take a shell-fie, make crafts, eat cake, and spend quality turtle time - BYOT (Bring Your Own Turtle) to join in the fun!

MEMORIAL DAY OPEN HOUSE &P

Crab Cove Interpretive Staff 10am-4pm, Mon, May 27 Family fun all day long! Meet our turtle and snake, visit the fish, make a nature craft, and enjoy the park. Try our selfguided history walk – ask at the front desk. Scheduled programs: II-II:30: Reptile Rendezvous, 12:30-1:30pm: Low Tide Walk; 2-3pm: Memorial Day Memories; 3-3:30pm: Fish Feeding.

SENIOR STROLL &P HPHP

Crab Cove Susan Ramos 2-3:30pm, Wed, May 29 Stroll down "Memory Lane" as we take a short walk around the park learning about the natural and cultural history of the area.

LOW TIDE EXPLORATION

Crab Cove Susan Ramos Ilam-I2:30pm, Sun, Jun 9 We'll venture into the mud and peer under rocks to look for a variety of critters during low tide. Wear old shoes or boots and clothes that can get dirty.

ANNUAL SAND CASTLE AND SCULPTURE CONTEST SP

Crab Cove Interpretive Staff 9am-Ipm, Sat, Jun 8

Enjoy a day at the beach with friends and family either building a unique work of art or strolling to admire others' creations. Register at 9am for this FREE event with viewing and judging at noon. Award presentation: Ipm. Categories include castles and sculptures by youth, families, and adults. The event is cosponsored by the East Bay Regional Park District, Alameda Recreation & Parks, and the Bay View Women's Club. Stop by our information table to learn about our Healthy Parks, Healthy People initiative!



RETURN OF THE TERNS (5) Crab Cove Michael Charnofsky 10am-4pm, Sat, Jun 15 Join us for a special day dedicated to the California least tern, an endangered species! View a presentation about their fascinating behaviors and the reasons for their success at the largest colony in Central/Northern CA. All visitors welcome. 10:15am, 11:30am, and 12:45pm. Reserve your spot to view the nest site teeming with several hundred pairs of terns and their chicks, accessible only on our tour bus (space limited). Experts aboard the bus will interpret bird behavior. At 3:30pm, join a naturalist to watch these amazing acrobats hunt at Crab Cove (binoculars available for

Bus rides to the colony (reservations required): Ilam (#25103), 12:15pm (#25104), and 1:30pm (#25105) 8+yrs (for bus ride). Fee: \$9 per person for bus (non-res. \$11). Registration is required.

DEL VALLE

All programs meet outside the Del Valle Visitor Center unless otherwise noted. Info: (510) 544-3146 or dvvisit@ebparks.org.

SOARING WITH EAGLES SP (

Del Valle

Constance Taylor, "Doc Quack" 10am-noon, Sat, May 4, #24928 Behold the bald eagles! View the nest and learn how EBRPD is studying these amazing birds by asking citizen scientists to help with research. Earn a Raptor Researcher badge! Registration is required.

DEL VALLE CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS SP

Interpretive Staff

DAYS OF THE PIONEERS

7:30-9pm, every Fri, May 24 – Jun 28 What was Del Valle like before the lake? Discover the valley's history through hands on activities and stories during this family campfire.

NIGHT WITH A NATURALIST

8-9pm, Sat, May 25 8:30-9:30pm, every Sat, Jun 1-29 The evening glow gives way to the roaring fire, as families gather along the creek-side. Discover the wonders of the park and this camping tradition each Saturday night.

NATURE HIKE SP HPHP

Del Valle Interpretive staff 10am-noon, every Sat & Sun, May 18-Jun 30 What is hiding in those hills? Discover the answer as we search for clues on this guided hike. Meet at campground store.

