Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District

LET’S GO OUTDOORS!
Your adventure activities guide for all ages

Preserving and Protecting Parks and Open Space
Dear Friends,

Every so often, we experience a shift in our understanding of this world and how it works. The last two years have been quite challenging. In response to the global pandemic, we are agile, flexible, and resilient as we pivot to meet the many challenges COVID-19, and other local and global factors, pose.

Through these changing times, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District’s important mission “To acquire and maintain open space in the District for preservation and use, working with partners and the community, for public benefit and enjoyment, and environmental protection” has been a steady beacon of hope and opportunity.

Thanks to you, we have risen to the occasion, consistently providing safe accessible open spaces for recreation and education, protection of our natural and cultural resources, and creation of numerous programs, excursions, and facilities to be enjoyed by current and future generations.

Our public service continues to grow thanks to our coalitions with private, not for profit, and governmental partners working collaboratively on research, planning, and implementation of solutions to numerous challenges and opportunities. Our provision of positive experiences through the Let’s Go Outdoors! activity guide is rooted in our highly valued instructors and partners, recognized as the greatest subject matter experts in their respective fields.

Starting as a grassroots effort, the ballot measure that made the District a reality was overwhelmingly approved in 1972. Since then, our mission, vision, and values have been steadfast. We are sincerely grateful for your continued participation and support as we celebrate the District’s 50th year anniversary. We invite you to continue enjoying the District’s wonderful open spaces and programs, or visit our natural habitat preserves, cultural treasures, parks, miles of scenic trails, and delightful programs for the first time.

With your support and through thoughtful land use and resource conservation planning, we will continue to adapt to a changing world. Together, we will continue to conserve and restore our lands, watersheds, and seashores. In doing so, we shall protect our native flora and fauna. We shall continue to increase social equity through the inclusion of people of all abilities by providing access to nature and history. We look forward to your help in enhancing our relevance to our region and beyond, working together to make the next half-century as great as our first 50-years.

Dr. Rafael Payan
MPRPD General Manager

Welcome

Partnership with the Land and its Community

What’s Inside

How to Register

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS!

Online | Go to our website at mprpd.org or scan an MPRPD QR code.
Phone | Call 831-372-3196, extension 102.
Email | eecoordinator@mprpd.org
Registration | Opens 1 calendar month prior to the activity and closes at 4 pm the day before the activity. Important: You must register for all programs unless otherwise stated. An email confirmation is sent upon successful online registration. Contact staff if you do not receive a receipt.

Cancellations | MPRPD may cancel classes due to low registration, weather conditions, or unforeseen circumstances. If you must cancel a class, please let MPRPD staff know by email or telephone at least one calendar day prior to the class. Registration cannot be canceled online.

Reminders | Email reminders will be sent approximately 3-5 days prior to the start of class.

Policies | Only service dogs allowed at activities, unless otherwise indicated. All policies are available online when you register.

EARTHDAY

Appreciation 2022

Saturday | April 23, 2022
2 pm - 1 pm
Marina Library - Marina Oak Woodland Community Garden, Marina
Music, Prizes, and Free lunch

23rd Annual Summer Wildflower Show

Surround yourself with a variety of summer wildflowers!
Saturday & Sunday | June 11 - June 12
10 am - 4 pm
Garland Park Visitor Center | FREE admission | mprpd.org

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Improving and Restoring Our Community

A Snapshot of History: Your Vote at Work!

Your vote approved a ballot measure in 2004 that provided 15 years of funding from July 2004 to June 2019 creating the Parks, Open Space and Coastal Preservation District (Assessment District “AD”). This funding gave our community the ability to maintain existing parks and recreation areas; protect and preserve natural open space lands, water bodies, and wildlife areas; and increase park safety and security patrols. This is a snapshot of just 12 of over 70 projects that were funded throughout the 15 year period.

Get to Know Your MPRPD Parks

Children and adults MUST register.

Nature Night Hike

Come to the dark side! Quietly prowl the woodlands and meadows in search of the life that only comes out after the hikers leave. Learn about our nocturnal neighbors and their habits, prey, and animals. Reconnect with the skills of moving and listening like a wild thing, while observing owls, bats, and other predators. Instructor: Rick Berg, Naturalist.

