

Doug Siden Visitor Center at Crab Cove

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Every Fri
10:30-
11am

Story Time 🗺

Dive into a world of wonder and imagination followed by a themed coloring sheet after.



Adult participation required.

Every
Wed, Sat
& Sun
3-3:30pm

Fish Feeding Time 🗺

Visit our aquariums to see who lives here!
Observe a shark, fish and other critters while they eat!

Every
Sat & Sun
1:30-
2:30pm

Family Nature Fun

Spend an afternoon at the Bay, make new discoveries, and enjoy a new activity each week with games, crafts, and special surprises.

9/7 & 9/8 Fish Fun - Learn more about our finned friends and make a fin-tastic craft after.

9/14 & 9/15 Skull Detectives - Learn about the different types of teeth animals have and other clues that tell us what animals eat.

9/21 & 9/22 Nature Crafts - Use various natural materials to make a work of art to take home!

9/28 & 9/29 Low Tide Exploration - Explore what the low tide reveals along the rocky shore – wear shoes that can get muddy!

Appropriate for ages 8+. Adult participation required.

Doug Siden Visitor Center at Crab Cove at Crown Memorial State Beach officially opened on July 4, 1980. You can see bay creatures in our 600-gallon aquarium and 6 other aquariums. The visitor center is open: **Wed—Sun**

(10am-5pm March-October)

(10am-4pm, November-February)

Programs are free, drop-in, & meet at the visitor center unless otherwise noted.

Program Key:

🗺 = Wheelchair accessible

\$ = Fee program

☑ = Register online at ebparksonline.org

Ⓟ = Parking Fee may apply

(non-res.) = Residents outside of Alameda & Contra Costa counties

Given advance notice accommodations can be made for visitors with disabilities.

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Sun,
Sept 1
9am-
12pm

Redwood Ridge Hike

This is a truly refreshing redwood hike, but steep! Bring snacks and hiking sticks if you have them for this delightful out-and-back to Redwood Park's East Ridge covering about 3 ½ miles and 850 feet of climbing.

Where: San Leandro Reservoir (Valle Vista Staging Area)



Mon,
Sept 2
10am-
4pm

Labor Day Open House

Enjoy a day of fun at the shoreline!

Story Time	10:30am
Beautify the beach by picking up trash.	11:30am
Turtle Time	12:30pm
Meet one of our reptile residents and learn some snake secrets	1:30&2:30pm
All Day	Make a nature craft



Tue,
10:30am-
11:45am

Hikes for Tykes

Tools for exploration will be provided. Hikes average about 1/2 mile. Bring a snack. Strollers are not recommended for most hikes. **Parent participation required.**

Sept 3: Crown Memorial State Beach (Elsie Roemer Bird Sanctuary) We'll search the sky and marsh for shorebirds, and peak under old logs and rocks for creepy crawlies. Wear a hat and/or sunscreen. Meet at the platform near the intersection of Broadway and Shoreline Drive.

Sept 17: Lake Chabot Regional Park (Marina) Discover which plants and animals live in and near the lake! Meet at the Marina Cafe next to the restroom.



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Sun,
Sept 8
9-11am

California Biodiversity Walk

Huckleberry Preserve is a marvel of the East Bay for the rare and unusual plants it harbors. We'll travel the peaceful single-track trails together as we reflect on East Bay lands past and present. The walk is about 2 ½ miles with 400 feet of climbing. Trails are steep and uneven in parts.

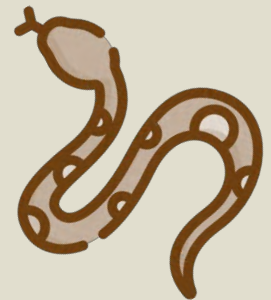


**Where: Huckleberry Botanic Regional Preserve
(Huckleberry Staging Area)**

Tue,
Sept 10
10:30-
11:45am

Sea Squirts

Sea Squirt Program returns! Once a month share a morning of shoreline fun with your child. Play games, explore nature, sing songs, and do a craft related to the theme of the day!



