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VOLUNTEER DAYS

Volunteer days offer hands on land stewardship experience. We provide a forum for the community to help us take care of the parks and preserves that we all enjoy. Opportunities include habitat restoration, trail improvement, litter pick up, and landscape maintenance. Though the work varies in physical demand, a variety of activities are available for all ages and abilities. We provide water, gloves, tools, and training. Bring snacks or a lunch, sun block, a hat, and a refillable water container. Wear sturdy shoes and layered clothes.

Friday, June 2. 10am to 2pm

Kent Island Restoration

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Saturday, June 3. 9am to 12pm

National Trails Day

We are partnering with the San Francisco Bay Trail and One Tam to celebrate National Trails Day. Volunteers are needed to remove litter from Bothin Marsh and areas surrounding the multi-use pathway. Our efforts will help protect valuable tidal wetland habitat, improve pathway aesthetics, and promote community stewardship of Marin's pathways and trails. All skill levels are welcome and no previous experience is necessary. All ages are welcome; anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Snacks and extra water will be provided. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Kirk Schroeder at KSchroeder@marincounty.org or (415) 763-2977. Meet at the end of Sycamore Ave on the multiuse pathway in Mill Valley. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the exit for E Blithedale Ave west 0.7 miles. Turn left onto Camino Alto, left onto Sycamore Ave, and follow to end (dead end).

Sunday, June 4. 9am to 1pm

Workday at Stafford Lake Bike Park

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Wednesday, June 7. 9am to 12pm

Lucas Valley Nursery Workday

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Saturday, June 10. 9am to 1pm

Aramburu Island Enhancement

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Contact Courtney Gutman at (415) 388-2524 ex. 1044 or CGutman@audubon.org. Meet at Richardson Bay Audubon Center. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the exit for Tiburon Blvd (Hwy 131). Take Tiburon Blvd east for 1 mile. Turn right onto Greenwood Cove Dr. Greenwood Cove becomes Greenwood Beach Rd. Parking is in gravel pullouts on the right side of the road.

Saturday, June 17. 9am to 12pm

Creekside Restoration with One Tam

Join Marin County Parks and One Tam staff (a Tamalpais Lands Collaborative initiative) to enrich important habitat areas of Hal Brown Park and Creekside Marsh. Be a part of a community based effort to install a diverse palette of native plants at a site once dominated by nonnative grasses and weeds. Volunteer work is mildly strenuous and involves bending, pulling, kneeling, and hiking on steep and uneven terrain. All ages are welcome; anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Please bring gloves if you have them. Snacks will be provided. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Kirk Schroeder at KSchroeder@marincounty.org or (415) 763-2977. Meet across from Marin General Hospital at Hal Brown Park at Creekside. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 1.2 miles. Turn left onto Bon Air Rd and follow 0.3 miles. The park is on the right.

Saturday, June 17. 10am to 2pm

Kent Island Restoration

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Saturday, June 24. 9am to 1pm

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Wednesday, July 5. 3pm to 5pm

Civic Center Grounds Clean-up

We'll work to get the Civic Center grounds back into tip-top shape after the most extensive period of use all year, the Marin County Fair. We'll focus on litter pick-up in high use areas of the fairgrounds, improving park aesthetics, and protecting Civic Center Lagoon and Las Gallinas Creek against the introduction of trash. All skill levels are welcome and no previous experience is necessary. All ages are welcome; anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Snacks and extra water will be provided. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or RSVP: Contact: Volunteer Coordinator Kirk Schroeder KSchroeder@mairncounty.org or (415) 763-2977. Meet at Veteran's Memorial Auditorium (10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for North San Pedro Rd (if coming from Hwy 101 North, follow the signs to the Civic Center and to North San Pedro Rd). Once on North San Pedro Rd, turn left at stop light onto Civic Center Drive and follow for 0.5 mile. Turn right onto Avenue of the Flags; parking is available in the lot adjacent to Civic Center Dr and in front of the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium.

Friday, July 7. 10am to 2pm

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Saturday, July 8. 9am to 1pm

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Sunday, July 9. 9am to 1pm

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Wednesday, July 12. 9am to 12pm

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Saturday, July 15. 10am to 2pm

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Saturday, July 22. 9am to 1pm

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Wednesday, August 2. 9am to 12pm

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Friday, August 4. 10am to 2pm

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Saturday, August 5. 10am to 2pm

Zumba at McInnis Park

This Healthy Parks, Healthy People event will include volunteer work, a Zumba fitness class, and delicious, healthy food. We'll begin with volunteer work to spruce-up McInnis Park and improve habitat along Las Gallinas Creek. Then we'll follow the lead of our Zumba teacher as we dance and move to upbeat salsa music. Huge smiles and a low impact full body workout are guaranteed! Afterward we'll enjoy a delicious, free lunch provided by Mi Familia. Volunteer work is mildly strenuous and involves bending, pulling, kneeling, and hiking on steep and uneven terrain. All ages are welcome; anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Snacks, lunch, and extra water will be provided. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Kirk Schroeder at KSchroeder@marincounty.org or (415) 763-2977. McInnis Park is located at 310 Smith Ranch Road in San Rafael. Meet at the tennis courts. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Smith Ranch Rd east approximately 0.7 miles. Go through entrance, turn left after railroad tracks. Take first right up hill to Tennis courts.