BEACH BREAK \$P

Del Valle Interpretive staff 12:30-1:30pm, 2:30-3:30pm, 4:30-5:30pm, every Sat & Sun, May 18-Jun 30 West swim beach - Discover the natural side of the park at this lakeside exploration station. Different games, crafts, and activities happening throughout the day.



This eaglet's plumage will change many times before developing into the signature white head and tail feathers of a bald eagle. Photo: Walnut Creek Man.

HAS THE EAGLE LANDED? SP

Del Valle Interpretive Staff 9:30am-noon, Sun, Jun 9, 16, 23, 30 Once a federally endangered species, the bald eagle has made a comeback in the East Bay. We'll hike through the campground to see if the eagles have started to nest again. Bring binoculars, spotting scopes, and field guides.

WATER, WILDLIFE, WILDERNESS: DEL VALLE BOAT TOUR &P 🖰

Del Valle Ashley Grenier I-2:30pm, Thu, Jun 20, #25029 Join us on this 1.5-hour boat tour of Lake Del Valle as we discover how water, wildlife, and wilderness intersect at one of the Bay Area's most popular summer time destinations. Registration is required. Adult \$5/Child, Senior \$3.

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JUNIOR NATURALIST CAMP SP 1

Del Valle Interpretive Staff 8:30am-3pm, Mon-Fri, Jun 24-Jun 28 #24548

Calling all nature lovers and future naturalists! Join us for this week long exploration of Del Valle. Nerd out with our staff while you learn the skills to discover the hidden wonders of the world around us, and how to share your passion for nature with others. Fee: \$150 (non-res \$170). 12-16yrs. Registration is required.

BEAT THE HEAT, CATCH THE VIEW \$P

Del Valle Ashley Grenier

9-11am, Sun, Jun 30

Arroyo Rd. staging area - Greet the morning with a hike over the creek, through oak grasslands, and steep uphill for spectacular views of Lake Del Valle. Best 7+yrs.

SUNOL

Unless otherwise noted, all programs meet at the Sunol Visitor Center, open weekends 10am-4pm. Info: (510) 544-3249 or svisit@ebparks.org.

NATURE CRAFTS SP &

Interpretive Staff 10am-noon, every Sat & Sun, May 4 to

Discover the natural world through your artistic side. We will explore the wild side of Sunol with a different craft each week.

WILD WONDERS SP

Sunol Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, every Sat and Sun, May 4 to Jun 30 Wildness awaits! Discover the wonders of the wilderness through games, activities, and explorations. Great for families of all ages.

ANIMAL FEEDING TIME \$P

Sunol Interpretive Staff 10:30-11am, every Sun, May 5 to Jun 30 Step inside our visitor center and meet the resident animals. Find out what and how they eat as you watch us feed our not-sofurry friends!

MARVELOUS MOMS! \$P HPHP

Sunol Ashley Adams 10am-noon, Sun, May 12 Celebrate this Mother's Day the nature way! This 3-mile hike for the whole family will meander through the hills of Sunol as we

OUTDOOR DISCOVERIES! SP (5)

Ashley Adams 10:30am-noon, Mondays May 13: Sensational Seeds #24937 Jun 10: Ice Cream Science #24942 Jun 17: Geology Rocks #24946 Explore the world around you in this

hands-on preschool and home school na-

find out about nature's marvelous moms!

ture series! Join us as we discover, adventure and create in the outdoor classroom of Sunol. (4-8yrs). Registration is required.

SUNOL TO MISSION PEAK P. & Ashley Adams 8am-4pm, Sun, May 19 #24953 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! Best for 7+yrs. Registration is required. \$2.

MINI GRAND TOUR &P 6

Sunol Ashley Grenier 8:30am-12:30pm, Sun, Jun 9 #25011 Trade in tablets, pavement, and shopping malls for Indian Joe Creek, Cave Rocks, and Little Yosemite on this "mini" grand tour of Sunol - the wilderness awaits. Ages 10+yrs. Registration is required.

