



News Release

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Mackerricher State Park Free Whale Festival March 2018 California State Parks and the Mendocino Area Parks Association

Mackerricher State Park, Located three miles North of Fort Bragg on Highway 1, is an ideal location for watching the gray whale migration. The park has a wheelchair accessible boardwalk allowing access to the headlands of Laguna Point with stunning views of the coastline. Day use is free.

The 2018 Whale Festival is a 'must attend' event on March 16th, 17th and 18th. Events and admission to the park are free and all ages are welcome. Events are listed below. For additional information or questions contact (707)961-0471 or visit www.mendoparks.org.

Friday, March 16th, 7:00 p.m. Lecture to take place in the Veterans' Memorial Building located at 360 North Harrison St., in Fort Bragg. Join State Parks for an exciting lecture given by a guest speaker about the whales of the Pacific. Refreshments, interactive activities and a raffle to take place at the time of the lecture. Event to take place rain or shine.

**Saturday, March 17th, beginning at 11a.m.
Whale Walk at MacKerricher State Park**

Docents and State Parks' staff lead informative guided whale walks. The program will start at the Visitor Center and whale skeleton for discussion before driving to Laguna Point for whale watching. Binoculars are available. Events to take place rain or shine. Dress appropriately.

Saturday, March 17th, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Family event includes arts and crafts, games and educational activities.

Learn all about the whales of the Pacific in this interactive learning event. Visit our education stations to learn more about whales. Play games, make art, listen to music and enjoy a free hot dog lunch (donations accepted). Event to take place at the MacKerricher campfire center, rain or shine. Dress appropriately.



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Sunday, March 18th, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Help preserve our whale skeleton.

Come to MacKerricher State Park Visitor Center to help paint and preserve our whale skeleton. Every year a fresh coat of paint is applied to our famous gray whale skeleton to help protect it from the elements. Bring a paint brush and wear your painting clothes.

Note – rain or heavy fog will cancel

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