

Doug Siden Visitor Center at Crab Cove



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Every Fri
10:30-
11am

Story Time

Come meet story characters like the Lorax, hermit crabs, and "Swimmy the Fish;" then meet a real animal, do a craft or play a game.

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

Fish Feeding Time

Visit our aquariums to see who lives here! Observe a shark, fish and other critters while they eat!

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

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.

Mar 2 & 3: Fun with Food Chains - Everything eats! We'll see how it is all connected!

Mar 9 & 10: Make it rain! Showers of fun!

Mar 16 & 17: Spring Has Sprung- what's new in the park.


Mar 23 & 24: Colors, Colors, Everywhere - Discover the colors of nature.

Mar 30 & 31: The Incredible Egg - Discover the animals that lay eggs

Doug Siden Visitor Center at Crab Cove 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-4pm, November - February (10am-5pm | March - October).

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

Program Key:

 = Wheelchair accessible

\$ = Fee program

= Register online at ebparks.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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Sat,
Mar 2
10am-
12:30pm

Volcanos, Labyrinths, Quarries and Newts

Join us for a 2.5-mile moderate ramble exploring hidden labyrinths in historic quarries that have reshaped this beautiful volcanic landscape. Search skyward for eagles and below the surface of a vernal pond for newts.

Where: Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve
(Sibley Staging Area)



Sun,
Mar 3
9:30-
11am

Spring Departure: Birds of Beach and March

Let's say goodbye before it's too late. Some of our winter visitors are still fueling up here and readying themselves for the next stage in their lives' journeys. It will be fun to look for birds who have begun to molt into their fancy breeding plumage.



Various
Dates
10:30-
11:45am

Hikes for Tykes

March 5: Temescal Regional Recreation Area

Has spring sprung around the lake? We'll stroll around the short lake loop looking for signs of spring!



March 19: Oyster Bay Regional Shoreline

A pollinator garden, buckeye trees and pine trees- all growing on top of an old dump!
Come explore!

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Sun,
Mar 10
11:30am-
1:30pm

Birding at Emeryville Marina

We will explore some lesser-known parts of the SF Bay Trail and McLaughlin East Shore State Park, looking for birds swimming or roosting at high tide. It would be special if we could find a Surf Bird! Level trails.

Where: Emeryville Marina
(Meet at Marina Parking Area)



Sat,
Mar 16
9-11am

Birding by Ear

Yes, it does count when you identify a bird by its song. Let's practice in this beautiful, diverse canyon with many bird habitats. Constant rain cancels. Ages 10+

Where: Leona Canyon Regional Preserve
(Canyon Oaks Drive)



Sun,
Mar 17
9-11am

Bay Area Women in Botany

Learn about some of the greats in local botany and walk through one of our botanical treasure chests at a leisurely pace. About 2 miles, with some steep sections. Ages 7+

Where: Huckleberry Botanic Regional Preserve
(Huckleberry Staging Area)



Wed,
Mar 20
9:30am-
12:30pm

Wednesday Walk

Moderate 4+ mile hike to scenic ridgelines and charming oak-covered canyons. Sorry, no restrooms may be available.

Maybe muddy, bring water—wear strong footwear. Ages 8+
Heavy rain cancels.

Where: Five Canyons Open Space (Deer Canyon Trailhead)



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Sun,
Mar 24
9:30-
11am

90th Anniversary Sunday Stroll & Picnic

Lake Temescal is one of the 3 parks which first made up the Park District, and it continues to be surprisingly rich in wildflowers and wildlife. We will learn a little history, stroll, admire, and enjoy a picnic lunch together.



Bring binoculars if you have them, and some food to share if you like!

Where: Temescal Regional Recreation Area

Tue,
Mar 26
10:30-
11:45am

Sea Squirts

Sea Squirt Program returns! Once a month share a morning of shoreline fun with your child. Play games, explore nature, sing songs, and do a craft related to the theme of the day!



Topic: Magnificent Marine Mammals

Fee: 5\$

Registration Required: bit.ly/seasquirts326

Sun,
Mar 31
9am-
noon

Redwood Rarities

Let's explore to see what Blooms have arisen to greet Spring in this rare patch of Redwood Forest. About 4 miles of walking – some parts are steep. Ages 7+



Where: Reinhardt Redwood Regional Park
(Canyon Meadow Staging Area)

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Volunteer Opportunities

Sat,
Mar 9
10am-
2:00pm

Leona Canyon Native Plant Restoration

Volunteers are needed to help protect featured native plants by pulling non-native invasive grasses and shrubs,

Lunch, tools, and gloves provided. Community service hours available for students. Heavy rain cancels.

Ages 10+

Registration Required: tinyurl.com/Leonacanyon39

**Where: Leona Canyon Regional Preserve
(Merritt College Parking Lot E)**



Sat,
Mar 30
9:30am-
12:30pm

Native Plant and Butterfly Gardening

Weed Warriors Unite! Volunteers have made a tremendous difference in battling weeds in the Crab Cove gardens. Let's continue the battle, and in the process protect the health of beautiful native plants that provide food for wildlife.

Community service credit available. Tools and snacks provided. Ages 8+

Registration Required: tinyurl.com/nativeplant330

