

Doug Siden Visitor Center

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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

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



Sat &
Sun
May 24, 25
1:30-

Family Nature Fun

Twice a month spend an afternoon at the Bay, make new discoveries, and enjoy a new activity each week with games, crafts, and special surprises. Topics vary. Ages 8 years and up.

Sat & Sun
May 3, 4
1:30-
2:30pm

Tidal Exploration

Explore the diverse environment of the intertidal zone up close at low tide. Wear shoes that will get muddy.



Doug Siden Visitor Center at Crab Cove 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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Sun,
9am-
12:30pm

Butterfly Spring:

Now is the time to dive right in! Let's spend the late spring exploring parks in search of our fluttering friends. We'll learn about butterfly families, habitats, and food plants on each trip. As we peer around in patches of wildflowers, we will also keep an eye out for native bees and moths, and won't neglect singing birds if they want to visit. **All of these outings pass along trails with very steep and uneven sections, so good, grippy footwear is a must.**



May 4, 9am-12:30pm Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve (Eastport Staging Area): About 4 miles and 850 feet of elevation gain. Ages 9 and up. Bring hydration and snacks. *No dogs.*

May 18, 9am-12:30pm Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve (Old Tunnel Staging Area): About 4 miles with about 800 feet of elevation gain. Ages 9 and up. Bring hydration and snacks

Various
Tue
10:30-
11:45am

Hikes for Tykes

Enjoy some nature before naptime with your young child! Hikes average about 1/2 mile. Bring a snack. Strollers are not recommended for most hikes.

May 6: Lake Chabot (Marina)

May 20: Roberts Regional Recreation Area (Redwood Bowl)



Sat,
May 10
9-
11:30am

Saturday Stroll

Walk 3.5 flat miles round trip to Doolittle Pond in M.L.K. Jr. Regional Shoreline. Expect impressive Bay views, wildlife sightings, and interesting history to discover.

Where: Robert Crown Memorial Beach (Elsie Roemer Bird Sanctuary)



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Sat,
May 10
10am-
12:30pm

Cafecito in Nature: Con Las Mamás

Celebrate Día De Las Madres by bringing your mamás/ mothers/guardians/grandmothers to this guided stroll through green rolling hills and potentially wildflowers! Cafecito and conchas will be provided. 1.7 miles, 249 ft elevation gain. *Bilingual program.*

Where: Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve
(Sibley Staging Area)



Sun,
May 11
11am-
3pm

Mother's Day Celebration

Enjoy Mother Nature and listen to some nature stories celebrating mothers of all species. Visit the swell shark and see what her eggs look like. Take some time to make a special card or award for your mother to thank her for all the great things she does.



Tue,
May 13
10:30-
11:45am

Sea Squirts

Once a month share a morning of shoreline fun with your child. **Topic: Turtle Time**

Ages 3-5 years. Adult participation required.

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



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Sat,
May 17
9-
11:15am

Alameda Walks!

Wildlife and History Walk. Watch and learn about some of Alameda's prolific wildlife and fascinating history, first as we stroll from Encinal Beach to the U.S.S. Hornet, a Historic National Monument. From there, we'll look for nesting Osprey while strolling to Waterfront Park, talking about past and future development in the area including future nature reserves.



Where: Encinal Beach

Sat & Sun
May
17, 18, 31
1:30-2pm

Animal Closeup

Meet one of our Animal Ambassadors and learn about their unique behaviors, habitats, and how we can help protect them. **Weather dependent.**



Mon,
May 26
12-4pm

Memorial Day Open House

Enjoy the beach, then come meet our turtle and snake, visit the fish, make a craft, and more. Look through old photos or check out our self-guided history walk – ask at the front desk.



Wed,
May 28
9am-2pm

Wednesday Walk

Visit this Lesser-known canyon and ridge in the Hayward Hills for beauty and exercise. About 4 miles with about 500 feet of elevation gain. For those who would appreciate it, we will lunch afterwards at nearby Don Castro Park. Bring lunch and water.



Where: Five Canyons Open Space

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May 30
9-11am

Pollinator Bioblitz

Become a community scientist and help us document all the pollinators in our native plant demonstration garden. We need willing participants to take photos of pollinators, other insects, birds, animals, and especially bumble bees in this special location. Please download i-naturalist app before arrival. Meet at Bath House.



Where: Crown Memorial State Beach (Otis Parking Lot)

Registration Required: bit.ly/bioblitzcrown

Tues
night May
27th

Full Moon Grunion Search

Midnight-2am, Tues night May 27

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. bit.ly/grunionsearch

Every
Saturday
8-9pm

Anthony Chabot Campfires

From memorial weekend May 24 —labor day weekend, 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!



Where: Anthony Chabot Regional Park (Family Campground Amphitheater)