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.

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.

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.

8/6 & 8/7: Sharks - Learn some fin-tastic facts about these mighty predators!

8/13 & 8/14: Water All Around (and in) Us! - Meet the molecule you're made of!

8/20 & 8/21: Some Like It Hot - Celebrate summer and learn about hot habitats.

8/27 & 8/28: Lost on a Deserted Island - What do you need to survive?

Crab Cove Visitor Center & Aquarium

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

Every Fri
3-3:30pm

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

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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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 and up.

Where: Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve (Main Parking Lot)

Registration required. Register at ebparksonline.org

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. Hikes average about 1/2 mile. Bring a snack. Strollers are not recommended for many hikes.

Aug 2, Roberts Regional Recreation Area (Redwood Bowl): Look up, look down, look all around this shady cool park!

Aug 16, MLK Regional Shoreline (Arrowhead): Discover birds, squirrels, water and marshlands.

Aug 30, Redwood Regional Park (Canyon Meadow): Walk into the woods looking for tall trees, fairy rings and more!
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!

Registration required. Register at ebparksonline.org

Campfire Programs

Various Dates

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!

Aug 13: Fascinating Firewood

Aug 20: Nocturnal, Diurnal, & Crepuscular.... Oh My!

Aug 27: Nessie & Co: The Creatures of Lake Chabot
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!

*Registration required. Register at ebparksonline.org*

Hiking and Psyching

Fool each other with impressive truths and creative falsities about nature and science. Hike 3.5 moderate miles through beautiful redwood forest and mixed forest (that part’s true) as we share, trick and guess. Ages 10 and up.

*Where: Roberts Regional Recreation Area (Redwood Bowl Staging Area)*

Saturday and Sunday Strolls

**Sun Aug 14, 9:30am-11:30am**
*Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve (Main Staging Area):*
Explore an old volcano and discover how it shaped the surrounding landscape, from Inspiration Point to Moraga. 4-mile, sunny loop.

**Sat Aug 27, 9:30am-11:45am**
*Lake Chabot (Marina):* During 3.75 miles of fairly flat walking to the dam and back, we’ll discuss history and wildlife of the area while gazing upon wonderful views.
Wednesday Walks

**Redwood (Canyon Meadow):** From Canyon Meadow we will climb the steep Canyon Trail, take the rolling East Ridge Trail to Eucalyptus Trail and return via shady Stream Trail amongst the redwoods on this almost 5 mile loop. Bring water.

Volunteer Opportunities

**Native Plant & Butterfly Gardening**

**Crab Cove Visitor Center:** 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 would thank you if they could! Community Service hours available for students. Snacks and refreshments served, tools provided. Ages 8+ years.

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