FEARLESS FATHERS SP

Sunol Ashley Adams 10am-Ipm, Sun, Jun 16

Find out about nature's fabulous fathers on this 3.5-mile hike. Explore caves, ponds and woodlands on this journey to discover the fearless fathers of the forest.

BATS IN FLIGHT SP A

Sunol Constance Taylor, "Doc Quack" 7:30-9:30pm, Sat, Jun 22 #25043 Watch bats come out for the night and learn how EBRPD is studying these unique mammals by asking citizen scientists to help with research. Earn a Bat Brigade badge! Registration is required.

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.

INSECT PARTY!

Tilden Nature Area Anthony Fisher I:30-2:30pm, Sat, May 4, II, I8 & 25 A weekly exploration of insect life in pond. stream and field. Come to one or, come to all! We finish by viewing live creatures under the super-giant-ultra-see-bigger scope! Awesome!

CLOSING THE FARM (MOO)

Tilden Nature Area Anthony Fisher 3:30-4:30pm, Sat. May 4, 11, 18 & 25 Help feed the cows, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, ducks, geese and rabbits and put them all to bed!

TALK WITH THE ANIMALS &

Tilden Nature Area Interpretive Staff II-II:30am, every Sun in May & Jun 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



FARM CHORES FOR LITTLES

Tilden Nature Area Interpretive Staff 10:30-11am, every Sat in May & Jun 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.

from predators. A different animal will be featured each week. Meet in the classroom at the Little Farm.

MAY DAY OPEN HOUSE &

Tilden Nature Area Interpretive Staff II:30am-2pm, Sun, May 5 Celebrate spring with maypoles, bubbles, and crafts for the whole family. The Berkeley Morris Dancers will educate and entertain as they perform the rites of May from Ilam-noon.

COASTAL CONSERVATION CELEBRATION &

Tilden Nature Area

Brianna Contaxis-Tucker

2:30-3:30pm, Sat, May 11 Ask questions about the natural world. Stay curious! Come celebrate in honor of the birthday of Rachel Carson – historic activist, conservation scientist, and writer.

NATURE AROUND US HPHP

Tilden Nature Area Trail Gail 10-11am, Sun, May 12, 19, 26 Immerse yourself in nature, surround yourself with space and wonder. Come explore with a naturalist. Your clothes could get dirty.

FUN WITH FELT

Tilden Nature Area Trail Gail 2-3pm, Sun May 12

Stop by the farm and make a felted creation. We'll use wool, soap and our own energy to make a unique piece. Come get your hands wet while learning about wool.

TULE FLOAT - MAKE A MINI BOAT & Tilden Nature Area

2-3pm, Sun May 19

Bull rush or tule has many uses. One is to make boats. Join a naturalist and make a mini tule boat, then we'll go out and see if they float!

TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Tilden Nature Area Trail Gail 1-2:30pm, Sun, May 26

Trek to the top of the world. We'll climb Wildcat Peak, watch for wildlife and experience our connection to the rest of the Bay Area. Bring water, snacks.

MEMORIAL DAY OPEN HOUSE &

Tilden Nature Area Interpretive Staff Ham-3pm, Mon, May 27 Join us to celebrate at the Nature Area. Blow bubbles, go for a nature walk and enjoy your park!

SCIENCE STORIES AND SEEKING STRATEGIES &

Tilden Nature Area Brianna Contaxis-Tucker

I-2pm, Sat, Jun I

Discover the critters that live in ponds and fields around us. Honor the birthday of E.O. Wilson, a scientist who wrote about these wonders.

FIREMAKING TECHNIQUES OF THE **ANCIENTS**

Tilden Nature Area Anthony Fisher II:30am-I2:30pm, Sun, Jun 2, 30 Try your hand at this foundational survival skill that makes us uniquely human: making fire from sticks.

