Vargas Plateau Regional Park, the Park District’s newest Regional Park, opened in 2017, continues the District’s 85 year legacy of preservation and recreation. See “A Park District is Born,” page 2. Photo: Kevin Fox

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A Park District Is Born
A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL MANAGER ROBERT E. DOYLE

In 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 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 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 11 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.
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 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.

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.

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.

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 department, eight strategically 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.

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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, themes, curriculums, and more, visit www.eblifeguard.org/swimlessons.

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, curriculums, and more, visit www.eblifeguard.org/juniorlifeguards. No onsite registration.

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 1. For more info and an application, contact Aaron Roth at aroth@ebparks.org or call (510) 690-6624.

LEADERS IN TRAINING
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

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 1. For information and an application, contact Kyle Maxwell at kmaxwell@ebparks.org or call (510) 690-6620.

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

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

FIRST AID FOR DOGS
MLK Shoreline
9am-1pm, 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.
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   
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   
Tilden  Fish First! 7am-1pm, 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, handling techniques, equipment selection, and more. 12+yrs. Registration is required. Fee: $50 (non-res. $56)

ARCHERY - INTRODUCTION   
Roberts  Redwood Bowmen 10am-noon, Sat, Jun 15 #25100; 1:30-3:30pm, May 18 #25094; Jun 15 #25095
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 wwwebparks.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+   
Lake Chabot  Recreation Staff 11am-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 1-3:30pm, 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 (kayak) 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   
Tidewater Boating Center  Recreation Staff 6pm-9pm, Fri, May 31 #25208; Fri, Jun 28 #25211
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   
Dolphin Charters/ Delphinus   
Brooks Island  Interpretive Staff
9am-3pm, Fri, May 3 #25014
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 1-888-327-2757 (1-888-EBPARKS), option 2

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 11am-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 1-2pm, 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   
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 HIキング

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   
Tilden Botanic Garden  Jayah Faye Paley
8:30am-10:30am, Fri, Jun 7 #24984
Fee: $26 (non-res. $30)

HIKING POLES: SKILLS & TECHNIQUES PLUS HIKE   
Redwood Regional  Jayah Faye Paley
8:30am-10:30am, Fri, 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)
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 11am-1pm, 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.

TRAILS CHALLENGE FREE
Take the Trails Challenge and join thousands of hikers and bikers. Complete at least 5 of the 20 trails featured in the guidebook by December 1st! The trails are for all fitness levels. Free printed guidebooks and T-shirts are available at participating Visitor Centers (while supplies last). Go “green” by downloading the guidebook at www.ebparks.org/TC. The trails are also available on the AllTrails app. A commemorative pin will be sent (while supplies last) once you complete the Challenge and submit your Trail Log.

Kaiser Permanente is a major sponsor of this program.

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; 11am & 2pm, Sun Meet at the Botanic Garden Visitor Center. Rain cancels.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY TOUR
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 Center. Rain cancels.

CLASSES: FRIENDS OF REGIONAL PARKS BOTANIC GARDEN
May 11: 10am-4pm, Sat - Landscape Alchemy Spring Color with California Dye Plants.
Jun 8: 11am-3:30pm, Sat - Make & Take Your Own Watercolors with Natural Pigments.
Jun 15: 10am-1pm, Sat - Gardening for Butterflies.
Jun 16: 10am-2pm, Sun - Landscape Drawing & Observation

CHOCOLATE: A STORY OF POWER, CULTURE, AND WONDER
Ardenwood Nicholas Fowlks 11am-noon, Sun, May 19, Jun 30 Join us for an irresistible taste of chocolate’s tale, all while sampling this notorious treat.

TRACTOR TALK
Ardenwood Marianne Beacham & Aris Curtis 1-2pm, 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 11am-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 BEES’ KNEES!
Ardenwood Mindy Castle 1-2pm, 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.

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

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

MettiN G FaRMer: WHaT’S THe BUZZ ABouT BeEES?
Ardenwood Pia Loft Noon-1pm, 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 your hand at classic American pastimes including tug-of-war and the potato-spoon race.

OLED FaSHIONED BUTTER MAKER’
Ardenwood Christina Garcia 11am-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 1-2:30pm, 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 (spcr.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 11am-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 1, 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.

ARCHNID ADVENTURES
Big Break Interpretive Staff 2-3pm, Sat, May 11
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 11am-1pm, Sun, May 12
Help restore a small piece of the historic dunes as we remove invasive weeds and re-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
Explore their similarities, differences, and adaptations of these birds. Join in for one of our special community science research project.

HAPPY HAWK
Big Break Michael Moran 9-11am, Thu, May 30 #25434 Big Break Regional Trail
Celebrate the longest day of the year with an evening exploration of the Delta.