Ages 12-Adult
Saturday | Dusk
Apr. 23; May 7; Jul. 9; Aug. 6; Sep. 3
Palo Corona Park Flag Pole
Elevation change: Approx. 263 ft.
Distance: 2.5 miles.

Bird Walks

Discover our feathered residents at all times of the year. Each season features different species and behaviors. Roam the oak woodlands of Palo Corona and Garland Ranch in search of the 400+ species of birds that inhabit our wonderful region. Instructor: Rick Berg, Naturalist.

Ages 12-Adult
Saturday | 8 am-11 am
Apr. 30; May 7; Jun. 4; Jul. 9; Aug. 6; Sep. 3
Palo Corona Park Flag Pole
Elevation change: 20-80 ft.
Distance: Approx. 1.5 miles.

Adapt to the Dunes

Dune habitat is shifty and unique. How does life survive the natural forces that form dunes? Find out how plants and animals adapt to their home in the Monterey Dunes. Instructor: Nick Filannino, Naturalist.

All Ages
Saturday | 10 am-11:30 am
May 14; Jul. 2
Marina Dunes Preserve
Elevation change: 20-50 ft.
Distance: 2.2 miles.

Forest Fridays at Five

End your week with a guided stroll through our local forests. Use your senses to engage with your natural surroundings and relax amongst the trees in our parks. Instructor: MPRPD staff.

All Ages
Friday | 5 pm-6:30 pm
May 20 | George Washington Park Playground Structure Replacement
June 17 | Palo Corona Park Flag Pole
July 15 | Frog Pond Wetland Preserve
Elevation change: 20-50 ft.
Distance: 1.5-2 miles.

San Jose Creek Hike

Take a short shuttle ride to the trail head of this scenic hike crisscrossing the San Jose Creek. Meander through fields of flowers, lush redwood groves, and grassy meadows that lead uphill to a picnic spot. Pack food, enjoy a snack at Animas Pond, then drink in spectacular views of the coast. Instructor: MPRPD staff.

Ages 12-Adult
Saturday | 9:30 am-2:30 pm
Jun. 25; Jul. 23; Aug. 27; Sep. 17
Palo Corona Park Flag Pole
Elevation change: 600-700 ft.
Distance: 4-6 miles.

Cachagua Country Fair

Saturday | July 9, 2022
12 pm to 7 pm
Cachagua Community Park
37210 Nason Rd.
Carmel Valley

City of Seaside
Farallones Park Improvement

City of Monterey
Shoreline Park Improvements

CSUMB: Return of the Natives Restoration Education Project
Coastal Parks Habitat Restoration

Point Lobos State Park
Redwood Bench Additions

Heritage Society of Pacific Grove
Pt. Pinos Lighthouse Restoration

California State Parks
Fort Ord Dunes Habitat Protection Fence, Marina

Carmel Valley
Cachagua Sports Complex

City of Seaside Highland-Ots Park Improvements

City of Monterey Shoreline Park Improvements

Ventana Wilderness Alliance
Turner Creek Trail Restoration, Big Sur

City of Seaside Highland-Ots Park Improvements

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Forest Hill Park Playground Improvements

City of Pacific Grove George Washington Park Playground Structure Replacement

City of Carmel Mission Trail Nature Preserve Enhancement & Hydrological Study

Cachagua Community Park

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Scan here to register

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MPRPD Activities Spring/Summer 2022
Get Out, Get Healthy

Mindful Walking & Meditation
Mindfulness in nature cultivates awareness of whatever is taking place within and around you: thoughts and emotions, the breeze, the sounds of birds, the warmth of the sun, inviting wonder and awe. Join us for this mindful outdoor experience combining nature meditation, mindful walking; sensory activation, and informal discussion. Instructor: Katie Dutcher.

Ages 18+
May 26 | 5-7 pm
Jun. 23 | 9:30 am-11 am
Aug. 11 | 6 pm-7 pm
Sep. 22 | 9:30 am-11 am
Palo Corona Regional Park
Elevation change: Approx. 60 ft.
Distance: 3.4 miles.

Nature Immersion
Walking slowly and sensing the natural world can refresh, inspire, and even heal our bodies, hearts, and minds. With invitations from the practice of Shinrin-yoku (Forest Bathing), participants are guided into a way of mindfully relating with the world around and inside of us — evoking a deep sense of relaxation, belonging, and sometimes, awe.
Instructor: Marianne Rowe.