THROWING THE ATLATL

Tilden Nature Area Anthony Fisher 2-3:30pm, Sun, Jun 2 & 16

Test your stone-age paleo-mettle with this ancient hunting system. Can you hit the broad-side of a mammoth? (No animals will be harmed in the making of this experience.)

FUN WITH FELTING &

Tilden Nature Area Jenna S. Collins I-2pm, Sat, Jun 8 & 22

Come find out how we can turn sheep's wool into cloth! Practice your hand at wet felting and make your own felted creation.

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM! &

Tilden Nature Area Jenna S. Collins 3:30-4pm, Sat, Jun 8 & 22

Put together some ice, salt, cream, sugar, and a little muscle power to learn how we make delicious old-fashioned ice cream.

MAKE STRING FROM PLANTS

Tilden Nature Area Anthony Fisher II:30am-I2:30pm, Sun, Jun 9 Stop by and experience this ancient human skill. Make a piece to take home.

DRAGONS AND DAMSELS

Tilden Nature Area Anthony Fisher 2-3:30pm, Sun, Jun 9, 23 & 30 The highly skilled and strangely beautiful dragonfly has ruled the earth since the Jurassic. Today, we delve into their mindbending world and try to find and understand these aerial predators.

CHORES FOR LITTLE GARDENERS

Tilden Nature Area Jenna S. Collins I-2pm, Sat, Jun 15 Lend a hand weeding, watering and planting healthy vegetables. Meet at Kids Garden.

JEWEL LAKE GOAT WALK HPHP

Tilden Nature Area Jenna S. Collins 3:30-4:30pm, Sat, Jun 15 Join us as we take our goats out on the

trail to stretch their legs and see new sights! This short walk will start and end at the Little Farm.

GAMES FROM NATIVE CALIFORNIA

Tilden Nature Area **Anthony Fisher** 11:30am-12:30pm, Sun, Jun 16 Test your skill and test your luck with a variety of traditional games.

FERNS ARE (AROUND) US

Tilden Nature Area **Anthony Fisher** 11:30am-12:30pm, Sun, Jun 23 Several beautiful fern species grace the Nature Area. We will find as many as we can, identify them and enjoy their fractal majesty. Make a photo too!

OTHER PARKS

BIRD WALK SP

8-10am, Sat, May 4 & Jun I

The Bay Area bursts with bird life! New and experienced birders alike join us as we discover patterns of behavior, migration, and habitat. May 4 - Garin; meet at May Road Staging Area. Jun I - Coyote Hills. Led by Kristina Parkison. 8+yrs. Info: (510) 544-3220.

VASCO CAVES TOUR A SP

Round Valley Interpretive Staff 9am-2pm, Sat, May 4 #25122; Sun, May 5

Vasco Caves: 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

HIKES FOR TYKES SP HPHP

Various parks Interpretive Staff 10:30-11:45am

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 I mile. Bring a snack. Strollers are not recommended for

May 7: Lafayette-Moraga Trail (St. Marys Road Staging Area) Spring has sprung - discover what is out and about! Strollers fine for this trail.

May 21: Crab Cove - (Visitor Center) Wear old shoes or rainboots for a walk in the park and along the beach! Jun 4: Roberts - (Redwood Bowl Staging Area) Explore the wondrous shade of the tall trees!

Jun 18: Anthony Chabot - (Bort Meadow Staging Area) Discover all that hops, crawls and flies in the hills of late spring! Info: (510) 544-3187.

only through guided tours. Both May tours meet at Round Valley. 10+yrs. Info: (510) 544-2750. Fee: \$35 (non-res. \$40). Registration is required.

BOTANIZING AN ECOLOGICAL JEWEL

Huckleberry Michele Hammond and Michael Charnofsky

9:30am-12:30pm, Sun, May 5 On a two-mile walk discover what's blooming, observe how plants adapt to harsh conditions in a rare community, and discuss management techniques to promote diversity while limiting plant pathogens. Info: (510) 544-3187.