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
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 wetland ecosystem!
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Regional in Nature Activity Calendar

Lafayette/Moraga Trail: Hikes for Tykes
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Ardenwood: Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding
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Alameda: Love Your Mother (Earth)
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Black Diamond: Butterfly Spring

Crab Cove: Family Nature Fun, Fish Feeding

Del Valle: Nature Hike, Beach Break

Garin: Canine Capers Walk

Redwood: Llamas - Mystics of Andes

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

Crab Cove: Discovery Days

Del Valle: 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

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

Crab Cove: Native Plant and Butterfly Gardening, Family Nature Fun, Fish Feeding

Crab Cove: Dust Marsh Bird Hike, Discovery Days, Engaging Ectotherms

Crab Cove: Mother’s Day Mamas, Family Nature Fun, Fish Feeding

Sunol: Marvelous Mos!, Nature Crafts, Animal Feeding, Wild Wonders

Tilden Nature Area: Fly-Fishing Intro., Nature Around Us, Talk With Animals, Fun with Felt

Big Break: Big Break Littles

Sunol: Outdoor Discoveries

Crab Cove: Sea Squirts

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Mother’s Day On Farm, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding

Big Break: Testing The Water, Delta Discoveries, Engaging Ectotherms

Crab Cove: World Turtle Day Shell-Ebration!

Ardenwood: Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding

Crab Cove: Bird Walk, Discovery Days, Native Knowledge Nature Walk

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: Moonshots - Mystics of Andes

Redwood: Llamas - Mystics of Andes

Round Valley: Around Round Valley

Sunol: Nature Crafts, Animal Feeding, Wild Wonders

Tilden Nature Area: Farm Chores, Science Stories and Seeking Stategies

Anthony Chabot: Sunday Stroll
Black Diamond: Mine Tours, Moonless Night Hike
*Coys*ote 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

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

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

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**Del Valle:** Days of the Pioneers
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**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:** Phlow'er 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!

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**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 Buggly!
**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

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

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

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**Ard*enwood:** Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding

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**Del Valle:** Days of the Pioneers

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**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
**Black Diamond:** Mine Tours, Evening in the Wild Wild West End
**Coyote Hills:** Discovery Days, Archeology Adventures

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**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

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

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

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

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

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**Ardenwood:** Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding
**Crab Cove:** Third Thursdays in the Garden

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**Ard*enwood:** Train Rides, Patterson House Tours, Animal Feeding
**Big Break:** Summer Solstice Sunset Walk
**Del Valle:** Days of the Pioneers

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**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

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**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!

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**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, Snaky Summer Season

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**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

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

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**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

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

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**Ardenwood:** Ardenwood: Toddler Time
**Bay Farm Island:** Wednesday Walks
**Del Valle:** Days of the Pioneers
**Round Valley:** Thursday Birding

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LEVEE TOP STROLL
Big Break Interpretive Staff
2-3pm, Sun, June 29
Let’s wander along the willows, water and wildlife on this flat, 1-mile stroll.

BLACK DIAMOND
Sidney Flat Visitor Center is open 10am-4:30pm, weekends. Greathouse Visitor Center is open 10am-4:30pm, weekdays Mar-Nov. Info: (510) 544-2750 or bvisit@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
Black Diamond Interpretive Staff
Various times, weekends, Mar-Nov
Explore the extended tour route on a 1-hour, guided, small-group tour. Must be 7+yrs. Registration is required. Fee: $5.

Hazel-Atlas Silica-Sand Mine Tour is free for groups of 10-15, as well as 7am and 2pm. First-come, first-served tours offered at noon and 3pm. Additional first-come, 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
Black Diamond Interpretive Staff
11am-1pm, Sat, May 12
On Mother’s Day, one-hour tours of Hazel-Atlas mine will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis at 11am, noon, 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm. Tickets available at Greathouse Visitor Center. 7+yrs. Parent participation is required. Fee: $5.

MEMORIAL DAY MINE TOURS
Black Diamond Interpretive Staff
11am-4pm, Mon, May 27
On Memorial Day, one-hour tours of Hazel-Atlas mine will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis at 11am, noon, 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm. Tickets available at Greathouse Visitor Center. 7+yrs. Parent participation is required. Fee: $5.

BOY SCOUTS’ GOLD MINE TOUR
Black Diamond Interpretive Staff
9am-1pm, Sat, May 5
Discover the secrets of the old gold mines. Must be 7+yrs. Registration is required. Fee: $5.

OH-KÁLÁ HISTORIC SITE TOUR
Black Diamond Interpretive Staff
9am-1pm, Sat, May 5
Explore the historic site of Oh-Ká-lá, a Chochenyo Ohlone village. Must be 7+yrs. Registration is required. Fee: $5.

