



HAYWARD AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT HAYWARD SHORELINE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

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Naturalist Programs for Spring 2020

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MARCH

BIRD WALK: Make Sure to Eat Your Wheaties

Sunday, Mar. 1, 9:00am-12:00pm

Today we look for Spoonies. Though it seems like you might want to bring your cereal with you, a Spoony is the common name for duck called the northern shoveler. Meet at the Grant Ave. trailhead. Ages 12+. FEE: \$5 per person. ACTIVE #12189

TODDLER RAMBLE: Mad Scientist

Fridays, Mar. 6 - 27, 10:30am-11:15am

Each week we will do an experiment or two and become mad scientists. Color mixing, dry ice bubbles, and dancing raisins are just the beginning!

Ages 1 to 3. FEE: \$7 per child.

Mar. 6 #13621 Mar. 13, #13622

Mar. 20, #13623 Mar. 27, #13624

NATURE DETECTIVES: Wild Weather

Saturday, Mar. 7, 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 weather in the Bay Area and beyond. Ages 3 to 5. FEE: \$9 per child. ACTIVE #12134

VOLUNTEER: Weekend Weed Warriors

Sunday, Mar. 8, 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. RSVP online. Ages 12+. FREE ACTIVE #13647

BIRD WALK: Jump Off the Deep End

Saturday, Mar. 14, 10:00am-11:30am

We look for birds often seen on bridges as they stick out their wings to dry feathers

from a swim. Double-crested cormorants are known for regularly diving as deep as 40 feet! Meet at the Eden Landing Ecological Reserve parking lot, corner of Arden and Eden Landing Rd. Ages 12+. FEE: \$5 per person. ACTIVE #13583

Fabulous Fishing Fun

Saturday, Mar. 21, 11:00am-2:00pm

The tide today is opportune for fishing; hike out to the bay 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 angler. ACTIVE #13601

Edible Estuary

Sunday, Mar. 22, 3:00pm-4:30pm

The shoreline hosts a surprising number of edible plants. Explore protected areas of the park to taste and discover these plants, learn their history, find out their medicinal uses, and even sample some!

Ages 18+. FEE: \$8 per person.

ACTIVE #13678

BIRD WALK: What is in a Name?

Saturday, Mar. 28, 9:30am-11:30am

Meet at the second parking lot at Coyote Hills Regional Park where we hope to see a lot of birds. A perennial favorite is a small black and white song bird called a black phoebe. Ages 12+. FEE: \$5 per person. ACTIVE #13584

Feeding Frenzy

Sunday, Mar. 29, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Help a Naturalist feed our crabs, starry flounder and perch. Learn more about them and our other aquatic and land inhabitants while we investigate the Salt Marsh Food Web! Who will get to the food first? All ages. FREE

ACTIVE #13598

APRIL

TODDLER RAMBLE: Birds & Nests & Eggs

Fridays, Apr. 3 - 24, 10:30am-11:15am

It's a great time to explore the uniqueness of birds and how they live. We'll make some nests of our own, look for feathers and find out how special their eggs are.

Ages 1 to 3. FEE: \$7 per child.

Apr. 3, #13625 Apr. 10, #13626

Apr. 17, #13627 Apr. 24, #13628

NATURE DETECTIVES: Adventure at West Winton

Saturday, Apr. 4, 11:00am-12:00pm

Today we meet at the West Winton trailhead to wander around a new area! We will be spending the whole day outside. Bring a sense of adventure and get ready to explore! Ages 3 to 5. FEE: \$9 per child. ACTIVE #13618

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Nifty Nests

Sunday, Apr. 5, 11:00am-12:00pm

The barn swallows have returned to nest at the shoreline. We will look for nests around the building and on the trail. Make your own nest to take home!

Ages 5 to 12. FEE: \$8 per child. ACTIVE #13644

BIRD WALK: You Poor Thing

Saturday, Apr. 11, 11:00am-1:00pm

As we loop from the Center today, we try and find killdeer. They protect their young by pretending to have a broken wing, so that a predator might go for the bigger, easier meal, and leave the chick behind. Ages 12+. FEE: \$8 per person. ACTIVE #13585

Spring Eggheads

Sunday, Apr. 12, 1:00pm-2:30pm

Geek out at the shoreline this Easter! Explore our extensive egg collection, paint your own model egg like a professional scientific illustrator, and of course, search our center and the trails on an egg hunt. Please pre-register for this



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family friendly event. All ages.
FEE: \$10 per person. ACTIVE #13635

