

ARDENWOOD HISTORIC FARM



NATURALIST PROGRAM APRIL 2025

SPECIAL EVENT

SHEEP SHEARING DAY

11am-3pm, Saturday, April 12



Spring has sprung and it is time for our sheep's annual "haircut." Watch as the farm's sheep get sheared; then, try your hand at wool carding and see the transformation from fiber to yarn at the spinning wheel. You can even make your own woolly lamb to take home.

Fee: \$7/adults. \$6/seniors (62+), \$5/children (4-17 yrs.), 3 yrs. & under free. Free Parking.

ANIMAL FEEDING

3pm, Thursday through Sunday

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 Granary.

TODDLER TIME

10:30-11:45am, Wednesday, April 2, 16

Bring the tots out for an exciting morning at the farm. Hear a story, do some chores, and meet some farm friends. Little ones will enjoy a variety of activities at their own pace. We'll meet rain or shine!

Park Hours:

Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-4pm
Closed on Thanksgiving
and Christmas Day
Open Memorial Day, July 4th,
and Labor Day

Entry Fees:

Tuesday-Wednesday, Saturday
\$4/adults (18+ years)
\$3/seniors (62+ years)
\$2/children (4-17 years)
Under 4 years-free

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Accessibility:

The majority of facilities in Ardenwood are wheelchair accessible, including restroom facilities.

Contact Us:

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Program Key:



Wheelchair accessible



Online Registration
ebparksonline.com

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ONGOING PROGRAMS

HISTORIC DAYS

10am-4pm, Thursday, Friday & Sunday

Ride a narrow-gauge train, visit a working blacksmith shop, tour the beautifully restored Patterson House Museum, and on Sundays join park staff in historic costume for period-appropriate programs and activities throughout the day as well. Every historic day ends with an animal feeding at 3pm.

INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

MEET THE CHICKENS

10:30-11am, Saturday, April 5; Sunday, April 20

Check out our coop full of chickens! Discover why they like to roam around the farmyard and scratch and peck at the ground while you feed them a little snack.

PRESSING PLANTS

11:30am-12:30pm, Saturday, April 5

Flowers are fun for the whole family. Learn how to press and preserve plants of all types and take home your finished flower to enjoy.

ACORN PROCESSING

1:30-2:15pm, Saturday, April 5

Since time immemorial Indigenous Californians have used acorns as a source of food. Learn about reciprocity with oak trees and humans and get hands on experience of processing acorns for eating.

RABBIT RENDEZVOUS

2-2:30pm, Saturday, April 5; Sunday, April 20

Hop on over for a warm welcome from some of the farm's furriest residents. Learn why rabbits are great hoppers and how they use their long ears to sense danger.



WAKE UP THE FARM

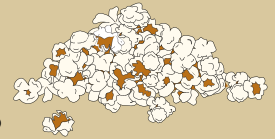
10:30-11am, Sunday, Apr 6, 27; Saturday, Apr 19

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.

POPPIN' POPCORN

11:30am-12:30pm, Sunday, April 6

Who knew popcorn was its own kind of corn? Come to the kitchen to see how we prepare our own farm-grown popcorn and try a taste yourself.



FARMYARD GAMES

1:30-2:30pm, Sunday, April 6

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 stilts, sack races, and the potato-spoon race.

FARMYARD STORY TIME

10:30-11am, Sunday, April 13; Saturday, April 26

Perhaps you'll meet Woolbur, the Billy Goats Gruff or other farm friends! Join the story circle for some barnyard tales before visiting the main characters.

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!

11am-noon, Sunday, April 13;

1:30-2:30pm, Saturday, April 19

Put together some ice, salt, cream, sugar, then add a little muscle power and learn how delicious old-fashioned ice cream is made. Learn the tasty history of this popular treat.

WOOLY LAMBS

1-2pm, Sunday, April 13

Take home an Ardenwood tradition! Use some wool from our sheep here at the farm and make your own wooly lamb to take with you.

