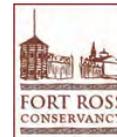


Fort Ross & Salt Point Parks News



June 2015

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Fort Ross is open
Friday - Monday
10am-4:30pm

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 on the park hours.

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707-847-3437
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Tours in English & Russian
Information on special events
Visitor Center and sales

California State Parks
Interpreters at Fort Ross
Fort Ross State Historic Park
www.fortrossstatepark.org
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Junior Ranger & Boy Scout
programs
Talks at the fort compound
707-847-4777

Recommended Websites
California State Parks Foundation
Sonoma Birding
Wikipedia on Fort Ross
California State Parks
Salt Point State Park

Dear Friends-

Making your plans for the summer? Fort Ross welcomes you to visit and explore our diverse cultural and natural history, from tide pooling, fishing off the rocks, exploring the redwoods, learning about the earthquake fault zones, or hiking the 2000 plus acres while taking in the many wildflowers and bird species. You could easily spend a few days at Fort Ross with your friends and family camping at the Reef Campground, a sweet little 19 site ocean side campground nestled in the redwoods. The campground is first come first served, with flushing toilets, and is perfect for tent camping. Large RV's don't quite fit. Fort Ross will host several events this summer. Check the calendar on line for our Junior Ranger program schedule. To see all our events visit Fort Ross Conservancy's [website](#).

California State Parks are a vital part of our outdoor world here in California. A wonderful quote by William Brown in his 1971 book "Islands of Hope" said..." without our parks people might not know there is a life outside of the urban crush." Visit the California State Park [website](#) to purchase an annual pass which pays for itself in just a few visits of our 279 state park units. Plan a park road trip including Fort Ross. While you are at the website planning your road trip take a look at all the programs, educational opportunities, special events, as well as adding your voice to the new Transformation Team for state parks. Edward Abbey said "No, wilderness is not a luxury, but a necessity of the human spirit, and is as vital to our lives as water and good bread".

Robin Joy Wellman
State Park Interpreter
Fort Ross SHP



Next Up - Fort Ross Festival, Saturday July 25th

At Fort Ross Festival we celebrate the wonderful diverse international flavors and cultures of Fort Ross. This year's event will highlight the Kashia, Russian, Alaska Native, and California ranch era people who have called Fort Ross home over the centuries. We'll offer costumed historical vignettes, hands-on crafts and cooking demonstrations, militia cannon firings, horse and buggy rides, music & dance from numerous cultures, an International Food Bazaar – and of course the Fort Ross Beer Garden, featuring beers from Lagunitas and Sierra Nevada breweries.

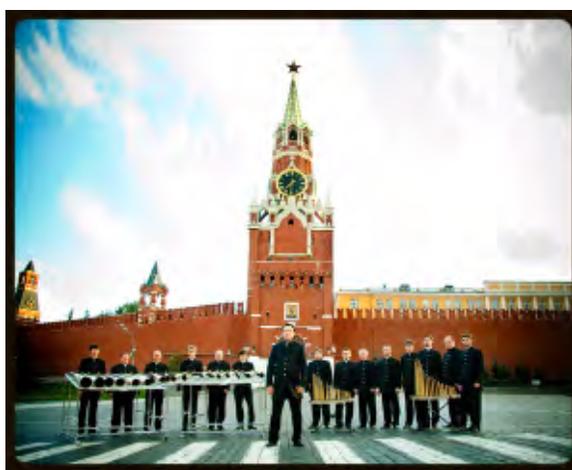
Register or Update Your Email Address

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Fort Ross Website



We are thrilled to welcome the [St Petersburg's Horn Orchestra of Russia](#). The orchestra dedicatedly and successfully revives the traditions of horn music performance. Today it possesses 74 instruments with the range of 4 octaves which are unique because of their form and sound. The band plays pieces from both modern composers as well as the works of old masters. Fort Ross Conservancy is grateful to Renova Fort Ross

Foundation and Russia's Ministry of Culture for their support in bringing this group to Fort Ross.

Tickets \$20 per car, available via [Eventbrite](#) or at the kiosk day of event. Questions? Email us at info@fortross.org. For more information or to see photos from our 2014 event, [see FRC's website](#). This event generously sponsored by [Renova Fort Ross Foundation!](#)
--Sondra Hunter, FRC Special Events Manager

U.S. State Department Sends Fort Ross Quest Winners to Fort Ross Festival



We are excited to announce that the US State Department will send twelve Russian high school students, all winners of the Fort Ross Quest, to join us at Fort Ross Festival this year. Fort Ross Conservancy was honored to judge the Fort Ross Quest contest and we were suitably impressed with the students' efforts.

We will welcome students from Kursk Region (south of Moscow, bordering Ukraine), Nenets Autonomous Region (bordering the Barents Sea on the Arctic Circle), and Altay Region (nestled on the border between

Kazakhstan and Mongolia). We look forward to showing these bright, promising students Fort Ross and California. For more information on the program see the US Embassy's [website](#) or see [PH International](#). --Sarah Sweedler, FRC President

Feeling the Volunteer Spirit?



