BIG BREAK

JULY & AUGUST 2024
Interpretive Programs

All programs meet at the Visitor Center, are drop-in, and FREE of charge unless noted otherwise. Adult participation is required. For more information call (510) 544-3050 or email bigbreakvisit@ebparks.org

VISITOR CENTER
Open Wednesday– Sunday
10am-4pm

Part of the great 1150-square-mile Sacramento–San Joaquin River Delta, the Visitor Center connects communities to this complex system’s ecological, historical, and social significance.

The Visitor Center is wheelchair accessible.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS
Scan the QR code to view program opportunities at all East Bay Parks.

PROGRAM KEY

Wheelchair Accessible
Registration Required
Fee Based Program

SCHOOL PROGRAMS
For Big Break school programs, visit us online at ebparks.org, scan the QR Code below, or email hdavid@ebparks.org

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BIG BREAK LITTLES
July 1 & 2 and August 5 & 6| 10:00–11:00am
1–5 years
Miriam, Naturalist & Ed, Docent
Bring the little ones to the park for nature before nap time.
Same program both days - come to one OR the other!

BIG BREAK HOMESCHOOL
August 12 | 10:00–11:30am & 1:00–2:30pm
5–12 years
Miriam, Naturalist & Ed, Jess, Megan, Interpretive Staff
Take your learning outside as we explore environmental science and Delta topics through hands-on activities in the park. Two sessions, come to the morning or afternoon.

TESTING THE WATER
Every Sunday in July & August | 9:00–10:00am
All ages
Interpretive Staff
Help track the health of the Delta! We will test for different criteria, recording the water quality changes that affect our ecosystem.

DELTA DISCOVERIES CRAFT
Every Saturday in July & August | 11:00am–2:00pm
All ages
Interpretive Staff
Join us for our nature-based activity every weekend! Discover the hidden world of Big Break through crafts.

STORYTIME IN THE DELTA
July 6 & August 3 | 10:30–11:00am
1–5 years
Interpretive Staff
Bring a blanket and a snack as we relax in the park with a Delta themed Storytime.

PUPPET SHOW
July 21 & August 18 | 10:30–10:45am
1–5 years
Interpretive Staff
Bring a blanket and a snack as we relax in the park with a Delta themed Puppet Show.

ANIMAL PUPPET CRAFT
July 21 & August 18 | 11:00am–12:00pm
All ages
Aki & Miriam, Naturalist
Join us after the show for a puppet themed craft.
KAYAKING PROGRAMS 🔁 $ July 26 | 6:00pm – 8:30pm | Sunset Paddle August 22 | 6:00pm – 8:30pm | Sunset Paddle 10+ years | Meet at the Kayak Launch Interpretive Staff 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.

COMMUNITY CAMPFIRES 🔁 July 14 & August 10 | 6:30 – 8:00pm All ages Aki & Miriam, Naturalist Gather the family for an evening in the park. Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy before the festivities begin. We'll explore the wonders of Big Break through activities and a campfire (and S'mores of course)!

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WALK 🔂 July 17, August 14 & 25 | 10:00am-12:00pm All ages Miriam, Naturalist Stroll with us through the park as we document the joy of nature around us in the park. Photos from this walk can be submitted to our annual Photography Exhibit hosted by Big Break Visitor Center October 25 - November 9.

HAPPINESS HAPPENS IN THE PARK August 8 | 10:00–11:30am All ages Aki and Miriam, Naturalist The "pursuit of happiness" is happening all around us each and every day. Come celebrate happiness at Big Break Regional Shoreline on this special day! We will have activities and a light stroll to enlighten our day in the park.

BEE THEMED, CHALK THE PATIO August 17 | 10:00am–12:00pm All ages Aki, Naturalist Bring out your inner artist on the patio of the Big Break Visitor Center! You will have your own square to chalk up with a beautiful image and/or words. The theme is Honeybees.

OTTER FESTIVAL All ages Aki & Miriam, Naturalist Otter Play Days July 19 | 10:00am–12:00pm Otter Storytime July 20 | 10:30am–11:00am Otter Craft July 20 | 11:00am–2:00pm Otter Puppet Show July 21 | 10:30am–10:45am Otter Craft July 21 | 11:00am–12:00pm Otter Festival All ages Aki & Miriam, Naturalist Otter Play Days July 19 | 10:00am–12:00pm Play like otters in our hands-on stream tables and get creative with an otter craft. Use your imagination to learn more about one of the Delta’s most charismatic mammals. Otter Storytime July 20 | 10:30am–11:00am Bring a blanket and a snack as we relax in the park with an otter themed Storytime. Otter Craft July 20 | 11:00am–2:00pm Join us for our otter themed craft! The Delta reveals wonders to those willing to seek it! Discover the hidden world of Big Break through crafts. Otter Puppet Show July 21 | 10:30am–10:45am Bring a blanket and a snack as we relax in the park with an Otter themed Puppet Show. Otter Craft July 21 | 11:00am–12:00pm Bring a blanket and a snack as we relax in the park with an Otter themed craft.

AGRICULTURE FESTIVAL All ages Aki & Miriam, Naturalist Agriculture Tour August 2 & 4 | 10:00am–11:00am Did you know Big Break Regional Shoreline used to be an asparagus farm? Come discover some of the agricultural history in the Delta region. Seed Bomb Craft August 3 | 11:00am–2:00pm Join us for our seed bomb craft!

RAPTOR BASELINE July 25 | 9:00–11:30am | Morgan Territory August 29 | 9:00–11:30am | Big Break All ages Aki & Miriam, Naturalist Raptor Baseline July 25 | 9:00–11:30am | Morgan Territory August 29 | 9:00–11:30am | Big Break 10+ years | Meet at the Kayak Launch Interpretive Staff Help us document bird variety and numbers in this community science project. No experience necessary.