



# HAYWARD AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT HAYWARD SHORELINE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

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## Naturalist Programs for Winter 2019

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### DECEMBER

#### **NATURE DETECTIVES: Daring Detectives**

Saturday, Dec. 1, 11:00am-12:00pm

Calling all Nature Detectives! Time to earn our Detective badges by following curious creature clues, solving marsh mysteries, and hitting the trail with our gumshoes.

Ages 3 thru 5. FEE: \$8 PER CHILD. CLASS #51522

#### **Shoreline Trash Takers**

Sunday, Dec. 2, 10:30am-12:00pm

Grab your work gloves and your good-will! The salt marsh needs your help getting rid of the litter that has accumulated since our last clean-up. We will provide trash bags and have gloves to loan. All ages are welcome. FREE.

#### **TODDLER RAMBLE: Works of Art**

Fridays, Dec. 7 & 14, 10:30am-11:15am

It's that time of year when handmade gifts abound, and we will be no exception. Each week we will make some art that could be given to a loved one.

Ages 1 thru 3. FEE: \$6 PER CHILD.

CLASS: Dec. 7, #51487 Dec. 14, #51488

#### **Holiday Nature Crafts**

Saturday, Dec. 8, 10:00am-12:00pm

Create some unique holiday gifts at this nature craft workshop, including cards, ornaments, and wreaths. Bring the family and drop in anytime during the 2-hour program. All craft materials provided.

All ages. FEE: \$10 PER PERSON. CLASS #51628

#### **BIRD WALK: Ravenous and Rapacious Raptors**

Saturday, Dec. 8, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Meet at Eden Landing Ecological Reserve parking lot to head out and see everything around us. This is a great time of year to see ducks and various shorebirds, but this location, in particular, also has an abundance of predatory birds and raptors.

Ages 12+. FEE: \$8 PER PERSON. CLASS #51621

#### **Tidal Trek**

Sunday, Dec. 9, 9:30am-11:30am

Take a hike to the shoreline and discover some of the small critters that inhabit the mudflats. Bring boots if you have them. Extra shoes and socks are recommended for the ride home as we'll be walking on the mudflats.

Ages 5+. FEE: \$6 PER PERSON. CLASS #51629

#### **Leopard Shark Feeding Frenzy**

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Help the staff feed our resident leopard shark, surfperch, snakes and lizard. Learn more about them and our other aquatic and land inhabitants. Who will get to the food first? All ages. FREE.

#### **D-ECO-ration!**

Sunday, Dec. 16, 11:00am-12:00pm

Contribute to a collaborative art installation that will be displayed here at the Interpretive Center. Pastels and canvas banner provided--bring your own creativity and duck-drawing skills!

All ages. FEE: \$6 PER PERSON. CLASS #51630

### JANUARY

#### **TODDLER RAMBLE: Natural Habitats**

Fridays, Jan. 4 - 25, 10:30am-11:15am

This month we will explore what a habitat is and how animals and plants live in them.

Ages 1 thru 3. FEE: \$7 PER CHILD.

ACTIVE: Jan. 4, #7097 Jan. 11, #7121  
Jan. 18, #7122 Jan. 25, #7123

#### **NATURE DETECTIVES: Wild Weather**

Saturday, Jan. 5, 11:00am-12:00pm

We'll investigate all types of weather this month, rain or shine! Let's move with the wind, smile with the sun, and dance with the rain as we explore the weather in the Bay Area and beyond.

Ages 3 thru 5. FEE: \$9 PER CHILD. ACTIVE #7233

#### **Leopard Shark Feeding Frenzy**

Sunday, Jan. 6, 2:00pm-3:00pm

See 12/15/18 listing for program description. All ages. FREE.

#### **Owl Pellet Dissection**

Sunday, January 6, 2:30pm-4:00pm

Come excavate a pellet from an owl's gullet. You never know what you will find, but we hope to extract small bones that could make up a skeleton! We will provide all the supplies you will need, just bring your enthusiasm and dig in.

Ages 7+. FEE: \$9 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #7156

#### **BIRD WALK: Shall We Dance?**

Saturday, Jan. 12, 1:00pm-5:00pm

Go to the Cosumnes River Preserve in the Central Valley in search of wintering Sandhill Cranes, which are known for their graceful dancing. We'll stay late in the afternoon to watch the birds fly in to the field for the night. Limited carpooling is available, call for details.

Ages 12+. FEE: \$9 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #7642

#### **Weekend Weed Warriors**

Sunday, Jan. 13, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Join us in this community service activity to "pull together" and remove invasive plant species found in the salt marshes around the Interpretive Center. Bring your own gloves and trowel or borrow ours.

Ages 12+. FREE. ACTIVE #7648

#### **Remarkable Reptiles**

Saturday, Jan. 19, 11:30am-12:30pm

Snakes are some of the most fascinating and charismatic creatures of the shoreline. Come meet our resident gopher snakes, as well as residents outside the marsh habitat, our rosy boa and California king snake. Learn about them, handle them, and watch them devour their food in front of your eyes!