OVER-THE-HILLS GANG HPHP

Various Parks Trail Gail 10am-12:30pm, Tue, May 7 & 21, Jun 11 & 25 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. May 7: Contra Loma, Main Parking Lot -"mostly" flat. May 21: Miller Knox - if it's hot, the walk will be flat, if not, we'll go up the hills. Meet at the first parking lot on your right after the tunnel. June 11: Roberts - How old are these trees. June 25: Point Pinole, Atlas Rd Entrance - Find out what summer brings to the shoreline. Info: (510) 544-2233.

Morgan Territory Eddie Willis 10am-1:30pm, Sun, May 19 Spring hangs on a little longer at Morgan Territory. See what's still in bloom on this 6-mile hike. Bring water, sun protection, and lunch. 10+yrs. **OHLONE PLANT USES**

CANINE CAPERS WALK \$P 6

Jun 15 Alameda Creek Trail #25038

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.

HIGH-ALTITUDE SPRING SP HPHP

Registration is required.

9-IIam, Sat, May 18 Garin Regional Park,

Kristina Parkison

Various Parks

course #25031

8+yrs.

Garin Francis Mendoza 9-11:30am, Sun, May 19 Go on a 3.0-mile hike to learn how the Ohlone traditionally use plants for food, medicine, shelter, and tools. Some steep sections and creek-crossings so bring sturdy shoes, water, and sun protection. 15+yrs.

Info: (510) 544-3220.

WEDNESDAY WALKS SP HPHP

Various Parks Interpretive Staff 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. Hikes begin at 9:30am.

May 15: Crockett Hills, Crockett Ranch Staging Area - Ranchlands and views, this park has lots to offer. We'll explore this beautiful area, including a segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. 8+yrs. Led by Trail Gail. Info: (510) 544-2233.

May 29: Don Castro/5 Canyons, 5 miles, moderate to strenuous. Led by Christina Garcia Info (510) 544-3282 June 19: Hayward Shoreline, easy, 3-mile walk along the bay. Led by Christina Garcia Info (510) 544-3282. June 26: Bay Farm Island - Spunkmeyer Field - Walk almost 6 flat miles around the Island known as Bay Farm/ Harbor Bay in Alameda. Meet at Spunkmeyer Field near the corner of Doolittle Drive and 970 Harbor Bay Parkway. Led by Susan Ramos. Info: (510) 544-3187.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY STROLLS SP HPHP

Various Parks Interpretive Staff 10am-noon

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. Info: (510) 544-3187.

May 18: Roberts - (Redwood Bowl) This 3 1/2 mile trail takes you from redwoods to hillside, and all the variation

May 26: Huckleberry - (Huckleberry Staging Area) Appreciate beauty all around as we walk 3 miles. No dogs

Jun 2: Anthony Chabot - (Bort Meadow) We'll walk along Grass Valley trail to the stone bridge and back along Brandon trail with a stop at the meadow. No restrooms available until the end of the 3 mile walk.

Jun 23: Redwood (Canyon Meadow) Enjoy a shady stroll among the redwoods, learning about the natural and cultural history of this area. Info: (510) 544-3187.

WEEKDAY BIRD WALK \$P

Various Parks Kristina Parkison 7:30-9:30am, Tue, May 21 Alameda Creek (meet at Niles Staging Area), Jun 18 Dry Creek/Pioneer (Meet at May Rd. Staging Area)

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. Info: (510)

PINE CREEK PICNIC

544-3220.

Diablo Foothills Kevin Dixon 9:30am-12:30pm, Sat, May 25 Enjoy a relaxing walk along the shady banks of the creek and eat together in a serene, secluded nook. Info: (510) 544-2750.

OPENING DAY AT GARIN 🕾 🕹

Garin Interpretive Staff Ilam-5pm, Sat, May 25
Come to the Red Barn on opening day to enjoy activities, games, ice cream, and programs celebrating the unique history of Garin park and its communities.

