



# News Release

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## **Discover the Wild, the Weird, and the Wonderful at Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds**

**PACIFIC GROVE, CA.—On Saturday, August 30, 2014**, California State Parks will commemorate its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a day of fun focusing on the natural environment of Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds.

**“Discover the Wild, the Weird, and the Wonderful at Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds”** coincides with California State Parks’ sesquicentennial anniversary year. The event offers free activities geared to connect families with Asilomar’s natural environment.

Free activities include a MaryLee Sunseri children’s concert from 12:30 to 1:30; “Make and Take” nature crafts from 1:30 to 3:00 including Ohlone Heritage Information with Linda Yamane, PG Natural History Museum Monarch Butterfly Display and Information, Asilomar “Green Thread” sustainability program; Dunes hikes led by State Parks staff and volunteers will be available at 1:30 and 2:30; and at 3:00 “Meet California’s First Ranger, Galen Clark” – a living history presentation. All activities will take place at the meadow area bordering the dunes boardwalk and fire pit located on the Asilomar Conference Grounds at 800 Asilomar Avenue in Pacific Grove. Entrance and on-site parking parking is free.

A BBQ lunch will be available from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$12.00 per person, with advance registration needed by August 27, 2014. Register at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) (search Asilomar).

For more information visit [www.parks.ca.gov/asilomar](http://www.parks.ca.gov/asilomar).

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For 150 years, California State Parks has been a leader in the conservation and preservation of California’s natural and cultural resources. The department’s mission is to offer quality recreation opportunities for the entire family.

### **California State Parks Mission**

*To provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation. For more information, visit [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov).*

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