Ages 18+
Saturday, Aug. 20 | 10 am-12 pm
Palo Corona Discovery Center
Elevation change: Approx. 60 ft.
Distance: 2.2 miles.

Tai Chi for Energy I
Tai Chi for Energy combines the oldest style of tai chi, Chen, with the newest style: Sun, to improve energy balance, awareness, relaxation and increase strength and flexibility. Tai chi principles will be introduced with each session. Tai chi and the principles provide tools to assist with daily activities. Instructor: Liana Olson, Senior Trainer and Board-Certified Tai Chi for Health Institute.

Ages 10-Adult
Saturday | 9:30 am-10:30 am
Jul. 30; Aug. 6; Aug. 13; Aug. 20;
Sep. 3; Sep. 10; Sep. 17;
Sep. 24
Garland Park Visitor Center

Purpose Workshops
People with purpose are happier, more successful, and live longer - That means more time to focus on what matters most to you. Join Blue Zones Project Monterey County for these free community workshops, where we will help you pinpoint your purpose.

Apr. 21 | 11:30 am-1 pm
SVMH Foundation, Salinas
3rd Wednesday of month
11:30 am-1 pm
Virtual

Community Events — Hosted by Blue Zones Project Monterey County
Looking to ‘Get Out, Get Healthy’ and meet new friends in your community? Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District has partnered with the Blue Zones Project Monterey County. Be a part of the movement, together we can make our community a healthier and happier place to learn, live, work, and play. Instructors: Blue Zone Project staff and volunteers.

All Ages Welcome!
For more information & registration visit: montereycounty.bluezonesproject.com
SCAN: QR code above. See BZPMC Eventbrite for May-September dates & locations.

Community Clean Ups
Help make a positive difference by volunteering in your community, gain experience helping others, and add years to your life!

Apr. 6 | 3:30 pm-5 pm
Gonzales
Apr. 11 | 4 pm-5:30 pm
Greenfield
Apr. 16 | 10 am-12 pm
Castroville
Apr. 22 | 10 am-12 pm
Monterey
1st Tuesday of month
5 pm-6:30 pm
Natividad Creek Park, Salinas
2nd Saturday of month
9 am-1 pm
Oak Woodland Community Garden, Marina
3rd Saturday of month
10 am-12 pm
Locations vary, Seaside
Last Tuesday of month
5 pm-6:30 pm
Salinas Soccer Complex, Salinas

Walking Groups
Walking groups or ‘moais’ encourage social support while adding the extra emotional and physical benefits of walking. Groups will walk together at least once a week for 10 weeks. It’s an active timeout with new friends, coworkers, neighbors, and others who share similar interests.

Apr. 21 | 5:30 pm
Del Monte Beach (El Estero), Monterey
Apr. 27 | 12:00 pm
Broadway Ave (Urban Walk), Seaside
Apr. 30 | 8:30 am
Monterey Peninsula Rec Trail, Marina

See BZPMC Eventbrite for May-September dates & locations.

Nature Therapy
Use Wilderness Therapy techniques to connect to your true nature. Deepen your sense of belonging to the ecosystem. You are invited to slow down, breathe consciously, and offer your gifts to the group through human connection activities. Instructor: Amanda Cheyenne Weston, LPC.C.

Ages 18+
July 16 | 2 pm-4 pm
Palo Corona Park Flag Pole
Elevation change: Approx. 60 ft.
Distance: 2.3 miles.

Eagle Rock Bike Club
We will bike around the park to enjoy the natural beauty and other cycling fun. Instructors: Joaquin Araujo, Steve midron and Andrew D. Watts.

Ages 12-18
Mon. 6 pm-7:30 pm
Palo Corona Regional Park
Elevation change: Approx. 60 ft.
Distance: 5 miles.

Tai Chi for Health Institute
Tai Chi for Health Institute offers classes to exercise the body and mind in a way that is accessible to all. We also believe that sharing Tai Chi with others is not only rewarding for the individual, but it is rewarding for the community.

Ages 18+
Jan. 10; Jan. 17; Jan. 24; Feb. 7, Feb. 14; Feb. 21; Feb. 28;
Mar. 7; Mar. 14; Mar. 21; Apr. 4, Apr. 11, Apr. 18;
May 2; May 9; May 16; May 23; May 30; Jun. 6
Monterey Peninsula Rec Trail, Monterey
Elevation change: Approx. 60 ft.
Distance: 2.8 miles.

