



# HAYWARD AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT HAYWARD SHORELINE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

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## Naturalist Programs for Spring 2019

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### MARCH

#### **TODDLER RAMBLE: Mad Scientists**

Fridays, March 1 - 29, 10:30am-11:15am

Let's put on our coats and conduct some experiments!

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

ACTIVE: Mar. 1, #7128 Mar. 8, #7129

Mar. 15, #7130 Mar. 22, #7131 Mar. 29, #7132

#### **NATURE DETECTIVES: Reptile Romp**

Saturday, Mar. 2, 11:00am-12:00pm

It's all about reptiles this month! Visit our resident snakes and lizards, and search for wild reptiles out in the marsh.

Ages 3 thru 5. FEE: \$9 PER CHILD. ACTIVE #7234

#### **Whose Scat is That?**

Sunday, Mar. 3, 10:30am-12:00pm

Join us on World Wildlife Day for a hike along the shoreline in search of animals, as well as the evidence they leave behind. What we find just might surprise you!

Ages 7 yr+. FEE: \$9 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #7235

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

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

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

All ages. FREE. ACTIVE #7149

#### **BIRD WALK: Red-Eye Reduction?**

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

The Winton trail-head is our starting point for today's walk, where we hope to see a pair of White-tailed Kites nesting near the channel. Their dark red eyes are a distinctive field mark making them appear rather menacing. Ages 12+. FEE: \$9 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #7647

#### **There's an App for That!**

Sunday, Mar. 10, 10:30am-12:00pm

Do you enjoy spending time out in

nature, but also enjoy using technology? Why not combine the two?! Join us for a tutorial on how to use the mobile app, iNaturalist, to record observations of various plants and animals. You can use your mobile device to contribute to important citizen science projects in a way that is easy and fun.

Ages 12 yr+. FEE: \$9 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #7640

#### **Weekend Weed Warriors**

Sunday, Mar. 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 #7650

#### **Plein Air @ the Shore: Sketching**

Saturday, Mar. 16, 10:30am-12:30pm

Join us for a hike out into the marsh where we'll tackle the topic of sketching in plein air. With the constant changes on the shoreline, pencil sketching and quick watercolors can capture light, mood and action, teach you a lot about your subject, and will improve your artistic skills. All levels welcome, bring your own supplies or borrow ours.

Ages 18+. FEE: \$10 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #8703

#### **Touch Tank**

Sunday, Mar. 17, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Discover shoreline dwellers in our teach and touch tank. A naturalist will be on hand to help you explore crabs, barnacles, worms, snails, and more in this up close, hands on experience.

All ages. FEE: \$7 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #8714

#### **BIRD WALK: "A Little Bit Punk, A Little Bit Geeky"**

Saturday, Mar. 23, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Ospreys were the cover-bird for Bay Nature magazine's summer 2018 issue, and this title describes them perfectly. Meet at the Grant Ave. trailhead, and scan the shoreline for these fabulous raptors hunt-

ing for fish.

Ages 12+. FEE: \$8 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #5745

#### **Family Fishing Fun**

Sunday, Mar. 24, 1:30pm-4:30pm

The tide today is opportune for fishing; hike out to the shoreline and learn the basics of rigging, casting, and possibly catching! No previous experience needed. Gear provided. Participants ages 16 years+ must have a fishing license, available online by visiting ca.gov. Feel free to bring a zero-waste (all reusable or compostable) lunch or snack.

Ages 6+. FEE: \$12 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #8132

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

Sunday, Mar. 31, 2:00pm-3:00pm

See 3/3/19 listing for program description. All ages. FREE. ACTIVE #8136

### APRIL

#### **TODDLER RAMBLE: Nothing Could Be Finer**

Fridays, Apr. 5 - 26, 10:30am-11:15am

This month we'll work on our fine motor skills. Moving things around with our fingers will be fun and tactile! Activities change every week and relate to the theme of the month.

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

ACTIVE: Apr. 5, #8694 Apr. 12, #8695

Apr. 19, #8696 Apr. 26, #8697

#### **NATURE DETECTIVES: Amazing Arthropods**

Saturday, Apr. 6, 11:00am-12:00pm

Get up close and personal with insects, spiders and crustaceans as we investigate the big world of tiny arthropods this month! Come dressed to get dirty (and muddy) as we'll be exploring the trail and dipnetting in the channel.

Ages 3 thru 5. FEE: \$9 PER CHILD. ACTIVE #5538

#### **Shark Talk**

Sunday, Apr. 7, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Did you know that there are several shark species living in the San Fran-



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cisco Bay? Learn more about the body, habitat, and lifestyle of sharks found in the Bay, make a shark craft, and feed our resident shark.