All ages. FEE: \$9 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #7157



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### Dive Into Density!

Sunday, Jan. 20, 12:00pm-1:30pm

Come and explore the concept of density, and how it impacts the movement of our oceans around the globe. We will play with mixing water of varying colors, temperatures, and saltiness!

Ages 7+. FEE: \$9 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #7158

### BIRD WALK: Plump It Up!

Saturday, Jan. 26, 9:30am-12:30pm

Gather at the Interpretive Center, and head out to the freshwater marsh looking for a shy bird called a Common Gallinule that likes to stay on the edges of the marsh. A flock of gallinules is known as a plump, but we will be happy if we see one or two!

Ages 12+. FEE: \$9 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #7644



### Plein Air @ the Shore: Intro to Painting Outdoors

Saturday, Jan. 26, 10:00am-12:00pm

Be inspired by the shoreline in this beginner's class for plein air painting (painting outdoors). Explore different ways to customize your own painting kit before hiking out. Learn about the natural and cultural history of the beautiful shoreline and choose subjects to paint. All levels welcome, bring your own supplies or borrow ours for the morning.

Ages 18+. FEE: \$9 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #7236

## FEBRUARY

### TODDLER RAMBLE: The Nose Knows

Friday, Feb. 1 - 22, 10:30am-11:15am

We will smell, touch, look, listen, and

taste our way through the month.

Ages 1 thru 3. FEE: \$7 PER CHILD.

ACTIVE: Feb. 1, #7124 Feb. 8, #7125

Feb. 15, #7126 Feb. 22, #7127

### NATURE DETECTIVES: Wonderful Wetlands

Saturday, February 2, 11:00am-12:00pm

With World Wetland Day on February 2nd, now's the perfect time to explore all things water and what makes our local wetlands so wonderful. Splashing included!

Ages 3 thru 5. FEE: \$9 PER CHILD. ACTIVE #7232

### Cyotaku - Fish Printing Art

Sunday, Feb. 3, 10:30am-11:30am

Come practice the ancient Japanese art of fish printing using rubber fish. Learn how to turn your newly made print into a stylish banner of your own creation to take home and show off and display. All materials provided as well as paper for printing. Feel free to bring old t-shirts or bandanas to decorate.

Ages 7+. FEE: \$9 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #7240

### Leopard Shark Feeding Frenzy

Sunday, Feb. 3, 2:00pm-3:00pm

See 12/15/18 listing for program description. All ages. FREE.

### BIRD WALK: Knockout Punch

Saturday, Feb. 9, 9:30am-12:30pm

A peregrine pair has an established territory at Eden Landing Ecological Reserve, the site of today's walk. It is an exciting spectacle to see a falcon dive into a flock of sandpipers to catch its prey. They form a fist with their feet and hit the smaller bird, disabling it!

Ages 12+. FEE: \$9 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #7643

### Dipnetting

Sunday, Feb. 10, 11:00am-12:00pm

Join us as we search through the muddy water of the channels looking for life.

You may be surprised by how many living things make their home in the mud!

Ages 7+. FEE: \$9 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #7159

### Weekend Weed Warriors

Sunday, Feb. 10, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Join us in this community service activity to "pull together" and remove invasive plant species found in the salt marshes around the Interpretive Center. Bring your own gloves and trowel or borrow ours.

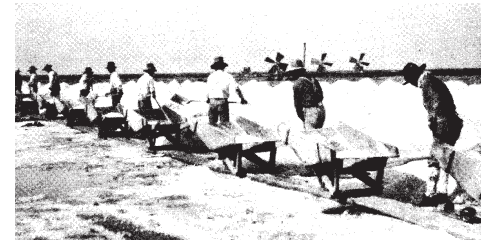
Ages 12+. FREE. ACTIVE #7649

### Salt Pond History Hike

Saturday, Feb. 16, 11:00am-1:00pm

Have you ever been curious about the "white stuff" you see as you travel along the San Mateo Bridge? Come on a naturalist-led walk through our salt ponds and learn about the salt farming industry that was so important to the area more than 100 years ago.

Ages 12+. FEE: \$9 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #7241



### Tracks and Tidal Treks

Sunday, Feb. 17, 10:30am-12:00pm

Discover who lives at the marsh through tracks left in the mud as we hike along the shoreline. We will also be getting crafty and making our own tracks at the interpretive center! Dress in layers.

Ages 7+. FEE: \$9 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #7160

### BIRD WALK: If at First You Don't Succeed...

Saturday, Feb. 23, 9:30am-12:30pm

Gather at the Coyote Hills Regional Park parking lot next to the Visitor Center. Warblers called Common Yellowthroats nest in the grasses of the marsh, and if other species lay their eggs in this warbler's nest, yellowthroats are known to make a new nest atop the old. Smart, huh?

Ages 12+. FEE: \$9 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #7645