

# TILDEN NATURE AREA

## FEBRUARY 2025 NATURALIST PROGRAMS

All programs meet at the Environmental Education Center unless otherwise noted. Accommodation will be made for visitors with disabilities upon advance request.

### Program Key:

Ⓟ = Parking fee may apply

♿ = Wheelchair accessible

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## The Tilden Nature Area

is a 740-acre preserve containing 10 miles of hiking trails, a small lake, several ponds and the Little Farm. This area is ideal for nature study. The Environmental Education Center is open Tues-Sun from 10am-4:30pm. The Little Farm is open daily from 8:30am-4pm.

### TILDEN FUNGUS FAIR ♿

Melissa Fowlks, Paula Urtecho & Interpretive Staff

10 - 4:30 pm, Sat & Sun, Feb 1 & 2

Celebrate the fruits of winter! View hundreds of local mushroom specimens, mingle with the mycological community and enjoy presentations by guest speakers at this two-day special event. All ages welcome!



### MUSHROOMS!

Paula Urtecho

2 - 3 pm, Tue, Feb 4

All it takes is a little precipitation and they begin to appear as if by magic. Fantastical forms and colors, sometimes delicious and sometimes deadly. It is that time of year, folks. Let's go on the hunt for mushrooms! Meet in the Environmental Education Center.



### TILDEN TOTS

Melissa Fowlks and Jenna Tidd

10:30 - 11:30 am, Wed, Feb 5 & 26

Bring the littlest ones to the park to explore! Do an activity, meet some animals, and listen along to a story. Meet outside the Environmental Education Center.



### CREATURE FEATURE

Interpretive Staff

10:30 - 11 am, Sat, Feb 8, 15 & 22

From reptiles to rabbits, cockroaches to cows, you'll be amazed upon meeting our featured animal ambassador!



### FELTED ACORNS ♿

Jenna Collins

11 am - noon, Sat, Feb 8 & 22

Join us as we find out how to make our very own wool craft! We'll use water and soap to make our woolly creations, then top it off with a little acorn cap.



### CREEPY CRAWLY CRITTERS

Cooper Matuszak

1 - 1:30 pm, Sat, Feb 8 & 22

Learn why insects are so cool! We'll enjoy a story and fun activities, then meet a real hissing cockroach.



### FUN ON THE FARM

Interpretive Staff

2 - 3 pm, Sat, Feb 8, 15 & 22

Get the inside scoop on the latest happenings at the Little Farm! What are the chickens saying? Why are goats so cute? Meet on the farm near the chicken coop.



### GOODNIGHT FARM

Jenna Collins

3:30 - 4 pm, Sat, Feb 8, 15 & 22

Ever wonder what the farm animals eat for dinner? Join us as we feed the animals their evening meal and say goodnight to the farm. Meet at the haybarn.



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### GOOSE CABOOSE

Paula Urtecho

10 - 10:30 am, Sun, Feb 9 & 23

Hop on the Goose Caboose! Our four geese, Blanche, Rose, Dorothy and Sofia, enjoy a little stroll, so let's escort them through the farmyard. Learn about this beautiful heritage breed and enjoy their adorable antics!



### SUNDAY STORYTIME

Interpretive Staff

10:30 - 11 am, Sun, Feb 9, 16 & 23

Gather 'round for a wonderful children's book read aloud.



### GARDEN HELPERS

Paula Urtecho

1 - 2 pm, Sun, Feb 9 & 23

There is plenty to do in the winter garden. Drop in to lend a hand and see how the garden grows! Enter next to the Round Barn at the Little Farm.



### MONDAY BIRDING

Jenna Collins

9 am - noon, Mon, Feb 10 & 24

Birds, habitat, plants, and spoor, the mysteries of Nature await!

**Feb 10:** Middle Harbor Shoreline. Flat.

**Feb 24:** Crockett Hills. Hills.



### THE OVER-THE-HILLS-GANG

Anthony Fisher

10 am - 12:30 pm, Tue, Feb 11 & 25

Hikers 55 years and older interested in nature study, history, fitness, and fun are invited to join this series of monthly excursions exploring the Regional Parks.

**Feb 11:** Alvarado Park. Mild hills.

**Feb 25:** Briones, Old Briones Road Entrance. Hills.



### WINTER WATERCOLOR

Melissa Fowlks

11 am - 12:30 pm, Sat, Feb 15

Take some respite in nature, slow down, and use the natural settings around you to inspire your creativity through watercolor. Each Saturday, we will meet at the Environmental Education Center, then move to a different location nearby.



### UP CLOSE AT THE FARM

Martha Arlette Cerda

11 am - noon, Mon, Feb 24

The Little Farm is turning 50! Come meet our charming farm animals up close, learn what they eat, how they move, and explore their unique stories. Meet on the Farm.



### WINTER WALK

Paula Urtecho

**Briones Regional Park - Bear Creek Staging Area**

1 - 4 pm, Mon, Feb 24

There's nothing like a brisk winter walk to get warmed up! Be prepared to walk over hill and dale in potentially mucky conditions. We'll keep our senses tuned for signs of Spring. Bring water and a snack. Heavy rain cancels.



### HIKE AND STORYTIME

Melissa Fowlks

4 - 5:30 pm, Thu, Feb 27

Join Naturalist Melissa and Librarians Deborah & Sheila in nature exploration activities, and a themed story time.

**February 27:** Richmond Main Library, 325 Civic Center Plaza.