Saturday, August 19. 9am to 1pm

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NATURALIST WALKS

These outings are for participants 15 and up who are interested in the diverse flora and fauna of Marin County. Our walks cover a variety of topics; some are quite specific, others are more general, but we never fail to take a moment to marvel at whatever natural wonders we encounter. Binoculars, a pocket sized magnifying lens, and your favorite field guide(s) are recommended for all walks. Most of the walks are moderately paced and cover less than 5 miles. Walks that are longer or more strenuous are noted in the descriptions. Bring a lunch if you plan to stay all day, and remember to bring plenty of water.

Sunday, June 4. 10am to 11:30am

Senior Stroll at Old St Hilary's

This preserve is home to one of the world's rarest plants, the Tiburon jewelflower. We'll follow a level fire road that will offer us views of this and several other beautiful, late blooming flowers as we enjoy a sweeping panorama of the bay. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at SBurke@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9520. Meet at the gate at the end of Vistazo West St in Tiburon. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the exit for Tiburon Blvd (Hwy 131) east 3.5 miles. Turn left onto Lyford Dr, right onto Vistazo West St, and follow to the end (dead end).

Tuesday, June 6. 7pm to 9pm

Evening at Muir Woods

Come experience twilight among the redwoods. We'll join National Park Service Ranger Mia Monroe in this special after-hours stroll through the ancient forest of Muir Woods. We'll listen to the dusk chorus and hope that a spotted owl might distinctively "bark". Late spring flowers may still be in bloom and we'll see what else is in the shadows. There is no fee for this program but please arrive a few minutes early for a parking pass (we'll be in the park after closing hours). This program is part of the Tamalpais Lands Collaborative, a partnership that recognizes the various agencies that work together to preserve and restore the lands that surround Mount Tamalpais. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 1pm on the day of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the park entrance near the visitor center.

DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101, take the Mill Valley/Hwy 1/Stinson Beach exit, Take Hwy 1 north, at .6 miles go left to stay on Hwy 1. Go 2.6 miles, turn right onto Panoramic Hwy follow .8 miles and turn left onto Muir Woods Rd, go .8 miles and stay right on Muir Woods Rd, go .4 miles and park in lot closest to lower rest rooms, just inside park entrance gate.

Sunday, June 11. 9am to 12pm

Indian Valley

This preserve on the north side of Big Rock Ridge has a nice selection of trails that pass through a series of cool valleys and shaded hills. The local birds will be busy caring for their newly fledged young and we may find some late blooming flowers along the shaded banks of the creek. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger

cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at SBurke@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9520. Meet at the College of Marin Indian Valley Campus in Novato, parking lot 6 (1800 Ignacio Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the Ignacio Blvd/Bel Marin Keys Blvd exit west onto Ignacio Blvd approximately 2.5 miles all the way through campus. Parking lot 6 is adjacent to the police station.

Tuesday, June 13. 7pm to 8:30pm

Lecture: Reptiles of Marin County

In Marin, we have 10 snakes, 4 lizards, and one native turtle. Some are easy to observe, but most are quite secretive. They make their homes in nearly every part of this county. This lecture will cover the natural history and identification of our local reptiles. This lecture is intended for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the Novato Library in Novato (1720 Novato Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for De Long Ave east. After 0.05 miles continue on Diablo Ave, turn right onto Novato Blvd and follow 0.5 miles. Library is on the right.

Wednesday, June 21. 10am to 2pm

Birds and Flowers at Loma Alta

This public trail easement passes through some great wildflower habitats including serpentine soil that hosts several unusual species. It's also one of the best places to see some great birds, including grasshopper sparrows, horned larks, and lazuli buntings. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at SBurke@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9520. Meet at the Big Rock trailhead in San Rafael. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Lucas Valley Rd west approximately 5.5 miles (look for the big rock). The trailhead is on the north side of Lucas Valley Rd.

Thursday, June 29. 10am to 2pm

Butterflies at Cascade Canyon

This preserve is a great spot to see a variety of butterflies: Blues, swallowtails, admirals, sisters, buckeyes, checkerspots, crescents, and many more. We'll take the time to observe them as they go about their business of finding nectar, attracting mates, detecting the proper plants to lay eggs on, and engaging in a practice called "puddling". If you're not sure what "puddling" is, you'll have to join us to see. Parking is limited at this trailhead so we'll meet at Doc Edgar Park and carpool from there. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at Doc Edgar Park on Cascade Dr in Fairfax. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west to Fairfax 5.3 miles. Turn left onto Pacheco Ave, turn right onto Broadway and make first left onto Bolinas Rd 0.4 miles, slight right onto Cascade, the park is on your right.

Wednesday, July 5. 10am to 11:30am

Senior Stroll at Bear Valley

This shaded path is one of the best places in the county to enjoy a summer day. We'll follow a relatively level road along a creek enjoying flowers, birds, and other wildlife that thrive among towering Douglas-firs and stately alders. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at SBurke@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9520. Meet at the large parking area on the other side of the road from the Bear Valley Visitor Center. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 20.4 miles to Olema.