BUTTERFLY SPRING
Various Parks
Kevin Dixon
May 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 11: Diablo Foot hills, Orchard Staging Area. May 18: Carquinez Strait, Nejedly Staging Area. 8+yrs. Info: (510) 544-2750.

OAK TALES
Black Diamond Ricardo Black
9am-1pm, 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
Black Diamond Eddie Willis
7:30-10pm, Sun, Jun 2 #25046
Explore a realm that awakens after sunset. 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
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
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?
Black Diamond Eddie Willis
11am-noon, Sun, Jun 16
Reconstruct the last meal of an owl. While picking through bony pellets, you’ll learn whatoo they eat and how they help us.

SUMMER’S WILDFLOWERS
Black Diamond Kevin Dixon
9am-1pm, 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.

SNACKY SUMMER SEASON
Black Diamond Eddie Willis
11am-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 friends.

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 cvisit@ebparks.org.

DISCOVERY DAYS
Interpretive Staff
11am-3:30pm, every Sat & Sun
Enhance your park adventure with hands-on exploration or crafts to create 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
Coyote Hills Francis Mendoza
10:30-11:30am, 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
Coyote Hills Francis Mendoza
1-3pm, Sat, May 18 Course #24987
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
Coyote Hills Francis Mendoza
10-11:30am, Sun, May 5 & 19
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 ECOTHERMS
Coyote Hills Francis Mendoza
1-2pm, Sun, May 12
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
Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison
1-3pm, 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
Coyote Hills Francis Mendoza & 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
Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison
1-2:30pm, Sat, Jun 1
Oohlone 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.

PHLOWER PHOTOGRAPHY
Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison & Don Jedlovoc
9:30-11am, Sat, Jun 8 Course #24967
Photographer Don Jedlovoc 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
Coyote Hills Dino Labiste
10am-noon & 1-3pm, Sun, Jun 9
Are you a dirt digger, history seeker, and artifact lover? 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**

Coyote Hills  
Kristina Parkison

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

Discover the fascinating science of archaeology and join us for a “dig!” We’ll cover the basic principles of archaeology through hands on activities and we’ll finish up with a walk to – and tour of – our 2,000 year-old Ohlone village site.

10+yrs. Registration is required.

**WONDERS OF WETLANDS**

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.

**ANIMAL TRACKING**

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). Registration is required.

**NECTAR GARDEN FUN DAY**

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.

**ART IN THE PARK**

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.

**EARLY-EARLY GRUNION SEARCH**

Crab Cove  
Susan Ramos

1am-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.

**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 cove@ebparks.org.

**FAMILY NATURE FUN**

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**

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**

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.

**20TH ANNUAL BUTTERFLY & BIRD FESTIVAL**

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!

**PARKING FEES**

Federal law requires the pay-as-you-park system to be in effect in every park.

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Register at www.ebparksonline.org
**DEL VALLE CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS**

**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.

**FARM CHORES FOR LITTLES**
Sunol Interpretive Staff
10am-noon, 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.

**BEAT THE HEAT, CATCH THE VIEW**
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**
Sunol Interpretive Staff
10am-noon, every Sat & Sun, May 4 to Jun 30
Discover the natural world through your artistic side. We will explore the wild side of Sunol with a different craft each week.

**WILD WONDERS**
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**
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-so-furry friends!

**MARVELOUS MOMS**
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 find out about nature’s marvelous moms!

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

**FRIENDS OF SUNOL TO MISSON PEAK**
Sunol Ashley Adams
8am-4pm, Sun, May 19 #24953
Hike the beast from the East! Have you 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**
Sunol Ashley Grenier
0:30am-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**
Sunol Ashley Adams
10am-1pm, 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**
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.

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**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.

**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**
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 10-11am, Sun, May 12, 19, 26
Stop by the farm and make a felted creature. Your clothes could get dirty.

**TULE FLOAT – MAKE A MINI BOAT**
Tilden Nature Area Trail Gail 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.
**SCIENCE STORIES AND SEEKING STRATEGIES**
Tilden Nature Area
1-2pm, Sat, Jun 1
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.

**DRAGONS AND DAMSELS**
Tilden Nature Area
Anthony Fisher
11:30am-12:30pm, Sun, Jun 17
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!

**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. Together 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.

**OVER-THE-HILLS GANG**
Various Parks
10am-12pm, Mon, 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.

**MAD SCIENTISTS**
Round Valley
Interpretive Staff
9am-12pm, Sun, Jun 23
Join us to celebrate the Birthday of E.O. Wilson, a scientist who wrote about the majesty. Make a photo too!

**OTHER PARKS**

**Hikes for Tykes**
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.

**BIRD WALK**
8-10am, Sat, May 4 & Jun 1
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 1 - Coyote Hills. Led by Kristina Parkison. 8+yrs. Info: (510) 544-3220.