Here's a chance to do good for your public lands: Help park staff and FRC volunteering with California State Parks Foundation's Park Champions. Free camping in a group setting for registered volunteers at nearby Salt Point State Park available on Friday &



Saturday nights. Kids 12+ welcome with legal guardian, community service hours available. Register at [California State Parks Foundation](#).

Saturday, June 27th - Salt Point State Park

Saturday, June 11th - Fort Ross State Historic Park



--Stacy Beard, FRC Board of Directors & CSPF Park Champions Coordinator

Volunteer at Fort Ross Festival



Fort Ross will throw two big celebrations this year, Fort Ross Festival on July 25, 2015, and Harvest Festival on October 17, 2015. On these days visitors from the extended Bay Area and from places as far as Alaska, Washington, DC and across Russia come to Fort Ross to celebrate the diverse culture and history of this early California settlement, with its Alaska Native, Kashaya

Pomo, Coast Miwok, and the Russian stories. These events include historic re-enactments, international musicians, & hands-on crafts, all set within the 19th century Russian settlement. We also have smaller events throughout the year where we could always use an enthusiastic helping hand! The [FRC events calendar](#) lists the year's offerings.



We need volunteers to help us bring the day to life through historic reenactments, historic crafts, logistics (if you would prefer not to be in costume), bookshop assistance, event support, and many things in between. It's a great crowd of people and we all enjoy learning and working together. Some of the fort compound volunteer positions we are looking for: candle makers, basket makers, blacksmith, tinsmith, weavers, felters, knappers, animal care, and traditional woodworkers -- but we are open to hearing about any craft expertise you can share. For certain crafts a materials stipend may be available. Please [contact Robin Joy Wellman](#), CSP, at or call 707-847-4777 for questions and/or to sign up.



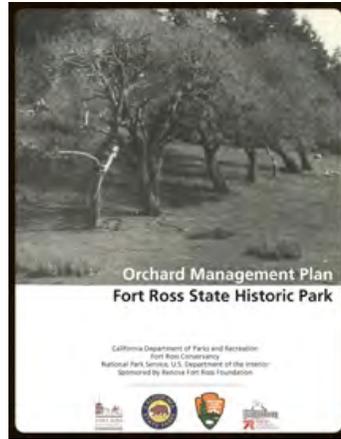
To volunteer as a non-costumed 'Event Volunteer' with ticket sales at the entrance, bookshop assistance, or to work in our world-famous Beer Garden and International Food Bazaar, please [contact Special Events Manager Sondra Hunter](#) at or call 707-847-3437 for more information.

If you pledge four diligent hours of volunteer service at Fort Ross Festival, you will receive free entry to the event as well as a free lunch.

Volunteers keep our parks thriving. We'd be grateful to see you at Fort Ross in 2015. --Sondra Hunter, FRC Special Events Manager



Anyone who has a garden, park or orchard tree has an opportunity to ensure that it offers protection, brings beauty and bears fruit for future generations. In short, every one of us should aspire to be a forester. - Gabriel Hemery



Over the last year a team of experts from National Parks, California State Parks, and Fort Ross Conservancy have researched and documented the history and health of our Fort Ross orchard. This 350-page document describes its historic significance in remarkable detail. It describes the orchard's history, assesses each tree's provenance and current state, and suggests strategies to ensure this living resource remains an important part of the Fort Ross landscape.



Many good people had a hand in creating this plan. Susan Rudy, Fort Ross Conservancy adviser and lead orchard volunteer, initiated the project, served as project liaison, and organized the fieldwork. Fort Ross Conservancy funded the project through a generous grant from Renova Fort Ross Foundation, an organization keenly committed to seeing the orchard is stabilized and protected. We suggest you view a PDF version from [FRC's digital library](#) (search for "Orchard Management Plan") and read on!
 --Sarjan Holt, FRC Operations Manager

Marine Mammal Monitoring What's That Lumbering on the Rocks?



During the spring and summer months, our Harbor Seal surveys are now more frequent, two or three times a month. Our seal population numbers are stable and the pups are growing fast, already not always distinguishable from the adults (nutritious milk!). As for our Steller Sea Lion survey, we continue to meet once a month and are carefully watching, hoping to spot a Steller Sea Lion pup.

Meanwhile, as elsewhere along our coast, we did spot a young (most likely Guadalupe) Fur Seal, not very healthy, out on our Sea Lion Rocks. And during May we saw many Gray Whales and calves pass by, now mostly on their way beyond us, toward dinner, in the Bering Sea.

Seal Surveys: June 20, 8:30am; July 4, 7:30am; July 18, 7:00am.

Check our [website](#) or [Email](#) me for more information. --Hank Birnbaum FRC Programs Manager

Register for the Environmental Living Program





Each and every weekday Colony Ross comes alive with the bright faces of costumed employees and officers participating in California State Park's Environmental Living Program (ELP) or the Environmental Living Day Program (ELDP) portraying real people who once lived here long ago. The program is a highlight in the lives of many children and parents with

memories that last a life time. To learn more about this wonderful program visit our [website](#), or contact Robin Joy Wellman at robinjoy.wellman@parks.ca.gov.

We now have a Youth Scholarship Program reaching underserved students with many thanks to Renova Fort Ross Foundation and Fort Ross Conservancy. If you know of schools that don't often take field trips for funding reasons [please share this grant program with them](#).

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