

# ARDENWOOD HISTORIC FARM

## NATURALIST PROGRAMS

### JANUARY 2024



All programs meet at the Farmyard unless otherwise noted.

## **2024 SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **Sheep Shearing Day**

Saturday  
April 13, 2024

### **Mother's Day**

Sunday  
May 12, 2024

### **Rail Fair**

Saturday-Monday  
May 25-27, 2024

### **Juneteenth**

Wednesday  
June 19, 2024

### **Old-Fashioned Independence Day**

Thursday  
July 4, 2024

### **Harvest Festival**

Saturday & Sunday  
October 12-13, 2024

### **Haunted Rail**

Friday-Sunday  
October 18-20 & 25-27, 2024

### **Christmas Splendor at the Patterson House**

Friday-Sunday  
December 2024

### **Park Hours:**

Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-4pm

Closed on Thanksgiving  
and Christmas Day

Open Memorial Day, July 4th,  
and Labor Day

### **Entry Fees:**

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

### **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  
[ebparks.org](http://ebparks.org)

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Healthy Parks Healthy  
People programs offer  
low impact exercise.



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#### ONGOING PROGRAM

##### **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.

#### INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

##### MONDAY, JANUARY 1

##### **FARM CHORES FOR KIDS** 🐾

10:30-11am

Running a farm is hard work. But it's fun too! Lend a hand cracking corn and feeding the animals. You'll check the chickens and help with other morning chores.

##### **WONDERFUL WOOL** 🐾

11:30am-12:30pm

Come check out our fluffy fleece and learn how we can transform sheep's special fur into wooly wonders.

##### **VICTORIAN TABLETOP GAMES** 🐾

1:30-2:30pm

Ready for some old-fashioned fun? Challenge your family and friends to a game of ball and cup, tops, or Jacob's Ladder as you delve into our box of games from days-gone-by.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

##### **MEET THE CHICKENS** 🐾

10:30-11am

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.

##### **WILD THINGS**

11:30am-12:30pm

Many wild animals live here at the farm but aren't often seen. Explore the farm to learn a bit about these elusive creatures and look for the clues that they leave behind.

##### **EAGLE WATCH**

1:30-2:30pm

Visit a couple of Bald Eagle nesting sites at the farm to check for signs of occupancy this season. Learn some fascinating facts about these majestic raptors as we look for recent activity.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

##### **WAKE UP THE FARM** 🐾

10:30-11am

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.

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#### CONT., SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

##### **CLOTHESPIN DOLLS** ♻️

11:30am-12:30pm

Create and dress up your own darling doll. We'll make them out of clothespins just the way they did more than 100 years ago.

##### **LEARN THE ROPES** ♻️

1:30-2pm

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

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

##### **BIRDS OF THE FARM**

8-9:30am

The farm provides valuable habitat for fall migratory birds. Let's explore the gardens, forests, and fields looking for these delightful visitors. No admission fee.

##### **FARM CHORES FOR KIDS** ♻️

10:30-11am

See description on page 2.



##### **SIMPLE MACHINES** ♻️

Noon-1pm

Machines make our work easier and more productive, both on the farm and in our everyday lives. Come learn about the six types of simple machines and try them out for yourself!

##### **MYSTERIOUS MONARCHS**

1:30-2:30pm

Ardenwood's eucalyptus grove is one of the historic overwintering sites used by monarch butterflies along the California coast. Meet at the Greenhouse to explore this special place and see if any of these mysterious insects are in residence this season.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

##### **WAKE UP THE FARM** ♻️

10:30-11am

See description on page 2.

##### **MAKE A SEED BALL** ♻️

11:30am-12:30pm

Learn how you can help pollinators by making a seed ball out of soil and clay to plant wildflowers at home.

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#### CONT., SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

##### **RABBIT RENDEZVOUS** ♻️

2-2:30pm

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.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

##### **MEET THE CHICKENS** ♻️

10:30-11am

See description on page 2.

##### **CANDLE DIPPING** ♻️

11:30am-12:30pm

Victorians used candles to light up their dark homes and celebrate festive occasions. Learn the traditional Victorian art of beeswax candle making and make your own candle to take home.

##### **EAGLE WATCH**

1:30-2:30pm

See description on page 2.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

##### **STORY TIME** ♻️

10:30-11am

Gather 'round to read stories about fun farm friends. Vote for which story you want to hear next. Audience participation encouraged.

##### **CLOTHESPIN DOLLS** ♻️

11:30am-12:30pm

See description on page 3.

##### **VICTORIAN TABLETOP GAMES** ♻️

1:30-2:30pm

See description on page 2.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

##### **FARM CHORES FOR KIDS** ♻️

10:30-11am

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##### **WILD THINGS**

11:30am-12:30pm

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#### CONT., SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

##### **A FUNGUS AMONG US**

1:30-2:30pm

From truffles and yeast to ringworm and toadstools, fungus is all around us. Explore the farm looking for examples of these life forms and learn more about their importance in our world.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

##### **FARM CHORES FOR KIDS** ♿

10:30-11am

See description on page 2.

##### **MAKE A SEED BALL** ♿

11:30am-12:30pm

See description on page 3.

##### **LEARN THE ROPES** ♿

1:30-2pm

See description on page 3.

##### **TODDLER TIME**

10:30-11:45am, Wednesday

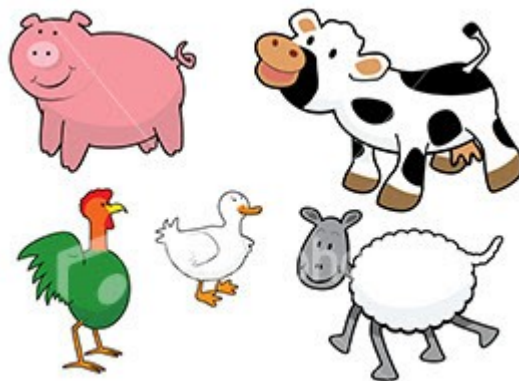
Bring the tots out for an exciting morning at the farm. Hear a story, do some chores, and meet some farm friends. Little ones will enjoy a variety of activities at their own pace. We'll meet rain or shine!

**March 6**

**March 20**

**April 3**

**April 17**



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