**VASCO CAVERNS TOUR**
Round Valley
Interpretive Staff
2pm, Sat, May 4 & 25122; Sun, May 5 & 25136
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 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.

**BLOW BUBBLES, GO FOR A NATURE WALK AND DISCOVER THE NATURAL WONDERS OF THE NATURAL WORLDS WITHIN**
Tilden Nature Area
Anthony Fisher
2-3:30pm, 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.)

**MAKE STRING FROM PLANTS**
Tilden Nature Area
Jenna S. Collins
3:30-4pm, Sun, Jun 6 & 22
Come find out how we can turn sheep’s wool into cloth! Practice your hand at wet spinning and discuss management techniques to promote diversity while limiting plant pathogens. Info: (510) 544-3187.

**WEES AND WOLVES**
Various Parks
10am-12pm, Sat, Jun 8 & 22
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.

**SALAMANDERS AT TIBURON PRESERVE**
Tilden Nature Area
Contaxis-Tucker
11:30am-12:30pm, Sun, Jun 16
Discover the critters that live in ponds and fields around us. Honor the birthday of E.O. Wilson, a scientist who wrote about the majesty. Make a photo too!

**FOR THE LOVE OF THINGS THAT FLY**
Tilden Nature Area
Jenna S. Collins
1-2pm, Sat, Jun 1
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.

**REGULATING THE WEEDS**
Various Parks
10am-12pm, Sat, Jun 22
Come find out how we can turn sheep’s wool into cloth! Practice your hand at wet spinning and discuss management techniques to promote diversity while limiting plant pathogens. Info: (510) 544-3187.

**HIGH-ALTITUDE SPRING**
Morgan Territory
Eddie Willis
9am-2pm, Sat, May 4 & 25
Explore this beautiful area, including a segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. 8+yrs. Led by Trail Gail. Info: (510) 544-2233.

**MORGAN TERRITORY:**
Various Parks
10am-12pm, Sat, May 4 & 25
Explore this beautiful area, including a segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. 8+yrs. Led by Trail Gail. Info: (510) 544-2233.

**WEES AND WOLVES:**
Various Parks
10am-12pm, Sat, Jun 8 & 22
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.

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Contaxis-Tucker
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**REGULATING THE WEEDS:**
Various Parks
10am-12pm, Sat, Jun 22
Come find out how we can turn sheep’s wool into cloth! Practice your hand at wet spinning and discuss management techniques to promote diversity while limiting plant pathogens. Info: (510) 544-3187.

**HIGH-ALTITUDE SPRING:**
Morgan Territory
Eddie Willis
9am-2pm, Sat, May 4 & 25
Explore this beautiful area, including a segment of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. 8+yrs. Led by Trail Gail. Info: (510) 544-2233.

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**WEES AND WOLVES:**
Various Parks
10am-12pm, Sat, Jun 8 & 22
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.

**SALAMANDERS AT TIBURON PRESERVE:**
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HOW DOES OUR GARDEN GROW?  
Shadow Cliffs  Ashley Grenier  
10-11:30am, Tue, Jun 1  #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.

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LAKESIDE LITTLES  
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-1pm, 1st Sat of the month.  
9:30am-1:30pm, 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.

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FATHER’S DAY ADVENTURE:  
Garin  Dino Labiste  
10am-noon, Sun, Jun 16  

FIREFLY ADVENTURE:  
Garin  Dino Labiste  
10am-noon, Sun, Jun 16  

INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL/ HABITAT RESTORATION  
Huckleberry, Sibley  Staff  
9:30am - 3rd Sun of the month: Huckleberry  
9:30am- 2nd Sat of the month: Sibley

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 butterfly 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 lovers volunteered their time and care to various park projects during Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.
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 1-888-EBPARKS (1-888-327-2757), option 2, or by calling the number listed.

ONLINE registration is available if the program title displays this symbol. 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 5:00pm Mondays through Fridays. We are located at 2950 Peralta Oaks Court in Oakland, next to the Dunsmuir House and south of the Oakland Zoo off I-580. See map below.

BY PHONE: Phone registration requires a VISA or Mastercard. The Reservations Office is open between 8:30am and 5pm Mondays through Fridays (closed weekends and holidays). Call 1-888-EBPARKS (327-2757) and select option 2. TRS Relay for the Hearing Impaired: 7-1-1.

BY MAIL: Call the Reservations Office at 1-888-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 pre-printed 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.

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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
11 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 provided. Registration required. (See pg. 5)

To Register: www.ebparks.org/activities

FREE PARK FRIDAYS
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.

Regional Parks Foundation 50th Anniversary Gala

Join 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.

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