



San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex
1 Marshlands Rd Fremont, CA 94536

OPEN HOUSE

OCTOBER 18, 2008
1 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Connect with nature! Visit the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex during National Wildlife Refuge Week and enjoy all of our FREE programs.

Highlights:

Native Plant Sale	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Meet the Blue Goose	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
How to use GPS Drop-in Presented by REI Outdoor School	3:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. 4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Practice Your Duck ID Skills	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.



Presentations:

Introduction to Geocaching Presented by REI Outdoor School	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Puppet Show + Make your own puppet	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Introduction to Bird Photography	3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Nature Walks:

LaRiviere Marsh/Tidelands Trail Walk	1 p.m.
Family Bird Walk	1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Hidden Stories of the Refuge	3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
5 Simple Tools to Connect Children with Nature	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Twilight Marsh Walk	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.



Unless otherwise noted, all events take place at the Newark Slough Learning Center (down the hill from the Visitor Center). For directions, log on to <http://www.fws.gov/desfbay/directions.htm>.



Program Descriptions

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5 Tools to Connect Your Child with Nature

Learn five simple activities that you can do with your child while out on a trail. From using bug boxes to bandanas to a piece of rope, your child will become fascinated with the natural world. Both adults and children are welcome.

Beginning Bird Photography Workshop

Come learn the basics in bird photography! Join us for tips on photography. This beginning bird photography workshop will help you get the most out of your point-and-shoot camera. We will discuss ideal sighting and photo-taking conditions, lighting, composition and equipment. We will also have a slide show to familiarize you with some common birds at the refuge. Our discussion will be followed by an easy walk to different locations where we will take photos. Please bring your binoculars and/or digital or film camera. Recommended for ages 14 and up. Warm clothing and comfortable walking shoes recommended. Led by Jennifer Woo.

Family Bird Walk

Let family walks become a shared time of nature learning. We'll begin by helping kids create their personal bird watching field guides, and then head out onto the trails to find those birds. A limited number of binoculars are available to borrow. Recommended for children ages 5-10.

Hidden Stories of the Refuge

Why is that duck hunting cabin doing on the Tidelands Trail? Where did the agave come from on the hill? Take a short stroll with a Ranger and discover little-known stories on refuge lands. Led by Jennifer Heroux.

Introduction to Geocaching

The San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex and REI Outdoor School team up to bring an Introduction to Geocaching class. Learn how to use a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit and the latest trends in geocaching, a high-tech method of treasure hunting. REI Outdoor School will have a limited number of units for you to borrow and to practice. Then stop by the refuge information table and learn about the refuge's new virtual geocaching program! Space is limited! Call the Visitor Center at 510-792-0222 ext. 43 for reservations. Please note: Traditional geocaching is prohibited on National Wildlife Refuges. The refuge-sponsored virtual geocaching program is the only geocaching activity allowed on the SF Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

Global Positioning Systems – Drop-in Demonstrations

Ever wanted to learn how to use Global Positioning Systems (GPS) for geocaching or other

applications? REI Outdoor School will be on hand to show you the basics. A limited number of units are available for you to practice on during the demonstration.

LaRiviere Marsh/Tidelands Trail

– 2 miles roundtrip

Meet new people while getting fit and healthy! This is the seventh and last walk featured in the Refuge Rambler club. The walk is self-paced and you may turn back at any time. You do not need to be a Refuge Rambler to join this walk. No reservations are needed. A refuge representative will be there to greet you at 1:00 p.m. For a narrative description of this trail, log on to the Don Edwards web site at <http://www.fws.gov/desfbay>. Directions: Drive toward the Visitor Center on 1 Marshlands Road, Fremont. Turn right into the first parking lot you see. If you reach the stop sign, you've gone too far.

Meet the Blue Goose

Have your picture taken with the National Wildlife Refuge System's mascot, the Blue Goose! Take home a photo to commemorate the encounter.

Native Plant Sale

This is your chance to purchase that perfect native plant to add to your garden! Whether you're looking to re-landscape your yard with drought-resistant plants, or you want to create habitat for neighborhood birds and butterflies, this is the place to be. Follow the signs to the sale.

Puppet Show

Meet critters of the refuge and learn about habitats during this lively puppet show. Make a finger puppet to take home afterwards. All ages welcome. Puppet show geared toward ages 5-8.

Practice Your Duck ID Skills

Enter our bird blind and see if you can find and identify the decoys in the pond. Binoculars and ID charts will be available for you to borrow.

Twilight Marsh Walk

Experience the salt marsh at twilight on an easy stroll along Tidelands (1 1/3 mile) Trail. At the setting of the sun we will observe the beginning of nature's night shift. Come discover the sights, sounds, and smells of the refuge as night descends. Meet at the observation deck in front of the Visitor Center. Not suitable for young children. Led by Mary and Gene Bobik.

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