AROUND ROUND VALLEY HPHP

Round Valley Kevin Dixon 9am-noon, Sat, Jun I
Visit this remote haven for golden eagles, kit foxes, and tiger salamanders, and learn about the history of this land on a moderately strenuous hike. No dogs. 10+yrs. Info: (510) 544-2750.

FUN IN THE EAST BAY PARKS

Contra Loma Kevin Dixon 9:30am-12:30pm, Sat, Jun 8 Redwing Picnic Area - Stop by to discover opportunities in the Parks, meet a snake, and make nature-themed crafts. Info: (510) 544-2750.

THE BIGGEST TREES IN THE WORLD? §P

Roberts Michael Charnofsky 10am-noon: Sun, Jun 30 On a 1.5 mile exploration search for evidence of a 32 foot diameter redwood, and the Blossom Rock Trees that were visible from the bay. Discuss theories, mysteries, and controversies. Info: (510) 544-3187.

CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS – ANTHONY CHABOT &

Anthony Chabot Interpretive Staff 8-9pm, every Sat, Memorial weekend – Labor Day weekend. Campground Amphitheater - Free! Join us for afterdark fun! Learn about the parks and nature around you through games, songs, photos and stories around the campfire. New topic each week. Noncampers are welcome to come in for the program! Info: (510) 544-3187.

HOW DOES OUR GARDEN GROW? SP 6

Shadow Cliffs Ashley Grenier 10-11:30am, Tue, Jun 11 #25016 With help from you! We've got plenty of kid-friendly tasks to complete - watering, digging, planting, painting, and eating. Bring the family, get your hands dirty, and enjoy the sunshine in our public garden. Pack a lunch and stay after our work is done. Registration is required.

LAKESIDE LITTLES \$P

Shadow Cliffs Ashley Grenier 10-11am, Mon, May 20, Jun 17 11:30am-12:30pm, Mon, May 20, Jun 17 Bring your little ones out and discover nature. We'll explore a trail, look at bugs, search for birds, and much more. Let's get outside! Parent/caregiver participation required. (1-5yrs). Info: 510-544-3249.

VOLUNTEER

FRENCH BROOM REMOVAL/ RESTORATION PROJECT

Redwood Staff 9am-Ipm, Ist Sat of the month.
9:30am-I:30pm, 2nd Sun of the month.
Help remove invasive French Broom at various locations in the park. Tools, protective equipment and snacks will be provided. Call (510) 544-3127 or email redwood@ebparks.org to confirm meeting location as this can vary from month to month. Rain cancels.

10am-noon, Sun, Jun 16

FIRE MAKING

Learn how to start a fire without matches or lighters. Unravel the science behind how the hand drill produces an ember. Generate solar power to create a fire-hot coal using an aluminum can or water bottle. Acquire the skill to build a safe, efficient campfire.

ATLATL THROWERS

1:30-3:30pm, Sun, Jun 16 Join us for a day of Stone Age activity using a prehistoric dart thrower. Atlatls were utilized by hunter/gatherer societies, like the Ohlones. Watch a demonstration on how to create a Paleolithic stone point. Try your skill at hitting a target with an atlatl dart. 8+yrs. Info: (510) 544-3220.

INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL/ HABITAT RESTORATION

Huckleberry, Sibley Staff 9:30am - 3rd Sun of the month: Huckleberry 9:30am- 2nd Sat of the month: Sibley



Park lovers volunteered their time and care to various park projects during Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.

Monthly weeding sessions to help protect native plants against invasive species displacement. Tools provided.

Info: (510) 544-3112. sibley@ebparks.org.

LOVE YOUR MOTHER (EARTH) BEACH CLEAN-UP

Encinal Beach Morgan Guenther 10:30am-noon, Sat, May 11 Celebrate Mother's Day by the Bay early by giving the gift of sifting the shore for plastic, wrappers, and other oddities to our beloved planet! Bring buckets and gloves or borrow ours. Info: (510) 544-3187.

