



**January 13, 2012**

**MCERA'S PRE-  
RETIREMENT  
SEMINAR  
JANUARY 25**

If you would like to attend a pre-retirement seminar, please consult your supervisor, and then call MCERA at 473-6147 to schedule your attendance.

- **When: Wednesday, January 25, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
- **Where: MCERA's offices, One McInnis Parkway, Suite 100, San Rafael**

**DEFERRED  
COMPENSATION  
CLASS  
JANUARY 18**

**How to Close Your Retirement Gap**

- **When: Wednesday, January 18, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 1:00-2:00 p.m.**
- **Where: Marin Civic Center, Room 401**

To register for this class, email [LearningSolution@marincounty.org](mailto:LearningSolution@marincounty.org), or call Helen Stepler at 473-3706. For more information, visit the Human Resources website on the MINE; click on the Deferred Compensation link or <http://mine/mine/HR/main/defComp.cfm>.

**PARKS  
NATURALIST  
LED EVENTS  
JANUARY 14 & 22**

**Mushrooms at Indian Tree Preserve**

The mixed forests of this Novato preserve usually host an amazing array of mushrooms at this time of year. Climb to the top to enjoy spectacular views in every direction. The hike is 6.5 miles and elevation gain is 1,300 feet. Contact David at 893-9508 or [dherlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:dherlocker@marincounty.org) with questions.

- **When: Saturday, January 14, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**
- **Where: In Novato, follow Sutro Avenue and turn right at Vineyard Road. Meet at the Vineyard Road gate, just past the end of the pavement.**

**Exploring the Point Reyes Coast**

Hike up the new Muddy Hollow Trail and cross over to another lush valley to follow the Coast Trail back to the beach. Enjoy numerous habitats including alder and willow, freshwater and saltwater marshes, and sandy beach. Contact David at 893-9508 or [dherlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:dherlocker@marincounty.org) with questions.

- **When: Sunday, January 22, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
- **Where: Point Reyes National Seashore. From Olema, head north on Hwy. 1, turn left at Bear Valley Road, turn left at Limantour Road and follow to the end.**

*Note: Naturalist walks are intended for adults. Parks requests no animals (except service animals). Email David Herlocker at [dherlocker@marincounty.org](mailto:dherlocker@marincounty.org) with questions. Heavy rain, high wind, and/or high fire danger may cancel an event. To find out if an outing is canceled, call 473-3778 the morning of the event to listen to a recorded message.*

**PARKS  
RANGER  
LED EVENTS**

**San Pablo Paddle**

Join Rangers on a scenic paddling journey along the shores of San Pablo Bay. Leave McNears Beach Park and wind up the coast to China Camp, Las

- JANUARY 21** Gallinas Creek, McInnis Park and end at McNears Beach. Bring your own lunch and paddleboard or kayak. The event is 10 miles and not recommended for beginners. Parking is \$5. Contact Ranger Dan at 446-4424.
- **When: Saturday, January 21, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
  - **Where: McNears Beach Park, 201 Cantera Way, San Rafael. Meet in front of the snack bar.**

#### **Water Walk and Talk**

Meet a ranger for an informative walk at Baltimore Canyon Preserve. Discuss Marin's watersheds, storm water pollution prevention and water conservation. Highlighted will be the Dawn Falls and towering redwoods. Dogs must be leashed. Call 473-2816 with questions.

- **When: Saturday, January 21, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**
- **Where: From Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Kentfield, turn at College Avenue, turn right at Woodland Road, turn left at Evergreen Drive, and turn left at Crown Road.**

*For Ranger-led and Naturalist-led events, information & maps are available through the Parks website at [www.marinparks.org](http://www.marinparks.org).*

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