

Mare Island and Regional Tours & Outings Monday Feb.16

Monday, February 16 President's Day Holiday

8:00am-6:00pm

San Pablo Bay Walking Trail Self-Guided Walk Hosted by Weston Solutions, Inc.

Repeats Friday, Saturday and Sunday 8:00am-6:00pm

See Friday 8:00am

description and directions



9:00am – 6:00pm

Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve Self-guided Walk

Repeats Friday, Saturday and Sunday 9:00am-6:00pm

See Friday 9:00am for description and directions

9:30am-11:30am

Guided Birdwatching in the Shoreline Heritage Preserve

with Michele Troughton, birding guide

Meet at the Visitor Center for an approximately 2-mile scenic walk on and off road trails (somewhat steep and uneven terrain) through oak woodlands with panoramic vistas and a chance to see lots of hawks and turkey vultures in the skies. And, guess who's back?! At least two osprey and 6 great blue herons have been sighted on their former nest sites as of February 2nd. More to come.

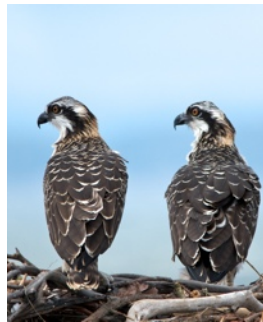


Photo: Eric Dugan
fledgling osprey,
Mare Island Strait

Directions in the 9:00am description above

9:30am – 3:30pm

Come Aboard USS LCS 102 WWII Landing Craft Support Gunboat

Location: Berth 10 adjacent to north side of 1080 Nimitz Ave. Mare Island

Repeats Saturday and Sunday 9:30am-3:30pm

Mare Island is home to the last of its kind of the 130 boats built for this purpose during WWII. Tours are free, donations appreciated.

Directions: From Vallejo: cross the Tennessee St. Causeway. Turn left on Nimitz Ave. Turn left to Berth 6. **From Marin, Sonoma and Napa Counties:** Take the Mare Island exit off of Hwy 37. Turn right. Continue on Walnut Ave. to G St. Turn left two blocks and turn right onto Nimitz Ave. Follow directions above. **From Contra Costa County:** Cross Benicia Martinez Bridge onto I-780. Exit I-80 eastbound towards Sacramento. Exit Tennessee St./Mare Island. Follow directions above. **From the Building 253 Wildlife Expo:** Follow Connolly St. eastbound to Nimitz Ave. Turn right. Continue on Nimitz Ave. to Berth 10. Turn left to the LCS-102 docked at Berth 10.

10:00am – 2:00pm

Tour Mare Island Museum

Museum tour repeats Saturday and Sunday 10:00am-4:00pm, St. Peter's Chapel is also open Saturday and Sunday, 11:00am-3:00pm

St. Peter's Chapel, the oldest Navy chapel built in 1900, is home to the most Tiffany glass on a single site in the West. Directions: Park across from Chapel Park located at the south end of Walnut Ave beyond Captain's Row mansions (right turn at end of Captain's Row onto alley, then left turn and left turn again around traffic circle, onto Walnut Ave. northbound to parking lot). \$4.00 per person for each site.

7:00am-6:00pm

Self-guided walk on Lower Tubbs Island and Toley Creek Trail Loop to San Pablo Bay – San Pablo Bay NWR

Repeats Friday, Saturday and Sunday 7:00am-6:00pm

The trail offers hiking, fishing, photography, wildlife viewing and biking opportunities. Parking lot is located at the trailhead. The complete Lower Tubbs Island Trail loop is 8.15 miles. If recently rained the trail may be quite muddy.

Directions: Entrance to Trail is located off of east bound Highway 37, just east of the Highway 121/37 intersection in Sonoma County.

7:00am – 6:00pm

Self-guided walk on Sonoma Baylands Tidal Wetland Levee Trail – San Pablo Bay NWR

Repeats Friday, Saturday and Sunday 7:00am-6:00pm

Walk the levee trail along this wetland transition zone restoration of a 348 acre tidal marsh habitat constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1995. **Directions:** Turn south off Hwy 37 at Port Sonoma Marina, follow directional signs.

7:00am – 6:00pm

Self-guided walk or paddle on Cullinan Ranch Tidal Wetland Levee Trail – San Pablo Bay NWR

Repeats Friday, Saturday and Sunday 7:00am-6:00pm

When complete, the Cullinan Ranch Restoration Project will restore over 1500 acres of tidal wetlands in the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge. The site is now open to the public to explore on foot, bicycle or kayak.

After interior demolition, protecting important infrastructure, and installation of public access, the Project breached aging levees along the perimeter to allow the tidal flow. Over time, it will become an expansive marsh, bisected by tidal channels and filled with a multitude of birds, fish and other aquatic species. Thousands of ducks and geese are rafted up on the tidal wetland, already.

Directions: From Vallejo, Solano and Contra Costa Counties take Hwy 37 West 3.4 miles past the Mare Island exit ramp to the Cullinan Ranch Unit parking lot and trailhead. From Marin and Sonoma Counties take Hwy 37 east approximately 9 miles past the Hwy 121 junction to the Mare Island exit. Veer left on the exit under the overpass and then turn right onto the overpass. Turn right to get onto Hwy 37 West. The parking lot and trailhead is approximately 3.4 miles from the Mare Island ramp.

Since the parking lot is small, a *Refuge van leaves Building 253, the Wildlife Expo*

Saturday, Feb 14 10:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm and 2:00pm and Sunday, February 15 10:00am, 11:00am, 12noon and 1:00pm.

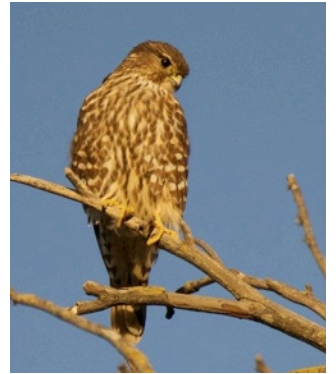


Photo: Rosemary Rawcliffe
merlin, north Mare Island



Photo: Al Bayless

San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge Cullinan Ranch Restoration Project, 2015