Turn right onto Hwy 1. Go 500 feet, turn left onto Bear Valley Rd. 0.6 miles, turn left on Bear Valley Visitor Center Access Rd. Continue past the driveway for the Red Barn. Parking area is on the left.

Sunday, July 9. 9am to 2pm

Indian Tree

We'll try to make it to the top for lunch, but that will depend on how many flowers, birds, butterflies, and other discoveries catch our eye along the way. We'll ascend through a series of cool forests to the top of the ridge where giant redwoods catch the summer fog. The trek to the summit is long, but worth every step. Distance: 6.5 miles; elevation gain: 1,300 feet. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the trailhead on Vineyard Rd in Novato.

DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.7 miles. San Marin Dr turns into Sutro Ave at Novato Blvd. Follow Sutro Ave 1 mile, turn right at Vineyard Rd and follow 1 mile. Trailhead is on the left where the paved road becomes a dirt road.

Thursday, July 13. 10am to 2pm

Summer Botany at Bull Point

The moist, coastal climate of Point Reyes makes this one of the few places in Marin to enjoy a diverse array of wildflowers during the summer. With most of the county showing signs of summer dryness, we'll take advantage of habitats ranging from freshwater marsh to coastal dunes, which support an assortment of unique plants and many gorgeous flowers this time of year. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at SBurke@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9520. Meet at the Bull Point trailhead in Point Reyes National Seashore.

DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 20.4 miles to Olema. Turn right onto Hwy 1 and go 2 miles. Turn left onto Sir Francis Drake Blvd and go 11.7 miles. Trailhead is on the left (before the North Beach turnoff).

Tuesday, July 25. 10am to 2pm

Dragonflies!

Dragonflies are among the most fascinating and beautiful insects on earth. We'll learn to identify the different species in the hand as well as on the wing, and will observe and discuss their behavior as they perform aerial acrobatics and interact with each other. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the Lake Lagunitas parking area.

DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 5.3 miles to Fairfax. Turn left onto Pacheco Ave, immediate right onto Broadway Blvd, left onto Bolinas Rd for 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Sky Oaks Rd. At approximately 0.5 miles, stop and pay \$8 parking fee, then follow signs to Lake Lagunitas (end of Sky Oaks Rd).

Sunday, July 30. 9am to 12pm

Stroll on the Old Railroad Grade

We'll enjoy a slow stroll along the old railroad grade, a route that takes us in and out of a series of cool, forested valleys separated by open grassland and coastal scrub habitats; a great combination which may provide us with late birds and flowers, as well as anything else we're lucky enough to encounter along the way. We'll employ a car shuttle so we can have a (one way) relaxing morning walk. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled.

Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at SBurke@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9520. Meet at the trailhead at the

end of Glen Dr in Fairfax. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 6.7 miles, turn right onto Glen Dr and follow 0.5 miles to end (dead end).

Wednesday, August 2. 9am to 2pm

White Hill

We'll aim for lunch at the summit, but if it's too hot we might just find a perfect shaded meadow on the ridge. We'll make the 1,000 foot ascent at a pace that will allow us to enjoy all of the scenery we encounter along the way. (6.5 miles round trip.) Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the roadside parking area near the top of White Hill Grade on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 6 miles. Park in the big gravel pullout on the right side, below the crest of the hill.

Sunday, August 6. 6pm to 9pm

Evening at Mount Burdell

This is a good time of the year to adopt a crepuscular lifestyle; avoid the heat of the day and explore the outdoors during the evening hours. We'll go for a short walk and enjoy a picnic dinner just as the evening activity of the natural world commences. We might even get lucky and find a family of owls out for their evening hunt. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 1pm on the day of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at SBurke@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9520. Meet at the gate on San Andreas Dr in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.3 miles. Turn right onto San Andreas Dr and follow approximately 0.5 miles. The gate is on the right (before dead end).

Sunday, August 13. 9am to 2pm

Gary Giacomini

We'll start the morning with a slow ascent from the valley floor to the San Geronimo Ridge. It's a sustained climb but once we reach the top we'll enjoy amazing views and the pygmy Sargent cypress forest that makes this preserve so unique. For lunch we'll drop down to a shaded clearing among towering Redwoods and Douglas-firs. Distance: 5 miles; elevation gain: 1,200 feet. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at SBurke@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9520. Meet at the gate on Redwood Canyon Dr in San Geronimo. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 9.4 miles. Turn left onto Railroad Ave, sharp right onto San Geronimo Valley Dr, and take the second left onto Redwood Canyon Dr. The gate is immediately on the right.

Thursday, August 24. 10am to 11:30am

Senior Stroll at Hamilton Wetlands

Are you a senior who enjoys observing and learning about our local birds? If so, join us for an easy stroll along the newly restored Hamilton wetland area where we'll look for waterfowl, shorebirds, and other wildlife, and see how the tidal flow is gradually changing the landscape here. We'll go for a slow walk as we discuss identification and the life histories of the birds we see. Our walk will follow a section of the San Francisco Bay Trail. This section is a level, well-maintained, dirt road, and is wheelchair accessible. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at SBurke@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9520.

