### Crab Cove Visitor Center & Aquarium

**Fish Feeding Time**
Visit our aquariums to see who lives here! Observe crabs, fish, and other critters while they eat! What’s on the menu? Let’s find out!
No registration; drop-in.

**Storytime**
Come meet story characters like the Lorax, hermit crabs, and “Swimmy the Fish,” then meet a real animal, do a craft or scavenger hunt!
No registration; drop-in.

**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.

- **7/2 & 7/3: Crab Cove Campfire** - Make s’mores around the "fire" as we sing songs together!
- **7/9 & 7/10: Seaweed Science** - Churn and learn about this important ice cream ingredient!
- **7/16 & 7/17: Wonderful Whales** - Learn how these marine mammals are adapted for survival!
- **7/23 & 7/24: Nuts about Squirrels** - Discover what it's like to be a squirrel on the ground, or in the trees.
- **7/30 & 7/31: Going on a Bug Hunt** - Discover the many insects that hop, crawl and fly!

**Crab Cove Visitor Center & Aquarium** 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:**
- $ = Parking fee may apply
- $ = Wheelchair accessible
- $ = Fee program
- $ = Register online at ebparksonline.org or call 888-327-2757
- (non-res.) = Residents outside of Alameda & Contra Costa counties

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

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**Alameda 4th of July Parade**

'Swim' along the Alameda hometown parade route with our Mobile Visitor Center as we promote the love of nature and the Regional Parks, or just enjoy the show from the sidewalk.

**July 4th Open House**

Celebrate the beauty and diversity of our Bay with family-friendly activities. On-going crafts on deck all afternoon.

Scheduled programs:

- **12:30 - 1:00pm:** Turtle Time.
- **1:15 - 2:15pm:** Listen to some nature stories.
- **2:30 - 3:00pm:** Clean up the beach and add to our museum of oddities!
- **3:15 - 3:45pm:** Meet one of our reptile residents and learn some snake secrets
Hikes For Tykes

Enjoy some nature before naptime with your young child! Join us to travel over hill and dell and explore the fabulous flora and fauna of the Regional Parks. Tools for exploration will be provided. Hikes average about 1/2 mile. Bring a snack. Strollers are not recommended for most hikes.

Jul 5, Lake Chabot (Marina): We’ll search for ducks and turtles by the lake, and then walk into the cool forest where there is much to discover.

Jul 19, Encinal Beach: Explore on the beach, in the mud and along the shore in a place with great views of San Francisco.

Campfire Programs

8-9pm, every Sat, Memorial weekend – Labor Day weekend

Antony Chabot (Campground Amphitheater): FREE! Join us for after-dark fun! Learn about the parks and nature around you through games, songs, photos and stories around the campfire. New topic each week. Non-campers are welcome to come in for the program!

Jul 2 Bare Facts about Bears!

Jul 9 Animals in the Park and Around your Home

Jul 16 Nessie & Co: the Creatures of Lake Chabot

Jul 23 Going Batty!

Jul 30 Night Owl Party Animals
None Of Your Beeswax!
Visit our small nectar garden in search of honey bees and other pollinators in action. We’ll eat a sweet snack, roll a beeswax candle and discover why bees are so important.

Changing the Bay Water Recipe
Through their use of fossil fuels, humans are changing the ocean’s chemistry, but they can reduce their impact by supporting renewable energy sources and curbing their energy needs. Discover the causes of ocean acidification and explore how local residents are impacted and can help.

Ages 8 to 14, but all are welcome! Rainboots recommended.

Registration required. Register at ebparksonline.org

Grunion Search
11:45pm –1:45am, Wed night Jul 13/ Thurs morning Jul 14
12midnight-2:00am, Thurs night Jul 28/ Fri morning Jul 29

Crown Memorial State Beach (Otis St. Parking Lot): A silver fish dancing on the sand in the middle of the night? Yes- grunion have been seen here in the past- will they show up this year? This is a rare spawning sight not to be missed!

Ages 10 and up.

Registration required. Register at ebparksonline.org
Saturday Stroll

**Roberts Regional Recreation Area (Redwood Bowl)**

Enjoy a 3 mile shady, sunny loop, with small ups and downs past redwoods, coyote brush, and more!

**Sat 7/16**
9:30am-11:30am

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Jawsome Neighbors: Sharks of the Bay

Did you know that sharks live in the bay? Come discover why these jawsome neighbors are so important and what we can do to help them out!

**Sat 7/24**
10:30am-11:30am

*Registration required. Register at ebparksonline.org*

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Wednesday Walks

**Anthony Chabot (Clyde Woolridge)**

Hike the Goldenrod trail to Columbine to Cascade with an additional short loop for an almost 6 mile trek. Sorry no restrooms.

**Wed, 7/27**
9:30am-1pm

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**Volunteer Opportunities next page**
From bags and containers to wrappers and clothes, plastic is everywhere. Let’s explore how this useful material has made its way to the world’s oceans and wreaked havoc on marine wildlife. We will also discover that there are many things we can do to keep plastics out of the water and roll up our sleeves to clean up the Crab Cove’s shoreline!

Bring your own gloves and bucket or borrow ours. Students can earn community service hours. Rainboots recommended.

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