

# Big Break

MAY & JUNE 2019

## NATURALIST PROGRAMS

Programs meet at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.

Big Break Visitor Center is open Wednesday - Sunday from 10am-4pm, (510) 544-3050.

### DELTA DISCOVERIES

**11am-2pm, Every Sat & Sun**

Discover the wonders of the Delta through hands-on arts and crafts activities! Each week we will explore different wetland wonders.

### TESTING THE WATER

**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

**8:30-9am, Wed, May 1**

**8:30-9am, Wed, 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.

### BIG BREAK LITTLES

**10-11am**

**Mon, May 13 & Tue, May 14**

**Mon, June 10 & Tue, June 11**

Bring the little ones out to the park to explore nature. Same program both days per month - come to one OR the other! Dress to get dirty!

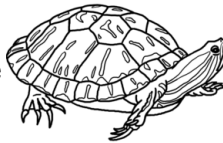
*Theme for May: Owls – Whooo goes there?*

*Theme for June: Getting Buggy!*

### TURTLEY AWESOME EGGS

**2-3pm, Sat, May 4**

Turtles love Big Break. Join us on a nature hike to traverse the world of our favorite shelled reptiles.



### PICKIN' UP YOUR PICNIC

**2-3pm, Sun, May 19**

In celebration of Earth Day, come to the park to learn ways to make your next picnic outing more eco-friendly!

### ARACHNID ADVENTURES

**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.

### HAPPY HAWK

**2-3pm, Sun, May 26**

Frolicsome feathered friends are famously found in our park! Join us on a hike and discover how hawks hunt in their habitat.

### MOTHER'S DAY FILM FEST!

**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.

### DASHING DRAGONFLIES

**2-3pm, Sat, June 1**

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

### DUNES DAY RESTORATION!

**9-11am, Sun, May 12**

**9-11am, Sun, June 23**

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.

### STORIES OF THE NIGHT SKY

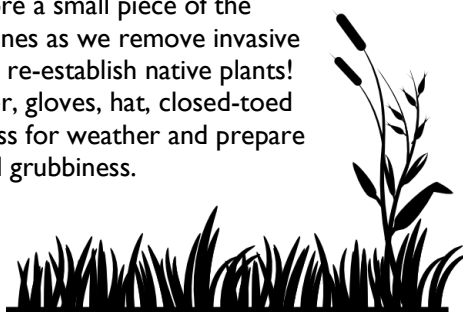
**8:30-10pm, Sun, June 2**

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

### BLISSFUL BUTTERFLIES

**2-3pm, Sat, June 8**

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



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## SECOND SUNDAYS CAMPFIRE – GOING BUGGY!

**6:30-8pm, Sun, June 9**

Gather the family for an evening in the park! Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy before the festivities begin!

We'll explore the buggy wonders of Big Break through insect activities and a family campfire (and S'mores, of course!)

## NATURE PLAY

**10-11am, Sat, June 15**

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

## MAMMALS OF THE MARSH

**2-3pm, Sat, June 15**

Discover some of the Delta's furry cuties: river otters, beavers, minks and more. Explore their similarities, differences, and adaptations to the unique habitat they call home.



## SUMMER SOLSTICE SUNSET WALK

**7:30-9pm, Fri, June 21**

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

## HELPFUL HEAT

**2-3pm, Sun, June 23**

Join us in learning just how helpful the warm weather of summer can be for a wetland ecosystem!

## LEVEE TOP STROLL

**2-3pm, Sun, June 29**

Let's wander along the willows, water and wildlife on this flat 1-mile stroll.

## REGISTRATION REQUIRED PROGRAMS

### THURSDAY BIRDING: RAPTOR BASELINE

**9-11:30am, Thu, May 30 #25434**

**Big Break Regional Trail**

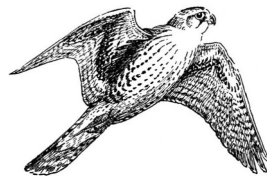
**9-11:30am, Thu, Jun 27 #25435**

**Round Valley Regional Preserve**

The morning (eastern) side of Mount Diablo hosts a magnificent array of birds of prey: hawks, falcons, eagles. Help us document their variety and numbers in this fun, social citizen science research project. No experience necessary- we'll teach you how to identify these birds.

Join in for one or all.

Registration Required.



### MOTHER'S DAY PADDLE!

**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 steady and stable tandem kayaks.

\$30 res/ \$34/Non-res

Registration Required.



### KAYAKING BIG BREAK —LONGER PADDLE

**9-12:30pm, Sun, Jun 30 #25113**

Come ply the welcoming and wondrous waters of the Delta on this beginner (& up) kayak excursion. We'll start off with dry land instruction then paddle our steady and stable craft on a group exploration of this lovely, rich shoreline.

\$40 res/ \$44/Non-res

Registration Required.

To register for a program please  
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