Meet at parking area near the playfield. DIRECTIONS: From Highway 101 take the Ignacio/Bel Marin Keys exit. Stay right onto Nave Drive .7 mi, go left at Main Gate Rd, .4 mi, Main Gate Rd becomes S Palm Dr, .5mi, turn right onto Hangar Ave. The parking lot is on the right.

Sunday, August 27. 10am to 1pm

Marsh Management and Climate Change with Liz Lewis

In 1972 the baylands surrounding the Deer Island Open Space preserve were slated for 6500 homes. Fortunately, Novato citizens had the foresight to purchase the lands and give them to the Marin County Flood Control District. The District is now considering solutions to restore tidal wetlands and begin preparing for sea level rise. Join us for a walk which will give us a bird's eye view of the restoration opportunities along lower Novato Creek. We'll be joined by Liz Lewis, a Planning Manager with the Marin County Department of Public Works' Watershed Program, who will discuss her work and nature-based solutions to flood risk management. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the gate on Deer Island Ln in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for Atherton Ave east 1.7 miles. Turn right onto Olive Ave and left onto Deer Island Ln. The gate is on your right.

Wednesday, August 30. 10am to 2pm

Tule Elk at Pierce Point Ranch

Join Marin County Parks and our One Tam partner, Point Reyes National Seashore, for a special outing. Pierce Point Ranch, on Tomales Bay, is home to a large colony of Tule elk; a species saved from the brink of extinction, now thriving at Point Reyes National Seashore. We'll be joined by Wildlife Ecologist Dave Press who will tell us about the biology of these animals, the history of the herd, and the ongoing management practices. This is the perfect time of year to watch them engage in their annual mating ritual known as "the rut". Remember to bring a few layers of warm clothing no matter what the weather is like where you live. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. This walk is for ages 15 and up. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the Pierce Point Ranch parking area. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 20.4 miles to Olema. Turn right onto Hwy 1 and go 2 miles. Turn left onto Sir Francis Drake Blvd and go 6.4 miles to Pierce Point Road. Go right 9.0 miles to the end of the road. Allow 30 minutes from Olema.

FAMILY WALKS

Our family walks are intended for families that want to explore nature together. Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbors, or any other inquisitive youngsters in your life who would appreciate a deeper connection to nature. This is not a “drop off” program, we want you to stay and enjoy the experience too. We set out to search for natural wonders and share what we find with one another. The most important take home message is that animals and the habitats in which they live are fascinating and delicate things that should be treated gently. Bring a lunch, we usually stop to eat at about 11:30am, and remember to bring plenty of water.

Sunday, June 25. 10am to 1pm

Nature for Kids: Bahia

This open oak woodland at the edge of the San Pablo Bay wetlands offers us a variety of habitats to explore. We'll head to a nice clearing at the top of the ridge where the kids can explore, while we let butterflies and other creatures come to us. Remember to bring lunch. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Hire fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the Bahia trailhead near the end of Bahia Dr in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for Atherton Ave east approximately 1 mile. Turn left onto Bugeia Ln, which turns into Bahia Dr at the “y”. Follow Bahia Dr approximately 0.5 miles. Trailhead is on the left before Bahia Dr dead ends.

Sunday, July 16. 5pm to 8pm

Nature for Kids: An Evening at Mount Burdell

This is a good time of year to adopt a crepuscular lifestyle; avoid the heat of the day and explore the outdoors during the evening hours. We'll go for a short walk and enjoy a picnic dinner just as the evening activity of the natural world commences. With luck we might hear (or see) owls or coyotes as we watch for bats coming out to hunt for insects. Remember to bring a flashlight and dinner. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Hire fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 1pm on the day of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the gate on San Andreas Dr in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.3 miles. Turn right onto San Andreas Dr and follow approximately 0.5 miles. The gate is on the right (before dead end).

Wednesday, August 16. 10am to 1pm

Nature for Kids: Indian Tree

We'll head up the hill and visit several different forest habitats. We'll go through one area that is completely shaded by bay trees, then we'll walk up an oak covered hill, and finally end up in a little grove of redwoods. Along the way we'll talk about these different habitats and the different kinds of animals that live in each place. Remember to bring lunch. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Hire fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Questions: Contact David Herlocker at DHerlocker@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9508. Meet at the trailhead on Vineyard Rd in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.7 miles. San Marin Dr turns into Sutro Ave at Novato Blvd. Follow Sutro Ave 1 mile, turn right at Vineyard Rd and follow 1 mile. Trailhead is on the left where the paved road becomes a dirt road.

RANGER ACTIVITIES

Rangers host a variety of family friendly events for all ages and interests. We offer barbeques, bike rides, campfires, fishing derbies, interpretive hikes, outdoor safety and skills seminars, skateboard contests, stargazing, and more! Bring snacks, water, and sun block.

Sunday, June 4. 9am to 11am

Learn to Ride

Learn to ride pump tracks and rollers with a ranger at the Stafford Lake Bike Park. A limited amount of bicycles and helmets will be available on a first come, first-served basis. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Adam Craig at ACraig@marincounty.org or (415) 897-0618. Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at Stafford Lake Park in Novato (3549 Novato Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Novato Blvd and follow for 2.6 miles. The park is on the left. Turn right after the gate house and follow to the last parking lot.