Topic: Snake Secrets

Fee: \$5 (\$7 non-residents)

Registration Required: bit.ly/ebrpdseasquirts

Parent Participation Required.

Sat,
Sept 14
6-9pm

Hike and Sip

Enjoy a beautiful sunset hike in the majestic Redwood forest, followed by stargazing on Chabot's Observation Deck with drinks. Take in the fascinating history of Oakland, local plants, and Redwood trees. The night ends under the stars with telescope viewing (weather permitting), and constellation storytelling, accompanied by drinks and charcuterie. Ages 21+



Fee: 40\$

Registration Required: bit.ly/hikeandsip914

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Sat,
Sept 21
10:30am-
12:30pm

Who Built the Sibley Labyrinth?

She built the Sibley labyrinth “as a gift to the world” in 1989. On a 3-mile hike join Helena Mazzariello, the original builder, as she unravels mysteries and myths about labyrinths, their spiritual properties, and how she (secretly) created ours. A Naturalist will discuss the natural and land-use history of the area, and how it provided an amazing location that inspired the labyrinth’s creation.

Ages 10+

**Where: Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve
(Main Staging Area)**



Sun,
Sept 22
9am-
12pm

Two Watersheds: Lion and Arroyo Viejo Creeks

We will link parks and watersheds on this somewhat strenuous hike, with sections of narrow and uneven trails. We gain about 900 feet in elevation over the course of 4 or so miles.

Where: McCrea Memorial Park



Wed,
Sept 25
9:30am-
12:30pm

Wednesday Walk

Hike around Brickyard Cove and walk along the San Francisco Bay Trail to Albany Bulb. Keep an eye out for birds, views of the bay and more as we hike about 4.5 miles.

**Where: Mclaughlin East Shore State Park
(Brickyard Cove Staging Area)**



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Sat,
Sept 28
10am-
noon

Redwood Reveal

Join us in celebrating the past 90 years of East Bay Regional Park District at one of our most popular parks. Breathe in the aroma of coastal redwoods while learning about the history of Roberts Regional Recreation Area. There's something for everyone to enjoy at this accessible park!

Where: Roberts Recreation Area (Redwood Bowl Picnic Area)



Sat,
Sept 28
1-3pm

The Biggest Tree in the World

On a 1.5-mile exploration, we will search for evidence of a 32-foot diameter redwood that was cut down in the 1850s, and the Blossom Rock Trees that were visible from the Golden Gate. Discuss theories, mysteries, and controversies.

Parking fees apply.

Where: Roberts Recreation Area (Main Entrance)



Sun,
Sept 29
9-11am

Sunday Stroll

Vollmer Peak is the highest peak in the Berkeley Hills. There are great views from the Seaview Trail as we traverse the ridge. Migrating birds may be a bonus. We'll cover about 2 miles of fairly wide, even trail, with some moderately steep sections.

Where: Tilden Regional Park (Vollmer Peak Trailhead)



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Volunteer Opportunities

Sat
Sept 7
9:30am-
12:30pm

Native Plant and Butterfly Gardening

Help keep our wildlife-friendly gardens beautiful by pruning, weeding, mulching, and watering around the visitor center. Choose the work that inspires you. Birds and butterflies will thank you!

Snacks and refreshments served, tools provided.
Community Service hours available for students.

If you are between the ages of 13-17 and coming by yourself, it is required to bring a liability form signed by a parent/guardian. Please email Michael at mcharnofsky@ebparks.org for the form. If you are part of a group, please contact Michael before registering.

Ages 8+

[Registration Required: bit.ly/gardeningebrpd](https://bit.ly/gardeningebrpd)



Sat,
Sept 21
9:30am-
12:00pm

Coastal Cleanup

Join thousands of people throughout California cleaning up our shorelines, helping to protect wildlife near and far, and beautifying the environment for us humans.

(walk-ins okay, but please try to register if you can).

Alameda Locations: Bathhouse near Otis and 8th



[Signup: ebparks.org/get-involved/volunteer/coastal-cleanup](https://ebparks.org/get-involved/volunteer/coastal-cleanup)