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Mar. 19; Mar. 26; Apr. 2;
Apr. 9; Apr. 16; Apr. 23;
May 7; May 14; May 21;
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Garland Park Visitor Center
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Distance: 1 mile.

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Garland Park Visitor Center
Elevation change: Approx. 60 ft.
Distance: 1 mile.
Workshops, Seminars, & Explorations

Owl Encounter
Prepare for the fall and winter hooting season, as we get up close and personal with several of our local owl species. This live presentation focuses on their ecology, biology, and conservation. Instructor: Antonio Balestreri, Master Falconer.
Ages 13-Adult
Friday, Sep. 16 | 7 pm-9 pm
Garland Park Visitor Center

Raptor Encounter
Raptor populations throughout the world are just a fraction of what they were a few hundred years ago. Meet several of our native birds, up close and personal, as we discuss some of the challenges these magnificent creatures face in our ever changing world. Instructor: Antonio Balestreri, Master Falconer.
Ages 13-Adult
May 27; Jul. 22
Garland Park Visitor Center

Spectacular California Condor!
Ages 13-Adult
Monday, May 2 | 4 pm-5 pm
Online

Intro to Wildflower Macrophotography
Macrophotography takes us into a smaller world of intimate detail. It entails moving in closer and magnifying the subject beyond our normal perception of it. Learn how to photograph flowers closeup and enhance your creative skills. Bring your digital camera, lens (macro lens preferred), and tripod.
Ages 18+
Saturday, May 28 | 10 am-12 pm
Garland Park Visitor Center

Family Discoveries

Birds of Prey Encounter
Birds of prey are built for speed, agility, and capturing their food with talons. Harmful changes in their population impact a healthy ecosystem. Get up close and personal with live, local bird species during this presentation that focuses on their ecology, biology, and conservation. Instructor: Antonio Balestreri, Falconer.
Ages 10-Adult
Friday | 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Apr. 29; Aug. 12
Garland Park Visitor Center

Wildflowers of Fort Ord
Fort Ord is a hot spot for plants in Monterey County. Hike this former military base, identify plants, and learn more about the abundant wildflowers at Fort Ord. Instructor: Bruce Delgado, BLM.
Ages 10-Adult
Sunday, May 1 | 9 am-2 pm
Creekside Terrace Trail Head, Ft. Ord National Monument
Elevation change: 300-600 ft.
Distance: 4-5 miles

Nature Journaling
Explore the outdoors with a nature journal. Learn to find more wonder, record your observations using a combination of words, pictures and numbers. Bring your curiosity, pencil, and sketchbook to connect with nature. No previous experience required. Instructor: Melinda Nakagawa.
Ages 8-Adult
Saturday, Jun. 25 | 10 am-12 pm
Palo Corona Park Flag Pole
Elevation change: 20-60 ft.
Distance: 1/2 miles

Healthy Habitats Pilot Program
Teachers and youth leaders, are you looking for a learning experience for your students that is hands-on, inquiry, and standards based? We’ve got local knowledge and resources we want to share with you and your secondary students (6th-12th grade).
TO LEARN MORE OR SCHEDULE A FIELD TRIP, CONTACT:
Savannah Panka
EE Program Coordinator
ecoordinator@mprpd.org
831-972-3596 x534

“Green” Projects coming soon!
For more information on Community ALIVE! Activities, contact our Volunteer Coordinator Debbie Wyatt at wyatt@mprpd.org or visit mprpd.org

Family Field Trip:
Farm Discovery at Live Earth
Come explore Live Earth’s 150-acre organic farm! Learn farming and gardening skills, play with farm animals, and taste some of our seasonal harvests. With each tour, we cultivate relationships to nature and our food system and incorporate environmental stewardship and nutrition. Instructor: Farm Discovery Staff.
Ages 3-Adult
Friday, Sep. 16 | 6-8 pm
Live Earth, Watsonville
Optional picnic lunch opportunity from 12 pm-1 pm

Wonderful New World of Nature Tech
What animal is this, which flower is that? Using Seek’s image recognition technology will help you identify the plants and animals all around you. Download the free smartphone app Seek by Naturalist and take your nature knowledge to the next level. Instructor: Patrick Furtado, Naturalist.
Ages 8-Adult
Saturday | 9 am-11 am
Apr. 30; May 14
Garland Park Visitor Center
Elevation change: 20-60 ft.
Distance: 1/2 miles

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For more details check out the back cover.
Youth Adventures

Registerd children may be accompanied by an adult.