Saturday, June 10. 7:30pm to 9pm

Moonlight Hike at Ring Mountain

Join a ranger for a rare chance to experience this unique preserve after dark. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Degree of difficulty: Moderate to strenuous. Hike is approximately 2 miles, with 250' elevation gain and rough footing. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a flashlight. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 473-7191 to get an update on fire danger status and land closures. If a "Red Flag" warning is in effect, all walks and events on Open Space District preserves are cancelled. Questions: Contact Ranger Mike Warner at MWarn@marincounty.org or (415) 473-2816. Meet at the gate at the end of Taylor Rd in Tiburon. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Corte Madera, take the exit for Tamalpais Dr east. Go straight onto San Clemente, which merges into Paradise Dr after 0.4 miles. Follow Paradise Dr approximately 1.7 miles, turn right onto Taylor Rd, and follow to end (dead end).

Sunday, June 11. 9am to 11am

Terwilliger Trail Hike

Join a ranger for a hike on the beautiful Terwilliger Trail at Stafford Lake Park. We'll enjoy stunning views of the Stafford Lake watershed from the upper sections of the trail and discuss the flora and fauna found in the various habitats along the way. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water and snacks. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions: Contact Ranger Jeffrey Gerbic at JGerbic@marincounty.org or (415) 897-0618. Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at Stafford Lake Park in Novato (3549 Novato Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Novato Blvd and follow for 2.6 miles. The park is on the left. Turn right after the gate house and follow to the last parking lot.

Saturday, June 17. 10am to 12pm

Learn How to Pier Fish for Father's Day Weekend

Join rangers and a few of our experienced local anglers on Father's Day weekend to learn the secrets and tricks of the trade when fishing from a pier. A limited amount of poles will be available on a first come, first-served basis. A valid California fishing license is required when fishing from the shore, not from the pier. This event is

ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Don't forget to bring your dad and a fishing pole! We will provide bait and a limited amount of fishing poles, thanks to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Mike Maraccini at MMaraccini@marincounty.org or (415) 435-9212. Meet at the fishing pier in Paradise Beach Park in Tiburon (3450 Paradise Dr). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the exit for Tiburon Blvd (Hwy 131) east 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Trestle Glen Blvd, right onto Paradise Dr, and follow for 1.5 miles. The park is on the left.

Saturday, June 17. 7:30pm to 9pm

Evening Photography at Deer Island

Join Rangers/Photographers Mike Warner and Craig Solin for a short evening hike through Deer Island. We'll explore the photo possibilities along the way with a focus on taking sunset photos. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring your camera, tripod, water, and a flashlight. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 473-7191 to get an update on fire danger status and land closures. If a "Red Flag" warning is in effect, all walks and events on Open Space District preserves are cancelled. Questions: Contact Ranger Mike Warner at MWarners@marincounty.org or (415) 473-2816. Meet at the gate on Deer Island Ln in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for Atherton Ave east 1.7 miles. Turn right onto Olive Ave and left onto Deer Island Ln. The gate is on your right.

Sunday, June 18. 9am to 11am

Lake Fishing for Kids

Rangers will cast out with the kids at Stafford Lake Park to try to reel in the biggest fish in the lake. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a fishing pole. We will provide bait and a limited amount of fishing poles, thanks to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. A fishing license is required for participants 16 and over. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions: Contact Supervising Adam Craig at ACraig@marincounty.org (415) 897-0618. Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at Stafford Lake Park in Novato (3549 Novato Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Novato Blvd and follow for 2.6 miles. The park is on the left. Turn left after the gate house and follow to the parking lot.

Friday, June 23. 7pm to 9pm

Campfire Program at Chicken Ranch Beach

Join rangers for an evening of fun with local lore, legends, and campfire tales. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a flashlight. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions: Contact Supervising Adam Craig at ACraig@marincounty.org or (415) 897-0618. Park entrance is free. Meet at the Chicken Ranch Beach pullout. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the Sir Francis Drake exit 20.4 miles to Olema. Turn right onto Hwy 1 and go 2 miles. Turn left onto Sir Francis Drake and follow 4.7 miles, parking is on the right.

Sunday, June 25. 10am to 12pm

Learn to Skate – Free Clinic

Join us at the McInnis skatepark where rangers will offer tips and techniques for beginners as well as ways to attack features that build confidence and skill. This event is geared towards the newbie skateboarder and those looking to cross over from other board sports, but aren't quite sure how to start. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring your board, helmet, and pads. We will provide water and healthy snacks. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Adam Craig at ACraig@marincounty.org or (415) 446-4423. Park entrance is free. Meet at the skatepark in McInnis Park in San Rafael (310 Smith Ranch Rd).

DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Smith Ranch Rd east approximately 0.7 miles. Drive over the railroad tracks and immediately turn left to stay on Smith Ranch Rd. (If you go through the park entrance, you have gone too far). Look for the sign for the skatepark, turn right, and follow the road to the skatepark parking lot.

