

Fort Ross & Salt Point News



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Dear Friends,

Summer is here, and we've put together a wide variety of volunteer activities to entice you to spend more time outside.

Please join us. Questions? Call 707/847-3437.

Fort Ross is open seven days a week!

Reef Campground is open.

The Call House Museum is open first weekend of each month from 1 to 4 PM.

Windmill turning will resume on its regular schedule after repairs are completed.

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

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Saturday, June 10th at SALT POINT STATE PARK



Explore Tide Pools - 7am This is a family tide pool foray suitable for all ages but does require clambering over rocks and boulders encrusted with slippery seaweed. Wear sturdy shoes with good grips and clothes that can get wet. Unfortunately, for safety considerations infants in day packs are discouraged from being in the sub tidal zone. Dawn tide poolers meet at the Salt Point Visitor Center at Gerstle Cove.

Wildflower Hike - Noon

Heavy winter and late spring rains have brought a bountiful wild flower season to our coastal marine terraces. Meet at the Salt Point Visitor Center at Gerstle Cove for a slow amble viewing this seasons spectacular

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wildflowers. Bring binoculars if you have them, gray whales and their calves are still being seen moving slowly northward.

Questions? Email susannab@fortross.org.

INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL
Sunday, June 11th
9am - 12pm
Salt Point State Park



Happy Invasive Species Action Week! Volunteers will remove invasive plants to provide a healthier ecosystem for native plants & animals. Free tent camping in a group setting Saturday & Sunday for registered volunteers. Kids ages 14+ welcome with a legal guardian.

Please register at <http://www.calparks.org/help/park-champions/?referrer=https://www.google.com/>

Questions? Email melissam@fortross.org.

"VIOLA ADUNCA" SURVEY
Saturday, June 17th
10am - 3 pm
Fort Ross State Historic Park



Join Fort Ross Conservancy and California State Parks on Saturday, June 17th for our last 2017 survey of the *Viola Adunca* (Western Dog Violet). We will meet at Fort Ross State Park at 10am. From there, we will disperse to the different survey areas, and then circle back to the fort for a potluck lunch. Please come even if this will be your first survey, we would love to have you! The *Viola Adunca* flower is the host plant for the endangered Silverspot Butterflies found along the Sonoma Coast. Help us protect this species and assist California State Parks in creating future management plans for our coast!

You will need to upload your findings using the "Calflora" app on a smartphone.

For instructions and additional questions email melissam@fortross.org.

SNAPSHOT CAL COAST Salt Point Bioblitz June 24-25



Dust off your rubber boots. Dig out your Chacos or Tevas. Grab a tide table and a friend. Get your cameras and smartphones ready!

Join [Fort Ross Conservancy](#) and [Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods](#) as we come together for the statewide movement lead by The California Academy of Sciences to get out the coast, search for as many plant and animals as we can find, and share the photos of our discoveries on the website and app, [iNaturalist](#).

[Snapshot Cal Coast](#) is a California statewide effort to document our coastal biodiversity and hold a series of bioblitzes up and down the California Coast, focusing on intertidal zones in marine protected areas (MPAs). We will be working together with the MPA Collaborative Network and other partners to create a "snapshot" in time of where species are located along our coast.

Contact Sondra Hunter for more info at sondrah@fortross.org.

WORLD OCEANS DAY June 8th



[World Oceans Day](#) is a global day of ocean celebration and collaboration for a better future affected by higher-than-normal ocean temperatures that are contributing to the demise of our Mendocino and Sonoma County bull kelp forests. Check out this interesting article written by a local resident:

<https://cdfwmarine.wordpress.com/2016/03/30/perfect-storm-decimates-kelp/>
