



# BIG BREAK

## MAY & JUNE 2024

### Interpretive Programs



All programs meet at the Visitor Center, are drop-in, and FREE of charge unless noted otherwise. Adult participation is required. For more information call (510) 544-3050 or email [bigbreakvisit@ebparks.org](mailto:bigbreakvisit@ebparks.org)

#### VISITOR CENTER

Open Wednesday- Sunday  
10am-4pm

Part of the great 1150-square-mile Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, the Visitor Center connects communities to this complex system's ecological, historical, and social significance.

The Visitor Center is wheelchair accessible.

#### PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Scan the QR code to view program opportunities at all East Bay Parks.



#### PROGRAM KEY

Wheelchair Accessible

Registration Required

Fee Based Program

#### SCHOOL PROGRAMS

For Big Break school programs, visit us online at [ebparks.org](http://ebparks.org), scan the QR Code below, or email [hdauid@ebparks.org](mailto:hdauid@ebparks.org)



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#### BIG BREAK LITTLES

May 6 & 7 & June 3 & 4 | 10:00 - 11:00am

1-5 years

Miriam, Naturalist & Ed, Docent

Bring the little ones to the park for nature before nap time. Same program both days - come to one OR the other!

#### BIG BREAK HOMESCHOOL

May 13 | 10:00-11:30am & 1:00- 2:30pm

5-12 years

Miriam, Naturalist & Ed, Jess, Megan, Interpretive Staff

Take your learning outside as we explore environmental science and Delta topics through hands-on activities in the park. Two sessions, come to the morning or afternoon.

#### NATURALIST CLUB

May 15 | 2:30 - 3:30pm

5-12 years

Interpretive Staff

Designed to bring children and families to the park, explore the importance of this natural space in a fun and mindful way.

#### DELTA DISCOVERIES CRAFT

Every Saturday in May & June | 11:00am - 2:00pm

All ages

Interpretive Staff

Join us for our nature-based activity every weekend! Discover the hidden world of Big Break through crafts.

#### STORYTIME IN THE DELTA

May 4 & June 1 | 10:30-11:00am

1-5 years

Interpretive Staff

Bring a blanket and a snack as we relax in the park with a Delta themed Storytime.

#### PUPPET SHOW

May 19 & June 16 | 10:30-10:45am

1-5 years

Interpretive Staff

Bring a blanket and a snack as we relax in the park with a Delta themed Puppet Show.

#### ANIMAL PUPPET CRAFT

May 19 & June 16 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

All ages

Aki & Miriam, Naturalist

Join us after the show for a puppet themed craft.



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#### KAYAKING PROGRAMS



**May 7 | 1:00pm - 4:00pm | Birding by Kayak**  
**June 13 | 9:00am - 12:00pm | Birding by Kayak**  
**10+ years | Meet at the Kayak Launch**

Interpretive Staff

What better way to bird than by kayaking on the welcoming and wondrous waters of the Delta? We'll start off with dry land instruction then paddle our steady and stable craft on a group exploration of this lush and lovely shoreline.

#### COMMUNITY CAMPFIRES



**May 11 & June 9 | 6:30 - 8:00pm**  
**All ages**

Aki & Miriam, Naturalist

Gather the family for an evening in the park. Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy before the festivities begin. We'll explore the wonders of Big Break through activities and a campfire (and S'mores of course)!

#### PAINTING ON THE PIER



**May 12 & June 23 | 11:00am - 12:00pm**  
**All ages**

Miriam, Naturalist

Relax on the pier as we paint the scene. Join us for a special Mother's Day session on Sunday May 12th honoring the moms who call Big Break home.

#### LOVE A TREE STROLL

**May 16 | 2:30 - 3:30pm**  
**All ages**

Aki, Naturalist

Are you a fan of trees? We will be observing and giving information about the trees in this wonderful wetland shoreline park.

#### OCEAN WEEK MARSH CREEK CLEAN UP

**June 6 | 9:30am - 12:00pm | Marsh Creek, Cypress Staging Area**  
**All ages**

Aki, Naturalist

The Pacific Ocean exhibits itself as one of the greatest marvels on the planet. Let's focus on keeping parts of the Delta pristine and clear by participating in a clean up of Marsh Creek.

#### TESTING THE WATER

**Every Sunday in May & June | 9:00- 10:00am**  
**All ages**

Interpretive Staff

Help track the health of the Delta! We will test for different criteria, recording the water quality changes that affect our ecosystem.

#### BIRDING PROGRAMS

**Black Birders Week**

**May 27 | 9:00- 11:00am | Big Break**  
**All ages**

Aki, Naturalist

Seek out birds living in the Delta while discussing past and current challenges faced by Black birders.

**Raptor Baseline**

**May 30 | 9:00- 11:30am | Round Valley**  
**June 27 | 9:00- 11:30am | Marsh Creek**  
**All ages**

Aki & Miriam, Naturalist

Help us document bird variety and numbers in this community science project. No experience necessary.

#### ASTRONOMY DAY



**May 18 | 6:30 - 9:00pm**  
**All ages**

Aki, Naturalist

Join us as we gaze into the night sky at Big Break. Discover constellations and learn about our place in the galaxy.

#### OTHER THAN OTTERS



**June 8 | 2:00 - 3:30pm**  
**All ages**

Interpretive Staff

Join us on a walk along our levee to discover what aquatic mammals call Big Break home.

#### THE POWER OF THE SUN



**June 20 | 2:00 - 3:30pm**  
**All ages**

Aki, Naturalist

Celebrate the Summer Solstice with some fun in the Sun! We'll build our own solar ovens to experience the power of the light and heat around us.