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Get Outside on National Public Lands Day

SAN RAFAEL, CA – Marin residents and visitors will have one more reason to get outdoors this September. Parks Superintendent Ed Hulme announced today that Marin County Parks will celebrate National Public Lands Day on September 24 with a series of educational and recreational opportunities.

Admission fees will be waived at Paradise Beach Park in Tiburon and Black Point Boat Launch in Novato, providing free opportunities to enjoy public parklands. Outdoor retailer Demo Sport will lead a discounted stand up paddleboard clinic at McNears Beach Park in San Rafael for people of all ages and abilities. To cap off the day's festivities, rangers and astronomer Larry Brodtkin will treat participants to an evening of stargazing at the Mt. Burdell Preserve in Novato.

This year marks the 18th annual National Public Lands Day, an event that brings together thousands of visitors and volunteers from coast to coast to improve and restore the lands Americans use for recreation, education, and enjoyment. Last year more than 170,000 people participated in all 50 states. Hulme said that "this year's events focus on our continued commitment to public lands, spending time outdoors, being more active, and fighting childhood obesity."

Marin County parks and preserves are accessible every day to the majority residents and most are free. Marin County Parks has 34 open space preserves and 20 county parks but only charges admission at five locations. "In these tough times, waiving fees will give families an opportunity to enjoy parklands in meaningful and affordable ways," Hulme said.

For more information, visit www.nationalpubliclandsday.org.

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