



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

OPEN HOUSE

OCTOBER 13, 2007

1 P.M. - 6 P.M.

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

*Presenters and times subject to change



Highlights:

Quilt Workshop (Visitor Center Auditorium)	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Native Plant Sale	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Bat Silo Viewing (Mayhew's Landing)	10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Meet a Refuge Biologist Take your picture on an airboat!	2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Plankton Lab Activity	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Meet the Blue Goose!	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Quilt Artist Reception (Visitor Center Auditorium)	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Presentations:

Live Bat Program and Slide Show	1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
National Wildlife Refuge System Slide Show	2 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project Update	4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Nature Walks:

Family Bird Walk	1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Mysteries of the Marsh	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Adult Beginning Bird Watching	3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
A Change of Seasons	3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Twilight Marsh Walk (Meet outside Visitor Center)	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Program Descriptions

Adult Beginning Birdwatching

Can you tell an avocet from a black-necked stilt? Join Paul Bridges for a beginning bird watching program and get to know the most common refuge visitors. Start with a slide show to learn how to recognize the regulars, and then take a walk with Paul to try your new skills. A limited number of binoculars are available to borrow. Program intended for adults.

Explore the Refuge: A Change of Season

Join us for a leisurely walk along Tidelands trails to observe how refuge flora and fauna are preparing for the change of season. Led by Ed Kantack.

Live Bat Program

Wildlife Ecologist Dave Johnston presents the ecology of bats in the San Francisco Bay Area through a slide show. Dr. Johnston will also bring a live bat for the presentation. Ribbon cutting ceremony at Mayhew's Landing for the new bat silo to follow afterwards.

Bat Silo Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Tour the newly created bat habitat (a renovated silo) and take part in the ribbon cutting ceremony at Mayhew's Landing - just a 5 minute drive away. Call 510-792-0222 ext. 39 for directions

Bat Silo Viewing

Drop in anytime between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to view the Bay Area's newest bat habitat at Mayhew's Landing, just a 5 minute drive away. Call 510-792-0222 ext. 39 for directions.

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. Learn about the salt marsh habitat along the way. A limited number of binoculars are available to borrow. Recommended for children ages 5-10.

Meet the Blue Goose

Meet and take your picture with the National Wildlife Refuge System's mascot!

Meet a Refuge Biologist

Have you ever wondered what a wildlife biologist does on a National Wildlife Refuge? Meet Supervisory Biologist Joelle Buffa and ask her your questions. Plus, climb aboard an airboat and find out what refuge biologists use this boat for.

Mysteries of the Marsh Nature Walk

Take a guided walk along LaRiviere Marsh and discover what mysteries lie in the salt marsh. Why is this ecosystem important to both wildlife and humans? How do the plants and animals survive this salty environment? Find out in this walk led by Tia Glagolev.

National Wildlife Refuge System Slide Show

Did you know that the National Wildlife Refuge System is more than 100 years old? Discover how National Wildlife Refuges are unique from all other land management agencies in the United States, and which refuges are part of the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Presented by Ed Kantack.

Native Plant Sale

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.

Plankton Lab Activity

Drop in between 2-4 p.m. and discover what is living in the sloughs! Magiscopes and a microscope will be on hand to view tiny creatures that crabs, fish, and birds find so tasty.

Quilt Workshop

The San Francisco Bay is home for many bird species and many others stop here during their migration. Learn about these wonderful birds while helping quilt artist Jennifer Snedeker create a quilt about birds of the bay to display in the Visitor Center. Visitors can drop in and draw, stamp, or stencil birds on fabric, or help sew the quilt.

Quilt Artist Reception

Meet Jennifer Snedeker who works with the Bay Quilt Project. Jennifer is exhibiting her nature quilts in the Visitor Center Auditorium from September through November. Quilts on display will feature bay lands and animals seen in the San Francisco Bay Area. Jennifer will be holding free quilting workshops all

South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project Update

Join Don Edwards SF Bay National Wildlife Refuge Manager Clyde Morris on this slide presentation about the largest wetland restoration project on the west coast. What has happened since the purchase of the 9,600 acres of salt ponds in 2003? Here's your chance to find out in this 30-minute presentation.

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. Not suitable for young children. Led by Mary and Gene Bobik.