

# Big Break

September & October 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, Sep 4 & Oct 2**

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.

### REDUCE, RESUSE, RECYCLE

**2-3pm, Sun, Sep 15**

Love your planet by recycling! Come find fun ways to reuse common household items, as well as some hints for recycling and reducing waste.

### ANIMALS ON THE JOB

**2-3pm, Sun, Sep 1**

In honor of Labor Day, let's find out how some Delta critters work in a wetland.

### BIG BREAK LITTLES

**10-11am**

**Mon, Sep 16 & Tue, Sept 17**

**Mon, Oct 7 & Tue, Oct 8**

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!

### OWL PELLET DISSECTION

**2-3pm, Sat, Sep 7**



Join us as we explore the wild world of owls and their digestive contents. Pluck apart owl pellets to discover more about these predators' diets.

### BACKYARD RARITIES

**2-3pm, Sat, Sep 21**

Discover some of our local endangered species and learn how we can help them.

### BEAVERS IN THE SLOUGH

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

Flat tail, orange teeth and stinkier than a skunk! Let's explore the life and times of North America's largest rodent.

### SECOND SUNDAY CAMPFIRE

**6:30-8pm, Sun, Sep 8**

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!



### CRITTER CLUES

**2-3pm, Sat, Oct 5**

Come discover which animals roam our wetlands! Examine chewed branches, listen to bird calls, and keep a look out for tracks as you become a Big Break critter detective.

### FRESHWATER FISH FUN

**2-3pm, Sun, Oct 13**

Fins, gills, tails and scales: come reel in some amazing facts about Delta fish!

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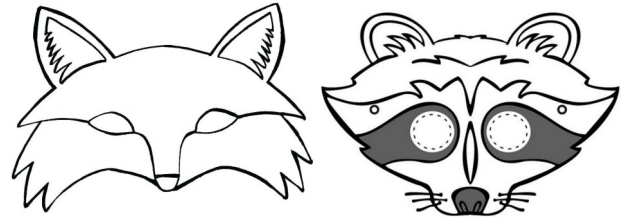
## FALL FOLIAGE 2-3pm, Sun Oct 20

Take in the Delta's delightful autumn colors and learn about the trees in our park.

## DELTA MAMMAL MASKS

2-3pm, Sat, Oct 26

Halloween is around the corner! Come make your favorite wetland mammal mask, then join our parade to show off your costume!



## REGISTRATION

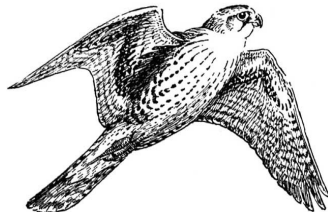
### REQUIRED PROGRAMS

THURSDAY BIRDING:  
RAPTOR BASELINE  
9-11:30am, Thu, Sep 26 #26800  
Big Break Regional Shoreline

9-11:30am, Thu, Oct 31 #26801  
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.



To register for a program please  
call 888-327-2757 option 2  
or visit [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org)



KAYAKING—BIG BREAK  
LONGER PADDLE  
9-12:30pm, Sat, Sep 21 #26582  
Big Break Kayak Launch Site

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. Minimum 8 years old (with parent or guardian). Registration Required. \$40Res/ \$44Non-Res

SUNSET AND FULL MOON PADDLE  
5-7:30pm, Sun, Oct 13 #26581  
Big Break Kayak Launch Site

Paddle as the light of the setting sun and the rising moon sparkles on the waves. After dry-land instruction, we will wend our way in our steady and stable tandem kayaks. Minimum 8 years old (with parent or guardian). Registration Required. \$30Res/ \$34Non-Res