Sunday, June 25. 7pm to 9pm

Blithedale Summit Family Night Hike

Join rangers for a family sunset and night hike on Blithedale Summit, where we'll watch the sunset and appreciate the unique views of this wonderful preserve. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Easy to Moderate. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water and a flashlight. We will provide hot chocolate and snacks. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 473-7191 to get an update on fire danger status and land closures. If a "Red Flag" warning is in effect, all walks and events on Open Space District preserves are cancelled. Questions: Contact Gabriel Ngarangad at GNgarangad@marincounty.org or (415) 473-2816. Meet at the gate near the end of Glen Dr in Mill Valley. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the exit for E Blithedale Ave west 1.4 miles. Turn right onto Carmelita Ave, right onto Buena Vista Ave, and follow Buena Vista (turns into Glen Dr). The gate is approximately 1 mile up on the left (before dead end).

Friday, June 30. 8:30pm to 10:30pm

Sun Valley Fireworks Hike

Join a ranger for a walk to experience this unique preserve after dark. The highlight of the walk will be the Marin County Fair fireworks seen from one of the best viewing spots on Open Space. Fireworks start at 9:30pm. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Moderate to strenuous. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a flashlight. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 473-7191 to get an update on fire danger status and land closures. If a "Red Flag" warning is in effect, all walks and events on Open Space District preserves are cancelled. Questions: Contact Ranger Mike Warner at MWarn@marincounty.org or (415) 473-2816. Meet at the Dan Abraham trailhead, in San Rafael. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 south, take Central San Rafael exit 0.2 miles, turn right onto Mission Ave 0.4 miles. Mission turns left and becomes B St, turn right onto 5th Ave, go 1.5 miles, trailhead is on the right. From Hwy101 north, take Central San Rafael exit, go straight on Irwin St, use 2 left lanes to go left onto 3rd St 0.9 miles, turn right onto G St 0.2 miles, turn left onto 5th Ave 1.1 miles, trailhead is on the right.

Saturday, July 1. 8:30pm to 10pm

Fair Fireworks and S'more Feast

In celebration of our nation's birthday, come see the Marin County Fair fireworks from the top of the Nike Site at McInnis Park. It is an easy uphill stroll from the skatepark parking lot to sweeping views of the bay and surrounding hills, including China Camp State Park and iconic Mount Tamalpais. Rangers will prepare s'mores at Hillside Picnic Area before we walk up the hill to view the fireworks show that begins promptly at 9:30pm. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a flashlight. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Audrea Bocchi at ABocchi@marincounty.org or (415) 446-4423. Park entrance is free. Meet at the skatepark in McInnis Park in San Rafael (310 Smith Ranch Rd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Smith Ranch Rd east approximately 0.7 miles. Drive over the railroad tracks and immediately turn left to stay on Smith Ranch Rd. (If you go through the park entrance, you have gone too far). Look for the sign for the skatepark, turn right, and follow the road to the skatepark parking lot.

Sunday, July 2. 9am to 11am

Learn to Ride

Learn to ride pump tracks and rollers with a ranger at the Stafford Lake Bike Park. A limited amount of bicycles and helmets will be available on a first come, first-served basis. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Adam Craig at ACraig@marincounty.org or (415) 897-0618. Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at Stafford Lake Park in Novato (3549 Novato Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Novato Blvd and follow for 2.6 miles. The park is on the left. Turn right after the gate house and follow to the last parking lot.

Saturday, July 8. 8pm to 9:30pm

Moonlight Hike at Old Saint Hilary's

Join a ranger for a rare chance to experience this unique preserve after dark. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Degree of difficulty: Moderate to strenuous. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a flashlight. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 473-7191 to get an update on fire danger status and land closures. If a "Red Flag" warning is in effect, all walks and events on Open Space District preserves are cancelled. Questions: Contact Ranger Mike Warner at MWarn@marincounty.org or (415) 473-2816. Meet at the gate at the end of Lyford Dr in Tiburon. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the exit for Tiburon Blvd (Hwy 131) east 3.5 miles. Turn left onto Lyford Dr and follow to the end (dead end).

Sunday, July 9. 9am to 11am

Terwilliger Trail Hike

Join a ranger for a hike on the beautiful Terwilliger Trail at Stafford Lake Park. We'll enjoy stunning views of the Stafford Lake watershed from the upper sections of the trail and discuss the flora and fauna found in the various habitats along the way. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water and snacks. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions: Contact Ranger Jeffrey Gerbic at JGerbic@marincounty.org or (415) 897-0618. Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at Stafford Lake Park in Novato (3549 Novato Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Novato Blvd and follow for 2.6 miles. The park is on the left. Turn right after the gate house and follow to the last parking lot.

Sunday, July 16. 9am to 11am

Disc Golf Clinic at Stafford Lake

Join local pros who will teach kids (and parents too) this fun and exciting sport at our beautiful and nationally recognized disc golf course. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring discs, water, and snacks. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Adam Craig at ACraig@marincounty.org or (415) 897-0618. Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at Stafford Lake Park in Novato (3549 Novato Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Novato Blvd and follow for 2.6 miles. The park is on the left. Turn right after the gate house and follow to the first parking lot.