All ages. FEE: \$7 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #8716

### **BIRD WALK: They March to the Beat of Their Own Drum**

**Saturday, Apr. 13, 9:00am-12:00pm**  
Meet at the parking lot to Dry Creek/  
Pioneer Regional Park (trailhead at the  
end of May Road in Union City). Some  
of the funnest birds of the day will be  
woodpeckers. It's possible we could hear  
as many as five species singing and drum-  
ming their bills against the trees in this  
oak woodland habitat!

Ages 12+. FEE: \$8 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #8690

### **Weekend Weed Warriors**

**Sunday, Apr. 14, 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 Cen-  
ter. Bring your own gloves and trowel  
or borrow ours.

Ages 12+. FREE. ACTIVE #8140

### **Family Fishing Fun**

**Saturday, Apr. 20, 12:00pm-3:00pm**  
See 3/24/2019 listing for description.

Ages 6+. FEE: \$12 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #8133

### **Easter Eggheads**

**Sunday, Apr. 21, 1:00pm-2:30pm**  
Geek out at the shoreline this Easter!  
Explore our extensive egg collection,  
paint your own model egg like a profes-  
sional scientific illustrator, and search  
the trails and our Center on an egg  
hunt.

All ages. FEE: \$8 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #8704

### **BIRD WALK: Sink or Swim**

**Saturday, Apr. 27, 9:30am-12:30pm**  
Meet at the Winton trailhead. We'll keep  
our eyes out for a small, very cute shore-  
bird known as a semipalmated plover.

They are known for running fast along  
the shoreline looking for invertebrate  
prey, and also have been known to swim  
short distances.

Ages 12+. FEE: \$8 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #8691

### **Leopard Shark Feeding Frenzy**

**Sunday, Apr. 28, 2:00pm-3:00pm**

See 3/3/19 listing for program  
description. All ages. FREE. ACTIVE #8137

## MAY

### **TODDLER RAMBLE: May Messiness**

**Fridays, May 3 - 31, 10:30am-11:15am**  
It's time to get dirty! Each week we'll  
play with sensory materials that will  
make a mess, and that's okay, especially  
because we will do the clean up! May 10  
and May 24 will be muddy play outside.  
Please bring rain boots and a change of  
clothes for the ride home.

Ages 1 thru 3. FEE: \$7 PER CHILD.  
ACTIVE: May 3, #8698 May 10, #8702  
May 17, #8699 May 24, #8700 May 31, #8701

### **NATURE DETECTIVES: Feathered Friends**

**Saturday, May 4, 11:00am-12:00pm**  
With World Migratory Bird Day being  
celebrated this month, let's explore bird  
beaks, nests and feathers, and of course  
hit the trail to see our flying friends!

Ages 3 thru 5. FEE: \$9 PER CHILD. ACTIVE #8125

### **Camouflage - Master of Disguise**

**Sunday, May 5, 10:30am-11:30am**  
Camouflage is an amazing adapta-  
tion that many animals possess. We'll  
explore some examples of camouflage,  
make some crafts to take home, and  
go outside to find some camouflaged  
animals in our marsh.

All ages. FEE: \$7 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #8717

### **BIRD WALK: Spin Like a Top**

**Saturday, May 11, 9:30am-12:30pm**  
Passing through on its migration right

now is the very small and amazing red-  
necked phalarope. They are known for  
spinning in circles in the water thus creat-  
ing a vortex which brings food out of reach  
closer to them. We'll start at the Interpre-  
tive Center and head to the freshwater  
marsh.

Ages 12+. FEE: \$8 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #8692

### **Mother's Day Touch Tank Sunday, May 12, 2:00pm-3:00pm**

If your mother enjoys being outdoors,  
bring her to the Interpretive Center to  
discover shoreline dwellers in our teach  
and touch tank on Mother's Day. A  
naturalist will be on hand to help you  
explore crabs, barnacles, worms, snails,  
and more in this up close, hands on  
experience. Afterwards, make a craft  
and take a self-led hike in our beautiful  
park. Register in advance.

All ages. FEE: \$7 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #8715

### **Family Fishing Fun**

**Saturday, May 18, 11:00am-2:00pm**  
See 3/24/2019 listing for description.

Ages 6+. FEE: \$12 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #8134

### **Weekend Weed Warriors**

**Sunday, May 19, 1:00pm-4:00pm**  
See 3/10/2019 listing for description.

Ages 12+. FREE. ACTIVE #8141

### **BIRD WALK: Don't Spread Yourself too Thin!**

**Saturday, May 25, 10:00am-1:00pm**  
Gather at the Interpretive Center to  
explore a different section of the marsh,  
where we are likely to see brown-headed  
cowbirds today. The female parasitizes  
other birds' nests by laying one egg. They  
have been known to lay as many as 40 eggs  
in one season!

Ages 12+. FEE: \$8 PER PERSON. ACTIVE #8693

### **Leopard Shark Feeding Frenzy**

**Sunday, May 26, 2:00pm-3:00pm**

See 3/3/19 listing for program  
description. All ages. FREE. ACTIVE #8138