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LEARN THE ROPES

2-2:30pm, Sunday, April 13, 27

Learn how a few twists and turns on our antique machine makes rope making a cinch.

SPRING GARDENING

11:30am-12:30pm, Saturday, April 19, 26

Warmer weather and longer days means spring is right around the corner! Hop on down to the garden as we ready the beds for planting.

POLLINATOR POWER!

11:30am-noon, Sunday, April 20

Explore the mighty power of creatures who help our plants to grow and bring us food. Learn how you can help support these tiny heroes.

EARTHY EGGS

1-2pm, Sunday, April 20

Dye Easter eggs the natural way! Learn which plants and spices hold secrets to beautiful, natural hues and take home an egg colored by Mother Nature.

BUILD A BEEHOUSE

1:30-2:30pm, Saturday, April 26

Honeybees aren't the only bees that need a place to call home! Learn about why California's solitary bees are important to you and build a beehouse to place in your own backyard.

SWEET AS HONEY

11am-noon, Sunday, April 27

For thousands of years, people have been enjoying bees' sweet treat. Stop by the Country Kitchen to taste some honey and sample a treat hot from the stove.

FUN WITH FELTING

1-2pm, Sunday, April 27

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MOTHERS' DAY ON THE FARM

10am-3pm, Sunday, May 11

Celebrate the special people in your life at the farm. Create a flower crown, design a special Victorian-style card, and play a game of croquet or bocce ball.

RAIL FAIR

SPCRR & Interpretive Staff

10am-4pm, Saturday, Sunday, & Monday, May 24, 25, 26

Get your train fix at Rail Fair! Train enthusiasts of all ages will enjoy train rides, a variety of model and live steam trains, historic railroad equipment displays, live music, and more. Rail Fair is a fundraiser for the nonprofit Railroad Museum at Ardenwood, operated by the Society for the Preservation of Carter Railroad Resources.

Tickets: \$16/adults, \$14/seniors, \$13/children ages 4-17, ages 3 and under free.

Advance tickets go live on April 24th.

For general information, call 510-544-2797 or email info@spcrr.org. For Rail Fair information go to SPCRR's Facebook page www.facebook.com/spcrrMuseum or website www.spcrr.org.



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APRIL 2025 - WEEKENDS

APRIL 5, SATURDAY

10:30-11am - Meet the Chickens
11:30am-12:30pm - Pressing Plants
1:30-2:15pm - Acorn Processing
2-2:30pm - Rabbit Rendezvous
3pm - Animal Feeding

APRIL 6, SUNDAY

10:30-11am - Wake Up the Farm
11:30am-12:30pm - Poppin' Popcorn
1:30-2:30pm - Farmyard Games
3pm - Animal Feeding

APRIL 12, SATURDAY

SHEEP SHEARING DAY



APRIL 13, SUNDAY

10:30-11am - Farmyard Story Time
11am-Noon - We All Scream for Ice Cream
1-2pm - Woolly Lambs
2-2:30pm - Learn the Ropes
3pm - Animal Feeding

APRIL 19, SATURDAY

10:30-11am - Wake Up the Farm
11:30am-12:30pm - Spring Gardening
1:30-2:30pm - We All Scream for Ice Cream
3pm - Animal Feeding

APRIL 20, SUNDAY

10:30-11am - Meet the Chickens
11:30am-Noon - Pollinator Power
1-2pm - Earthy Eggs
2-2:30pm - Rabbit Rendezvous
3pm - Animal Feeding

APRIL 26, SATURDAY

10:30-11am - Farmyard Story Time
11:30am-12:30pm - Spring Gardening
1:30-2:30pm - Build a Beehouse
3pm - Animal Feeding

APRIL 27, SUNDAY

10:30-11am - Wake Up the Farm
11am-Noon - Sweet As Honey
1-2pm - Fun with Felting
2-2:30pm - Learn the Ropes
3pm - Animal Feeding