



News Release

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Summer Programs at MacKerricher State Park Presented Through August 31, 2008.

California State Parks announces free, summer interpretive programs at MacKerricher State Park. These programs will be presented every week through August 31, 2008. All programs are led by park staff and volunteers.

Campfire programs are presented every Wednesday and Saturday evening at 8:15 p.m. in the campfire center. Docents will lead programs on the diverse natural and cultural history of MacKerricher State Park. Different topics will be presented throughout the summer. Campfire programs will last one hour.

Junior Ranger programs for children ages 7 to 12 are presented every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at the whale skeleton. Children can participate in a fun activity and learn about nature. Junior Ranger programs will last one hour.

Nature walks at Lake Cleone every Thursday at 2:00 p.m. Walk 1.1 miles around the beautiful lake to look at birds, other animals, and plants. Meet at the Lake Cleone parking lot.

Glass Beach Nature Walks every Friday at 2:00 p.m. at the corner of Elm Street and Glass Beach Drive in Fort Bragg. Learn about the fascinating story of how the glass came to be at this beach. Also learn about the plants and birds of the area. These walks will last one hour.

Marine Mammal programs are presented every Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m., beginning at the Visitor Center. Learn about harbor seals, sea lions, and the California gray whale. Marine Mammal programs will last as long as one and one-half hours in length.

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Bird walks are presented every Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m., beginning in the Lake Cleone parking lot. Walk around Lake Cleone to see many different bird species. Binoculars are provided. The Bird Walks will last one and one-half hours in length. This walk is great for beginning birders.

Ecological Staircase hikes on Thursday, June 26, 2008, Thursday, August 7, 2008, and Thursday, August 28, 2008. All walks start at 10:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. Meet at the Jug Handle State Reserve parking lot on the west side of Highway 1, about 3 miles south of Fort Bragg. Moderately strenuous 5 mile roundtrip hike. After hiking along the coast, there will be a short drive to the Ecological Staircase trailhead. Learn about the different geological terraces that have been formed over hundreds of thousands of years along the Mendocino Coast. Bring a lunch and water for the hike.

Special tide pool exploration walks on Friday June 20, 2008 at 8:00 a.m., Friday, July 4, 2008 at 8:00 a.m., and Saturday, August 2, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. Meet at the Laguna Point Parking Lot. Then walk out along the boardwalk to the tide pools. Learn about sea anemones, snails, sea stars and other fascinating animals of the tide pools.

Audubon bird walks on June 21, 2008, July 19, 2008, and August 16, 2008. All walks begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Lake Cleone parking lot. Go with Dave Jensen, of the Mendocino Audubon Society, to see many of the different birds at MacKerricher State Park.

MacKerricher State Park is located along California's north coast on Highway 1, 3 miles north of the city of Fort Bragg. Day use admission is free. The park is open seven days a week for day use from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. More than 140 campsites are available for overnight camping. Call (707) 961-0471 for more information

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