

Fort Ross & Salt Point News



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Fort Ross is open every day.
10am-4:30pm
Reef Campground is open.
The Call House Museum and
Garden is open first weekend
of each month
from 1 to 4 PM.

[Please visit our website for
more information.](#)

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FORT ROSS FESTIVAL



It's that time of year again! Our **July 30 Fort Ross Festival** is a jam-packed family friendly event with live Americana music, a festive Beer Garden, and an abundance of traditional music and crafts in the historic compound with performances by Slavyanka, Kitka, Kedry, and Dolina. Plus storytelling, the windmill demonstration, and so much more! Bring your family and enjoy all this goodness in the beautiful setting of Fort Ross.

Complete list of performances listed on the [Fort Ross Conservancy website](#).



PARK CHAMPIONS at FORT ROSS
Sunday, July 24, 9am-1pm



[California State Parks Foundation's](#) Park Champions Program holds volunteer work days in state parks across California. Over the years Fort Ross Conservancy and State Parks have been partnering with CSPF on several projects to improve the quality, safety and preservation of our parks.

On Sunday, July 24 help us spruce up the grounds for the upcoming Fort Ross Festival. Registered volunteers are welcomed to camp free of charge in a group camp setting. Kids ages 12 and up welcome with a legal guardian. [Sign up here.](#)

FORT ROSS BIOBLITZ



On June 9th Fort Ross Conservancy held its first ever Bioblitz. [Check out the brand new Fort Ross Bioblitz web page!](#)

[Snapshot Cal Coast](#) was a statewide effort to document our coastal biodiversity by organizing a series of bioblitzes up and down the California Coast, focusing on intertidal zones in marine protected areas (MPAs).

Bioblitzes bring people together to document biodiversity in one place at one time, recording observations of plants and animals using smartphones or digital cameras and uploading results to the biodiversity recording and social networking platform [iNaturalist](#). These events connect people of all backgrounds to the outdoors, inspire everyone to protect biodiversity, and at the same time generate invaluable data of our coastline so that we can monitor changes going forward.

Fort Ross Conservancy jumped at the chance to hold a BioBlitz as our park has an incredibly prolific intertidal zone and we wanted volunteers to come out and enjoy what we are lucky enough to see every day. We held our public BioBlitz at the Fort Ross tidepools on Thursday, June 9. We had a solid turn out, with volunteers crawling over rocks, taking pictures, collecting a total of 218 observations, amazingly beautiful photographs of our local flora and fauna and capturing a total of 97 different species. [Click here](#) to see every single observation made between June 4th and 12th.

Statewide, 6905 observations were made with 917 different species! Missed the BioBlitz? Don't worry! You can always visit Fort Ross and add your own observations to the [iNaturalist project Marine Ecology of Fort Ross](#).

MARINE MAMMAL NEWS

Know your neighbors!

Our coast hosts our planet's largest sea lions, the Stellers... plus Northern Elephant Seals (pictured) have recently been hauling out more on our shores. Join us as we continue to better understand our precious marine ecology and



the peril and promise of our pinnipeds. Serve as a regular [volunteer](#) with our Fort Ross Conservancy Marine Mammal Monitoring program or Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary [Beach Watch](#) program, and [book a tour](#) to learn about the unique nature and culture of our Fort Ross and Salt Point coast.

STANFORD US-RUSSIA FORUM Fort Ross Video Project



Each year high-achieving Russian and American university students spend a few days at [Fort Ross](#) as part of the [Stanford US-Russia Forum](#).

Our favorite local photographer and budding videographer Paul C. Miller captured this group's impressions in this 2+ minute video that is bursting with optimism. Thank you Paul!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Jvlo0V4V14>

FRC Welcomes New Board Member Bob Spjut



Fort Ross Conservancy is thrilled to welcome new board member Bob Spjut to our board. Bob enjoys getting away from his home and work in San Francisco to stay at his second home above Wright's Beach and to hike the Sonoma coast trails. He loves to travel, has traveled extensively for work and leisure, and lived abroad for many years, as well as in other cities in the U.S. He finds no place more peaceful than his home on the Sonoma coast.

Welcome to FRC, Bob!
