

Big Break

July & August 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.

All programs are DROP IN, unless listed in the REGISTRATION REQUIRED box

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, Jul 10

8:30-9am, Wed, Aug 7

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, Aug 12 & Tue, Aug 13

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

NATURE PUPPET SHOW

2-3pm, Sun, July 7

2-3pm, Sat, Aug 24

Bring the family in for Delta stories told with puppets! We'll pick a new story each time!

TINY BIRD, BIG PERSONALITY- GUESS WHO?

9:30-10:30am, Wed, Jul 17

Discover how these tiny birds may look fragile but their big personality makes them fierce! Join us as we dispel myths and uncover the truth about hummingbirds.

DUNES DAY RESTORATION!

8:30-10:30am, Sun, Jul 21

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.



BUSTLIN' BEETLES

2-3pm, Sat, July 13

Join us on a nature walk to discover some benefits these creatures provide.

5TH ANNUAL BIG BREAK LOCAL

ARTIST EXHIBIT

10am-4pm, Sat, Jul 13

10am-4pm, Sun, Jul 14

10am-4pm, Sat, Jul 20

10am-4pm, Sun, Jul 21

Come enjoy original work by local artists! These paintings reflect the variety, beauty and spectacle of our local landscapes.

CRAWLING CRUSTACEANS

2-3pm, Sun, Jul 21

Come in to discover the wonders of crawdads and the crucial role they play in our vibrant Delta.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT AND CAMPFIRE

7-9pm, Sat, Jul 27

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).

SECOND SUNDAYS CAMPFIRE

6:30-8pm, Sun, Jul 14

6:30-8pm, Sun, Aug 11

Join us for a family evening exploring the wonders of Big Break through activities and a campfire complete with s'mores! Bring a picnic to enjoy beforehand!



INSECT DETECTIVES

2-3pm, Sun, Jul 28

What scuttles through our wetlands? Use your discovery skills to find out who they are, where they go and what they do.



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LIQUID, SOLID, GAS- WATER MAKES A SPLASH!

12:30-2pm, Sat, Aug 3

Where does the water come from? Where will it go? Come discover through hands-on water activities.

A SQUADRON OF
PLANES OR PELICANS?

2-3pm, Sun, Aug 4

Discover how American white pelicans use their adaptations to thrive in the Delta!



FROLICKING FROGS

2-3pm, Sat, Aug 10

Discover how these amphibians hop around the park in search of food and family.

MOONLIGHT & METEORS

8:30-10pm, Sat, Aug 10

Enjoy an evening in the park! Let's take a lovely stroll and early look at the Perseid "shooting stars" shower.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

10am-4pm, Fri, Aug 16

10am-4pm, Sat, Aug 17

10am-4pm, Sun, Aug 18

Have you taken a nature photo in one of the East Bay Regional Parks that you would like to share with others? Enter our photography exhibition! Email bigbreakvisit@ebparks.org for info. Entries due August 4. Reception/photo hike August 16. Photography display Fri, Aug 16 to Sun, Aug 18.

RABBITS RARELY SEEN

2-3pm, Sun, Aug 18

Delve into the world of our fluffy, floppy eared friends that frolic through the **park!**

CHALK THE WALKS

6-8pm, Tue, Aug 20

Transform the park patio into art. Join the 8th annual international Chalk the Walks event of spreading joy, optimism and inspiration through the magical power of sidewalk chalk. Chalk provided.

'MUD'OLOGY

10-11:30am, Sat, Aug 31

Delta dirt is considered some of the finest around. Let's get our hands muddy as we become scientists and compare different soils from the region.

REGISTRATION

REQUIRED PROGRAMS

THURSDAY BIRDING:
RAPTOR BASELINE

9-11:30am, Thu, Jul 25 #26113
Marsh Creek: Cypress Staging Area

9-11:30am, Thu, Aug 29 #26114
Morgan Territory

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.



To register for a program please
call 888-327-2757 option 2
or visit www.ebparks.org