

Marin Headlands Open House

Sunday, April 17, 2011

The Marin Headlands Open House is a family-friendly event that gives the Bay Area community a chance to experience some of the diverse National Park Partner organizations in the Marin Headlands and explore the park itself. Join a guided hike, enjoy arts and crafts, visit artist studios, help replant native species, and enjoy delicious, healthy, local food throughout the afternoon. In recognition of every day as Earth Day, visitors are encouraged to carpool, take public transportation, or ride their bikes for a fun-filled day in your National Park.



12PM - 5PM | 944 Fort Barry
headlands.org

Unlike a museum, gallery, or theater showing finished works of art, Headlands Center for the Arts supports the creative process. Come discover how a composer composes, what inspires a playwright, and how a painter decides when to put down her brush. Visit studios of more than 40 artists working across artistic disciplines, explore our historic buildings, and enjoy a homemade lunch in our Mess Hall Café.



The Marine Mammal Center

10AM - 5PM | 2000 Bunker Road, Fort Cronkhite
marinemammalcenter.org

Come visit The Marine Mammal Center! We'll have docent-led tours at 11AM, 1PM, and 3PM, classroom programs at 12PM and 2PM, and a "passport" scavenger hunt for kids. Visitors have the chance to guarantee spots for the tours and classes by signing up online at www.marinemammalcenter.org/visiting-us. Otherwise, stop by the Information Desk on Open House day and sign up then!



11AM - 4PM | 1033 Fort Cronkhite
naturebridge.org/headlands

This FREE event includes

- * Fun stewardship projects
- * Naturalist led hikes (departing at 11:30AM, 1:45PM, 2:45PM)
- * Open science labs including our marine lab
- * Arts and crafts
- * Healthy snacks



11PM - 4PM | 1033 Fort Cronkhite
nps.gov

Visit the National Park Service table at the Headlands Institute to learn more about the history of the Marin Headlands, get information about the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, discover how you can become more involved with your national parks, and learn about upcoming programs in a park near you!



11AM - 4PM | 941 Fort Barry
norcalhostels.org/marin

Join us for refreshments, staff-led tours, Hostel Adventure Programs (fun! kid friendly!), face painting, and more! Ongoing raffles will take place throughout the day with a Grand Prize drawing at 3:30PM. Meet and greet with staff, experience an International Youth Hostel in your own backyard, and even send a postcard home!



12:30PM - 3:30PM | Point Bonita, Fort Barry
nps.gov/goga/pobo.htm

Built to safely guide thousands of gold seekers and settlers coming to California in the late 1800s, the Point Bonita Lighthouse was the third lighthouse built on the west coast. Now over 150 years old, the lighthouse is still active and one of the many treasures of the Marin Headlands. Although the suspension bridge to the lighthouse is closed due to renovations, visitors can access the tunnel to the Point Bonita trail, explore the area, and marvel in the breathtaking views.



12PM - 4PM | 1301 Kirkpatrick Street, Fort Cronkhite
parksconservancy.org

Join in the family-friendly activities at The Marin Headlands Native Plant Nursery, part of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy.

- try your hand at transplanting and potwashing
- learn about common native plants that will be on display
- tour the facilities and learn about the nursery's role in habitat restoration in the National Park



HIKES (free!): 10:30AM & 1PM | Meet at Visitor Center
OPEN HOUSE: 12:30PM - 3PM | 981 Fort Barry

pointbonitaymca.org

In honor of Earth Day, we invite you and your family for an exploration of spring in its fullest! Join us for a Spring Wildflower hike, or simply drop by YMCA Point Bonita's Open House for delicious refreshments and fun Marine & Garden activities for the whole family. Easy grade hike; about a mile. Drop-ins welcome.