Fabulous Fishing Fun

Saturday, Apr. 18, 10:00am-1:00pm
See description from March 21st. Ages 6+.
FEE: \$12 per angler. ACTIVE #13601

VOLUNTEER:

Weekend Weed Warriors

Sunday, Apr. 19, 1:00pm-4:00pm
See description from March 8th.
All ages. FREE ACTIVE #13648

BIRD WALK:

On the Spot

Sunday, Apr. 25, 10:00am-12:00pm
Birds of the marsh are looking snazzy in their breeding plumage. For example, dunlin are easy to identify now that they have a big, black rectangle right in the middle of their chest. Meet at the Grant Ave trailhead. Ages 12+. FEE: \$5 per person. ACTIVE #13587

New Program Series

Crafty Critters is for children ages 5-7 and their caregivers, to explore nature and use it to inspire sustainable crafts!

CRAFTY CRITTERS:

Flowers

Sunday, Apr. 26, 11:00am-12:00pm
Celebrate spring with flowers! We'll go for a short wildflower hike through the marsh and create our own seed bomb to spread the beauty of native flowers everywhere. Ages 5 to 7. FEE: \$8 per child. ACTIVE #13636

Feeding Frenzy

Sunday, Apr. 26, 2:00pm-3:00pm
See description from March 29th.
All ages. FREE ACTIVE #13599

MAY

TODDLER RAMBLE:

May Messiness

Fridays, May. 1 - 29, 10:30am-11:15am
It's that time of year to get messy again.

All month long we will play with sensory materials that will require us to wash up a bit afterwards. May 8 and 22 we will explore the mud outside, so those days in particular, an extra set of clothes and boots will be needed. Ages 1 to 3. FEE: \$7 per child.

May 1, #13629 May 8, #13630
May 15, #13631 May 22, #13632
May 29, #13633

NATURE DETECTIVES:

Feathered Friends

Saturday, May, 11:00am-12:00pm
It's all about birds this month as we investigate beaks, nests, and feathers, and of course, hit the trail to see our flying friends. Ages 3 to 5. FEE: \$9 per child. ACTIVE #13619

Crafty Critters:

Salt

Sunday, May 3, 11:00am-12:00pm
As we get closer to summer we'll explore the salt ponds from afar, examine salt samples, and use salt to make our own salt-based craft. Ages 5 to 7. FEE: \$8 per child. ACTIVE #13639

BIRD WALK:

Leg Up!

Saturday, May 9, 10:00am-12:00pm
Some birds have names that are a challenge to remember, but today's sandpiper is easy to recall because it's named after its bright, yellow legs. Yes, today we're looking for yellowlegs. It's that simple, unless it is wading in water too deep to actually see its legs!
Ages 12+. FEE: \$5 per person.
ACTIVE #13588

Feeding Frenzy

Sunday, May 10, 2:00pm-3:00pm
See description from March 29th.
All ages. FREE
ACTIVE #13600

Fabulous Fishing Fun

Sunday, May 17, 9:30am-12:30pm
See description from March 21st. Ages 6+.
FEE: \$12 per angler. ACTIVE #13603

BIRD WALK:

Bundles of Joy

Sunday, May 23, 10:00am-12:00pm
Chicks of many species have been around for weeks this spring, and today we hope to see some young stilt chicks. Their spots and tiny, long legs are lovely to behold. We will meet at the W. Winton trailhead, and head north to our seasonal wetland area. Ages 12+. FEE: \$5 per person. ACTIVE #13589

VOLUNTEER:

Shoreline Trash Takers

Sunday, May 24, 10:30am-12:00pm
Join us for our volunteer clean-up. This is a great way to complete community service hours while enjoying the outdoors and helping your environment. Please register online. All ages. FREE ACTIVE #12184

Plein Air @ the Shore

Saturday, May 30, 10:30am-12:00pm
Come be inspired by the shoreline in this beginner's class for plein air (painting outdoors). Explore different ways to customize your own painting kit before hiking out. All levels welcome bring your own supplies or borrow ours for the morning. Ages 18+. FEE: \$8 ACTIVE #13700

Incredible Insects

Sunday, May 31, 11:00am-12:00pm
With spring flowers come their pollinator friends - bees, flies, beetles, butterflies and moths! Join a naturalist as we look for caterpillars and chrysalises near the Center and continue on the trail looking for other creatures of the marsh!
Ages 5 to 12. FEE: \$7 ACTIVE #13645