Outsde the Box: Land to Sea
From land to sea, at our parks, there is so much to see! Explore the forest, river, beach, and sea habitats of the Monterey Peninsula. Meet our neighborhood animals, discover what adaptations makes them special, and why they call Monterey home. Instructor: Ben Bence, Outside the Box Education LLC.

Ages 5-7
Saturday & Sunday | 10 am-11:30 am
May 28 & May 29
Palo Corona Park Flag Pole & Coastal Location

Ages 12-14
Saturday & Sunday | 10 am-12 pm
Aug. 27 & Aug. 28
Palo Corona Park Flag Pole & Coastal location
Register for each day you wish to attend.

Call for instructors
Do you have a passion for the outdoors? Do you enjoy sharing your knowledge and skills about nature with others? If so, we’d like to talk to you! MPRPD is always looking for outdoor educators for our Let’s Go Outdoors! catalog.

CONTACT US TODAY!
Visit: mprpd.org
Email: Savannah Peña, eecoordinator@mprpd.org
Call: 831-372-3196 x114

Spectacular California Condor!
Let’s learn about the spectacular and endangered California Condor - the largest North American landbird who lives right in our backyard. Instructor: Ali Ponko, Ventana Wildlife Society.

Ages 13 and under
Monday, May 16 | 4 pm-5 pm
Online

Backyard Friends
Have you ever wondered what animals you see in your backyard and neighborhoods do? Together let’s explore the roles of urban wildlife like racoons, coyotes, and more. Instructor: Sienna Carrillo, Ventana Wildlife Society.

Ages 8-12
Friday | 4 pm-5 pm
Apr. 29; May 6
Online

Moon Adventures
Learn about the features and phases of the moon with a local astronomer! You will draw, organize, and move through the phases of the moon in this hour-long moon-themed adventure. We will finish our journey with a look at the moon through a telescope. Instructor: Jean Perkins, Astronomer.

Ages 10-14
Saturday
May 7 | 3 pm-4pm
Jun. 3; Aug. 20 | 10 am-11 am
Garland Park Visitor Center

Outside the Box: Conservation Champs
Discover the conservation champion inside you through outdoor hikes, activities, and hands on work in your watershed. Conduct real conservation research in partnership with the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History’s Watershed Guardians Program. Instructor: Ben Bence, Outside the Box Education LLC.

Ages 8-12
Saturday & Sunday | 10 am-3 pm
Jul. 30-31
Garland Park Visitor Center
This is a 2-day event, please plan to attend both days. Bring packed lunch.

Family Watershed Guardians
Join the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History (PGMNH) for an exciting outing learning about our local watershed. Map a watershed together and learn what happens to it when it rains. Then test water quality along the river. Instructor: Shannon Conner, PGMNH.

Ages 8-12
Saturday, Jun. 4 | 1 pm-3 pm
Garland Park Visitor Center

MPRPD Activities Spring/Summer 2022

Summer Camp Programs Offered by MPRPD’s Collaborating Partners

VENTANA WILDLIFE SOCIETY

PACIFIC GROVE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Summer Camps
Join the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History for an amazing summer of fun and learning! Each week offers a fascinating topic to take campers on adventures from the farthest stars to the deepest ocean. Our educators and scientists are excited to explore the museum and natural world with campers through games, experiments, art projects, and more. Each day will bring fun with friends and all sorts of exciting mysteries to discover and unlock in special museum areas and outdoors.