Friday, July 21. 7pm to 9pm

Campfire Program – Paradise Beach Park

Join rangers for an evening of fun with local lore, legends, and campfire tales. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a flashlight. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions: Contact

Ranger Jeffrey Gerbic at JGerbic@marincounty.org. Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at the parking lot in Paradise Beach Park in Tiburon (3450 Paradise Dr). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the exit for Tiburon Blvd (Hwy 131) east 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Trestle Glen Blvd, right onto Paradise Dr, and follow for 1.5 miles. The park is on the left.

Wednesday, July 26. 11am to 2pm

Art in the Park

Bring the whole family out to Hal Brown Park to paint the beautiful scenery and wildlife of Creekside Marsh along Corte Madera Creek. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. We will provide supplies, smocks, and healthy snacks. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. Questions: Contact Ranger Maggie Guiott at MGuiott@marincounty.org or (415) 435-9212. Meet across from Marin General Hospital at Hal Brown Park (at the pedestrian bridge near the bike path).

DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 1.2 miles. Turn left onto Bon Air Rd and follow 0.3 miles. The park is on the right.

Saturday, July 29. 8am to 9:30am

Trail Run at Rush Creek Preserve

Come out and experience the joy of jogging on the trail at Rush Creek Preserve with Ranger Lindsay Contreras. We'll go over trail running safety, gear, and techniques before heading out. We'll start on the flat fire road to the bridge and back for an easy 2.5 miles or continue on the loop and make it 3.2 miles. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Moderate. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water and high energy snacks. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 473-7191 to get an update on fire danger status and land closures. If a "Red Flag" warning is in effect, all walks and events on Open Space District preserves are cancelled. Questions: Contact Lindsay Contreras at LContreras@marincounty.org or (415) 473-2816. Meet at the Pinheiro Fire Rd gate on Binford Rd in Novato. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for Atherton Ave east. Turn left onto Binford Rd. The gate is on the right.

Saturday, August 5. 8pm to 10pm

Moonlight Hike at Baltimore Canyon

Join a ranger for a rare chance to experience this unique preserve after dark. Degree of difficulty: Moderate to strenuous. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Hike is approximately 4 miles with 360' elevation gain. Don't forget to bring a flashlight. Friendly dogs are welcome, but must be leashed. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 473-7191 to get an update on fire danger status and land closures. If a "Red Flag" warning is in effect, all walks and events on Open Space District preserves are cancelled. Questions: Contact Mike Warner at MWarner@marincounty.org or (415) 473-2816. Meet at the gate at the end of Crown Rd in Kent Woodlands. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 2.1 miles. Turn left onto College Ave, right onto Woodland Rd, left onto Evergreen Dr. Continue uphill to the intersection with Ridgecrest; 50-feet uphill from this junction, left onto Crown Rd, and follow to end (dead end).

Sunday, August 6. 9am to 11am

Learn to Ride

Learn to ride pump tracks and rollers with a ranger at the Stafford Lake Bike Park. A limited amount of bicycles and helmets will be available on a first come, first-served basis. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Adam Craig at ACraig@marincounty.org or (415) 897-0618. Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at Stafford Lake Park in Novato (3549 Novato Blvd).

DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Novato Blvd and follow for 2.6 miles. The park is on the left. Turn right after the gate house and follow to the last parking lot.

Monday, August 7. 8pm to 10pm

Full Moon Walk at White Hill

Bring your family and join us for a walk up White Hill where we'll learn about the plants and animals that live in the area. We won't have to go all the way to the top to enjoy a beautiful view; from The Porcupine Trail we should be able to watch a beautiful full moon rise above San Rafael. The hike is approximately 2 miles long. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Moderate. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water, snacks, and a flashlight. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 473-7191 to get an update on fire danger status and land closures. If a "Red Flag" warning is in effect, all walks and events on Open Space District preserves are cancelled. Questions: Contact Lindsay Contreras at LContreras@marincounty.org or (415) 473-2816. Meet at the roadside parking area near the top of White Hill Grade on Sir Francis Drake Blvd. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 8 miles. Park in the big gravel pullout on the right side, below the crest of the hill.

Saturday, August 12. 10am to 1pm

Explore our New Trails

We've made some significant improvements to the trail system in the Gary Giacomini preserve. Join a ranger to explore this beautiful preserve and see some of the work that's been done here. We'll start at Manzanita Fire Road and then head up to the ridge to explore some of our newly opened trails. We'll proceed down Boulder Springs Trail to Contour Trail and down into Candelero Canyon Trail. The hike will be approximately 4.5 miles. Degree of difficulty: Moderate. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water and snacks. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 473-7191 to get an update on fire danger status and land closures. If a "Red Flag" warning is in effect, all walks and events on Open Space District preserves are cancelled. Questions: Contact Ranger Blain Thompson at (415) 473-2816 or BThompson@marincounty.org. Meet at the Manzanita trailhead. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Drake Blvd west to Nicasio Valley Rd 12 miles and turn left. Make a right onto San Geronimo Valley Dr, turn left onto Creamery Rd, and then a make a right onto Meadow Way. Turn left onto W Sylvestris Dr and as it turns right it becomes Tamarack Rd. Follow Tamarack Rd until you hit the intersection of Juniper Ave. The gate is the left of #115 Tamarack Rd (park only in legal places on the street).

