

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 Sat
& Sun
3-3:30pm

Fish Feeding Time

Watch our expert staff feed our aquariums. Observe a shark, fish and other critters while they eat!

Various
Tue
10:30-
11:45am

Hikes for Tykes

Enjoy some nature before naptime with your young child! Hikes average about 1 mile roundtrip. Bring a snack. Strollers are not recommended for most hikes.

Feb 4, Roberts Regional Recreation Area (Main Parking Lot): The redwood forest in winter is a wonderful place to explore (and after the program, you can go to the fun nearby playground).

Feb 18, Doug Siden Visitor Center at Crab Cove: Low Tide and Beach Exploration! Let's look for crabs under rocks and then explore along the beach, on the way to the pond to look for ducks. Wear rain boots or shoes that can get muddy.

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officially opened on July 4, 1980. You can see bay creatures in our 600-gallon aquarium and other aquariums. The visitor center is open: **Wed—Sun**

(10am-5pm March-October)

(10am-4pm November-February)

Closed: New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day

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

Program Key:

 = Wheelchair accessible

\$ = Fee program

= Registration online

Ⓟ = Parking Fee may apply


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

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Sat,
Feb 8
9:30-
11:30am

Saturday Stroll

As we hike along a 2.5-mile loop, discover the remnants of a ten million year old volcano, a labyrinth in the middle of an old quarry and a pond hopefully full of newts! May be muddy.

Parking is extremely limited, so please carpool!

Sorry no dogs allowed in this sensitive habitat.

Where: Sibley Regional Preserve (Main Sibley Staging Area)



Sat,
Feb 8
3:30-
4:30pm

Minus Low Tide Walk

Explore the mudflat and rocky shore of our special marine protected area! Search for slippery snails, crusty crabs, amazing algae and more. Wear old shoes or rain boots- you will get dirty!



Various
Sun &
Times

Winter Wonders

As the season turns, new leaves emerge, mushrooms spring up, lichens and mosses display their finest, and passing birds forage among the branches. Trails can be muddy and slippery this time of year. Light rain is okay. Heavy rain cancels. Ages 8 years +



Feb 9, 9:30-11:30am, Tilden Regional Park (Vollmer Peak Trailhead)

Sun, Feb 16, 9:30am-1:30pm San Leandro Reservoir (EBMUD Valle Vista Staging Area)

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

Sea Squirts \$

Once a month share a morning of shoreline fun with your child.

Theme: Wild and Wonderful Weather

Ages 3-5 years. *Adult participation required.*

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

Registration required: [Bit.ly/ebrpdseasquirts](https://bit.ly/ebrpdseasquirts)



Wed,
Feb 19
9:30am-
1pm

Wednesday Walk

Meet at the observation platform. We will hike from the end of Broadway in Alameda along the bay trail to Doolittle Pond in MLK, with views of shorebirds and the Bay. Then loop back past the Chuck Corica Golf Course, city streets and a lagoon of Harbor Bay. Flat, about 4.5 miles.

Bring water and a snack. Plan ahead- limited restroom facilities. Ages 8+

Where: Crown Memorial State Beach (Elsie Roemer Bird Sanctuary) Meet at the observation platform.



Sun,
Feb 23
9:30am-
12pm

Sunday Stroll

Enjoy one of the newest parks in the East Bay, with its shoreline plants, birds, and wonderful views of our Bay. Mostly flat ground with around 3 miles of pleasant walking.

Where: McLaughlin Eastshore State Park (Brickyard Cove)



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Volunteer Opportunities

Various
Dates

Shoreline Beach Cleanup

Let's start the year off right for the fish, crabs, birds and other bay critters! And let's beautify the beach for us humans! It's time to pick up the litter that has washed in with the winter storms.

Community service credit available. Bring buckets and gloves or borrow ours.



Sun Feb 2nd, 10am-noon: Oyster Bay Regional Shoreline

Sat Feb 15, 9:30-11am: Crab Cove Visitor Center

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: ccove@ebparks.org

Fri, Feb 21
&
Sat, Feb 22
10am-4pm

Docent Training

Interested in becoming a docent with the East Bay Regional Park District? This training at the Doug Siden Visitor Center at Crab Cove will cover San Francisco Bay ecology, natural and cultural history, and basic interpretive skills for this park and the nearby parks we serve. Upon successfully completing the course, volunteer opportunities may include assisting with school programs, special events and projects, welcoming visitors, gardening and more.

Please join us! No experience necessary. Ages 18 years and up.

Deadline for applications February 1st.

For more information, or to receive an application call (510) 544-3182 or email docents.crabcove@ebparks.org.