THIRD THURSDAYS IN THE GARDEN

Crab Cove Staff 10am-noon, 1-3pm, Thu May 16 & Jun 20 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. Attend one or both sessions. Meet at the bathhouse by Otis entrance. Wear long pants, closed-toe shoes, hat, and bring a water bottle. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Info: (510) 544-3187.

NATIVE PLANT AND BUTTERFLY GARDENING €

Crab Cove Michael Charnofsky 9:30am-12:30pm, Sun, May 19 #25275



Help beautify the Visitor Center and provide food for wildlife as we prepare our but-

terfly and native plant gardens for summer. You choose the work: weeding, pruning, mulching, and general clean-up. Snacks and refreshments served, tools provided. Students earn community service hours. 8+yrs. Registration is required.



WILDLIFE VOLUNTEERS

with "**Doc Quack**", Certified Wildlife Biologist

LEAST TERN COLONY MONITORS TRAINING

Hayward Regional Shoreline 1:30pm-4pm., Sat, May 4, 2019. #25571 Here is your opportunity to become a "Birding-Detective" by investigating into the family life of terns. You will help record data about their nest distribution, chronology and reproductive success using the Type 2 monitoring method. In this method, surveys are conducted from a vehicle approximately 25m (75ft.) from the island at various times of day, with the majority of the surveys conducted from 7am to 5pm, seven days a week. A Cabela's professional 60mm (2.4 in) spotting scope on a car window mount will be available. By participating, you'll earn your "Colony Caretakers" patch. Physical labor is involved with this project. Parent participation required. Deadline to sign-up is 4/26/19. Park in the Hayward Shoreline service yard, at 3050 West Winton Ave. We recommend uutdoor clothing (long pants), hiking boots (close-toed footwear), gloves, hats, water, sunscreen and binoculars.

VISITOR CENTERS

ARDENWOOD

Fremont, CA

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.

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) (510) 544-3249

TILDEN NATURE AREA

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

SWIM FACILITIES

I-888-327-2757, option 3

LAKE ANZA

Tilden Regional Park Berkeley, CA | ext. 4563

CASTLE ROCK

Walnut Creek, CA | ext. 4515

CONTRA LOMA

Antioch, CA | ext. 4518

CULL CANYON

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

DEL VALLE

7000 Del Valle Road

DON CASTRO

22400 Woodroe Ave. Hayward, CA | ext. 4527

QUARRY LAKES

Fremont, CA | ext. 4552

ROBERTS POOL

10570 Skyline Blvd. Oakland, CA | ext. 4555

SHADOW CLIFFS

2500 Stanley Blvd

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 Master-



card. 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.





Free Concerts in the Parks



EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

June 22....Lake Chabot July 12.....Crab Cove Aug. 9.....Crab Cove Aug. 23...Contra Loma **Sept. 13** ...Crab Cove **Sept. 28** ...Gateway Multicultural Festival

MOTHER'S DAY ON THE FARM

Sunday, May 12 II a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ardenwood Historic Farm

Celebrate the special people in your life at the farm.

Admission fee applies. (See pg. 6)



FATHER'S DAY FISHING

Sunday, June 16 12:30-2:30 p.m.





Crab Cove

Go fishing with your kids!

Fishing gear

Fishing gear provided.

Registration required. (See pg. 5)

To Register: www.ebparks.org/activities



Celebrate our 85th anniversary every Friday, now through the end of the year!



- FREE parking, swimming, fishing, and boating (State fees/permits still apply. Horses and dog fees waived.)
- **FREE** entrance to Ardenwood Historic Farm on non-event days.



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Regional Parks Foundation 50th Anniversary Gala

oin the fun on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at Casa Real in Pleasanton as the Foundation celebrates its 50th anniversary with guest performer Michael McDonald.

Register online at regionalparksfoundation.org.