Sunday, August 13. 9am to 11am

Terwilliger Trail Hike

Join a ranger for a hike on the beautiful Terwilliger Trail at Stafford Lake Park. We'll enjoy stunning views of the Stafford Lake watershed from the upper sections of the trail and discuss the flora and fauna found in the various habitats along the way. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions: Contact Jeffrey Gerbic at JGerbic@marincounty.org or (415) 897-0618. Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at Stafford Lake Park in Novato (3549 Novato Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Novato Blvd and follow for 2.6 miles. The park is on the left. Turn right after the gate house and follow to the last parking lot.

Wednesday, August 16. 11am to 2pm

Art in the Park

Bring the whole family out to picturesque Paradise Beach Park to paint the beautiful scenery and wildlife that surrounds us while looking out at the San Francisco Bay. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. We'll provide supplies, smocks, and healthy snacks. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions: Contact Maggie Guiott at MGuiott@marincounty.org or (415) 435-9212. Meet at the fishing pier in Paradise Beach Park in Tiburon (3450 Paradise Dr). DIRECTIONS:

From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the exit for Tiburon Blvd (Hwy 131) east 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Trestle Glen Blvd, right onto Paradise Dr, and follow for 1.5 miles. The park is on the left.

Saturday August 19. 10am to 2pm

History Walk: Mt Tamalpais Scenic Railroad

It's been 121 years since the ground breaking ceremony of the Mt Tamalpais Scenic Railroad. Join us for a 3.5 mile hike on the Old Railroad Grade as we discuss the history of the railroad. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Moderate. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 473-7191 to get an update on fire danger status and land closures. If a "Red Flag" warning is in effect, all walks and events on Open Space District preserves are cancelled. Questions: Contact Mike Warner at MWarner@marincounty.org or (415) 473-2816. Meet at the W. Blithedale Ave trailhead. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Mill Valley, take the East Blithedale Exit west for 3 miles. East Blithedale will become West Blithedale. Gate is on the right approximately 200 yards past Lee St.

Saturday, August 19. 7:30pm to 9pm

Evening at Stafford Lake Park

Join rangers for an evening of fun around the campfire! This is a family event. We'll tell stories around the campfire of Marin's past and sing campfire songs while we sip cocoa and eat smore's. Be amazed as rangers start the campfire with a hand-drill! Snacks and fun are free! Don't forget to bring your flashlight. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Questions: Contact Ranger Don Grafe at (415) 473-2816 or DGrafe@marincounty.org. No Pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Park entrance fee is waived for participants. Meet at Stafford Lake Park in Novato (3549 Novato Blvd.) DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 to Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Novato Blvd and follow for 2.6 miles. The park is on the left. Turn right after the gate house and follow to the first parking lot.

Sunday, August 20. 9am to 11am

Orienteering Adventure

Learn the basics of orienteering with a ranger at Stafford Lake Park. It will be an adventure plotting our course while exploring the features of the park and practicing our navigational skills. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Remember to bring water. We'll bring all related supplies. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Adam Craig at ACraig@marincounty.org or (415) 897-0618. Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at Stafford Lake Park in Novato (3549 Novato Blvd). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take the exit for San Marin Dr west 2.9 miles. Turn right onto Novato Blvd and follow for 2.6 miles. The park is on the left. Turn right after the gate house and follow to the first parking lot.

Monday, August 21. 9:30am to 11am

Solar Eclipse at Ring Mountain

Join rangers for a rare chance to view a solar eclipse from Ring Mountain. This is the first Solar Eclipse visible across the entire continental United States since 1979 and the last until 2024. In order for a solar eclipse to occur the Sun, Earth, and Moon must be roughly in a straight line. Learn how to make a solar eclipse viewer, and find out some of the fun facts about the solar eclipse. This event is ideal for all ages. Degree of difficulty: Easy to moderate. Approximately .5 to .75 mile hike. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring your camera. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 473-7191 to get an update on fire danger status and land closures. If a "Red Flag" warning is in effect, all walks and events on Open Space District preserves are cancelled. Questions: Contact Ranger Mike Warner at MWarner@marincounty.org or (415) 473-2816. Meet at the gate at the end of Taylor Rd in Tiburon. DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in Corte Madera, take the exit for Tamalpais Dr east. Go straight onto San

Clemente, which merges into Paradise Dr after 0.4 miles. Follow Paradise Dr approximately 1.7 miles, turn right onto Taylor Rd, and follow to end (dead end).

Friday, August 25. 7pm to 9pm

Campfire Program – McNears Beach Park

Join rangers for an evening of fun with local lore, legends, and campfire tales. This event is ideal for all ages. All skill levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Questions: Contact Ranger Jeffrey Gerbic at JGerbic@marincounty.org or (415) 446-4424. Park entrance is waived for participants. Meet at the South Shore picnic area in McNears Beach Park in San Rafael (201 Cantera Way). DIRECTIONS: From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for Central San Rafael east. Take 2nd St east, which merges into 3rd St, and then turns into Point San Pedro Rd. Follow Point San Pedro Rd for 3.6 miles, turn right at Cantera Way, and follow to the large parking lot at the end (park in south end of lot).