Ages 4-17
Dates, times, locations, ages, and prices vary

Ages 4-7
Wee Ones in the Woods
Weekday Mornings | 8:30 am-11:30 am
Weekday Afternoon | 12:30 pm-3:30 pm
Jun. 13-17; Jul. 5-8; Jul. 18-22

Ages 8-12
Natural Science Discovery Camp
Monday - Friday | All Day
Jun. 13-17; Jul. 18-22

Optional Lunch from 12 pm-1 pm
INCOMING GRADES K-2
Monday-Friday | 9 am-12 pm
Optional lunch from 12 pm-1 pm
Space Camp: Jul. 13-17
Ocean Exploration: Jun. 20-24
World of Science: Jun. 27-Jul. 1
Backyard Buddies: Jul. 11-15
Discover Dinos: Jul. 18-22
Nature’s Wonders: Jul. 25-29

INCOMING GRADES 3-5
Monday-Friday | 9 am-3 pm
Paleontology & Archaeology: Jun. 13-17
Space Exploration: Jun. 27-Jul. 1
Wonders of the Museum: Jul. 11-15
Amazing Animal Adventure: Jul. 25-29

Condor Wilderness Camp
June 13-17; July 5-8, July 18-22
Required:
Call: 831-800-7421
EMAIL: eessavand@ventanaws.org
VISIT: ventanaws.org/education
FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION
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CALL: 831-800-7421
Drop-off location available in Seaside.

PACIFIC GROVE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Single Day Adventures
Weekdays | 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Jul. 5, Jul. 6, Jul. 7, Jul. 8

Ages 13-16
Outdoor Leadership Training
Monday-Friday | 8 am-4 pm*
Jun. 13-17, Jul. 18-22
*Thursday overnight campout, pick up Friday 12 pm

Ages 13-17
Condor Wilderness Camp
Wednesday-Friday | All Day
Overnight, Dates TBA
Prices: $40-$525/child.
Scholarships available.

For More Information & Registration
Visit: www.pgmuseum.org/summer-camp
Email: education@pgmuseum.org

Nature Camps

Ventana Wildlife Society

Summer Programs
Meaningful experiences in nature inspire passion for stewardship of the planet. Whether it’s journaling in the shade of a giant redwood, exploring tide pools, or having a condor soar so close overhead the rustle of its feathers can be heard, Ventana Wildlife Society programs generate memories that will last a lifetime.

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Prices: K-2 Camp: Members $240, Non-members $265
K-2 Lunch Bunch: $25/Week
3-5 Camp: Members $350, Non-members $385

FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION
Visit: www.pgmuseum.org/summer-camp
Email: education@pgmuseum.org

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CAMEL RIVER WATERSHED CONSERVANCY
Watershed Educational Tour
The Carmel River Watershed Conservancy will lead small groups on a driving tour of key sites within the watershed, such as the Los Padres Reservoir and the former San Clemente Dam while explaining the rich history and ecology of the area. This program is available upon request throughout the year.

CITIZENS FOR SUSTAINABLE MARINA
Oak Woodland and Community Garden
Plant natives, harvest and plant community garden beds, spread mulch, water, and remove European grasses from this oak woodland and community garden project.

ELKHORN SLOUGH RESERVE
Tours and Volunteer Opportunities
Join us for a variety of tours and opportunities each month! Discover the “ins and outs” of native plant landscaping at our Garden Day volunteer events, take a sensory exploration along the trails, or learn about the history, research, and new restoration of California’s second largest estuary.

MEARTH Outdoor Activities and Nature Education for All
Join MEarth at the Hilton Bialek Habitat this year! MEarth will be hosting spring and summer break camps, community events, and volunteer opportunities. Join us in the garden, learn about restoring native plants, make healthy snacks in our green classroom, do some DIY arts and crafts, and more!

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Out of this World! Stargazing

Programs presented in cooperation with the Santa Cruz Astronomy Club and the Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy (MIRA) Club.

**Star Party**
Look up at the night sky and revel in its vast and seemingly endless mysteries. Come and join us as amateur astronomers share their knowledge of the cosmos. Observe details on the moon and faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters.

**All Ages**
- Saturday, Apr. 30 | 7:30 pm-9 pm
- Friday, Jul. 8 | 8 pm-9:30 pm
- Friday, Sep. 23 | 7 pm-8:30 pm
Garland Park Visitor Center

**Portable chair, warm clothing, and hot drinks encouraged.**
- Rain, fog or cloud cover cancels event.
- For up to date weather conditions, call 831-659-6065 within an hour of program.
- Bring a red light flashlight.
- Minors must be accompanied by an adult.
- Only service dogs permitted.

**Non-Physical Activity**  
Binoculars Advised  
Virtual Activity  
Pack Additional Materials  

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