

ARDENWOOD HISTORIC FARM

NATURALIST PROGRAMS

JUNE 2022

East Bay 
Regional Park District
www.ebparks.org

All programs meet at the Farmyard unless otherwise noted.

HISTORIC HAY HARVEST

Interpretive Staff

1-2:30pm, Sunday, June 5, 12, 19

Join in the fun of an old-fashioned hay harvest! Help load the freshly mown hay and haul it back to build a big stack. We'll discover the difference between hay and straw as we bring in this year's crop.

RIDE THE RAILS - TRAIN RIDES

S.P.C.R.R. (Ardenwood's Railroad)


Thursday, Friday & Sunday

Various times

Railroads once connected many of the farms with towns in the East Bay. Today they still run around the farm. Journey past rows of crops and through eucalyptus groves as you travel back in time. Check the daily schedule and meet the train at Arden Station or Deer Park.


PATTERSON HOUSE TOURS

Thursday, Friday & Sunday

11:00-11:20am Tots Tour 

11:30am-12:30pm Full House Tour

1:00-2:00pm Parlors-only Mini Tours 

2:00-2:20pm Tots Tour 

2:30-3:30pm Full House Tour

Tour the beautifully restored Patterson House Museum. Discover the history of this 19 room Queen Anne Victorian farmhouse listed on the National Register of Historic Places which operates as a museum of local history and Victorian life. Tours are led by docents dressed in 19th century clothing. Info: (510) 791-4196

ANIMAL FEEDING

3:00pm, Every 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 in the farmyard at the Granary Porch.

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

Thursday, Friday & Sunday

\$6/adults (18+ years)

\$5/seniors (62+ years)

\$4/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
ebparksonline.com
HPHP Healthy Parks Healthy People programs offer low impact exercise.

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CORN MOSAICS ♻️

11am- noon, Saturday, June 4, 18, Sunday, June 12, 26

Learn how to turn our freshly-harvested flint corn into a fun craft for the whole family! Use the rainbow of colored kernels to make your own mosaic.

BLACK BIRDERS: BIRDS OF THE FARM

Christina Garcia

8-9:30am, Saturday, June 4

Join us in celebrating Black Birders Week 2022 by getting outside, spending time with community, and learning about the birds of Ardenwood. This program is part of a week-long series in collaboration between Park District Naturalists and Black Employee Collective members, with the goal of creative safe spaces for guided discussions about Black experience and the outdoors. Coffee and snacks, binoculars, and birding books are provided, and everyone is welcome. No admission fee.

STILT WALKERS

1:30-2:30pm, Saturday, June 11, 25

Want to be taller? Improve your balance? Give stilts a try. It's fun! Guess why farmers used these fun tools in the past...

FARM CHORES FOR KIDS ♻️

10:30-11am, Saturday, June 4, 18

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.

BEAUTIFUL TREES

Christina Garcia

1:30-2:30pm, Saturday, June 4

From bald cypress to yew, lovely specimen trees fill the estate of George and Clara Patterson. Stroll the grounds, see some special trees, and hear their stories.



JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Ardenwood is on Facebook and Instagram—find us there for program updates, educational information, photos of cute animals, and more!

ROPE MAKING & HAY HOISTING

10:30-11:30am, Saturday, June 11, 25, Sunday, June 5

Make rope with our antique machine, and then see how lots of rope plus a few pulleys make hoisting hay bales into the barn loft a cinch.

VICTORIAN FUN & GAMES

1-2pm, Saturday, June 18, Sunday, June 26

Try out some stilts, play the game of graces, and delve into other delightful past times from days gone by.

HOMES FOR BEES

Christina Garcia

12:30-1:30pm, Saturday, June 11, 25

You don't need to be a beekeeper to provide a home for these precious pollinators. Explore the many types of bees that live in our area and learn some ways we can help them survive.

JUNETEENTH BASEBALL

10:30-11:30am, Sunday, June 19

Did you know that playing baseball is one of the traditions of Juneteenth, our national holiday celebrating the end of slavery? Hit off a tee, run the bases, and discover more about the history of America's second Independence Day.

BIRDS OF THE FARM

Christina Garcia

8-9:30am, Saturday, June 4, 25

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

TRAIN TALK ♻️

S.P.C.R.R. (Ardenwood's Railroad)

11:30am-noon & 1:00-1:30pm, Saturday, June 4

In the 1880s, how did train crew members communicate without two-way radios? The same way train crew members here at Ardenwood do it today! Meet us at the end of the track near Ardenwood Train Station to learn how.