

Adult Summer Reading

This year, it's not just for kids!

June 4-July 31, 2010

Water-Related Activities

San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

The park includes a fleet of historic vessels, a visitor center, a maritime museum and a library. Today's San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park was authorized in 1988; the maritime museum is among the park's many cultural resources. The Aquatic Park Bathhouse Building or the Maritime Museum building was built in 1939 as a joint project of the City of San Francisco and the New Deal Works Progress Administration (WPA), and is the focal point of the Aquatic Park Historic Landmark District.

Jefferson St. at the corner of Hyde St.
nps.gov/safr/index.htm (415) 447-5000
Free

Land's End

Land's End is San Francisco's wildest and rockiest coast. The Spanish named Lands End's westernmost promontory Point Lobos, so-called for the many lobos marinos (sea wolves, or sea lions as they're known today) that once hauled up on the rocks offshore. The rocks are now roosts for two dark bird species, cormorants and oystercatchers, among others. Trails at Lands End offer a cliff-top walk through shadowy cypress, with scenic overlooks, 30-mile views of the coast, and foot access to several shoreline pocket beaches. The drive-in vista point at Point Lobos and 48th Avenues above the Cliff House has grand views of the Pacific coast.

parksconservancy.org/visit/park-sites/lands-end.html
Free

San Francisco Bay Model

The Bay Model Visitor Center is an education center administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Center gives visitors an introduction and an overview of the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento - San Joaquin River Delta System and has a working hydraulic model of the Delta System. [Closed for remodeling; scheduled to reopen 5/31/10]

2100 Bridgeway, Sausalito, CA
spn.usace.army.mil/bmvc/ (415) 332-3871
Free

Lobos Creek Trail

The only remaining free-flowing creek in San Francisco, Lobos Creek runs through the Presidio and into the ocean at Baker Beach. The park's trail network offers many different experiences—from the sandy bayshore to the rugged coastal bluffs to forests and creeks. Some paths, such as the California Coastal Trail, Bay Area Ridge Trail and the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, are regional trails connecting to open spaces throughout the Bay Area and as far as Mexico.

The Lobos Creek nature boardwalk starts at Lincoln and Gibson Streets but the trail to Baker Beach begins at 15th Ave. and Lake St.

GPS Coordinates* for Trailhead:
Latitude 37°47'18.45"N Longitude 122°28'55.49"W
presidio.gov/experiences/trails/ (415) 561-5418
Free

City Guides Walking Tours:

Mission Bay, Aquatic Park, Ocean Beach and Embarcadero

City Guides, founded in 1978 is a non-profit organization with more than 200 trained volunteers who lead free history and architectural walking tours in San Francisco. City Guides is sponsored by the San Francisco Public Library and is a San Francisco Parks Trust Park Partner.
sfcityguides.org/ (415) 557-4266
Free

Aquarium of the Bay

Aquarium of the Bay is a nonprofit marine nature center whose mission is to inspire conservation of the San Francisco Bay and its watershed. With exhibitions focused on the Bay's diverse aquatic animals and distinctive ecosystems, the Aquarium hosts nearly 600,000 visitors each year and provides free classes and tours to more than 15,000 Bay Area school children annually. The 65,000 square foot facility, located next to Pier 39, features 300 feet of filtered Bay water that is home to over 20,000 aquatic animals, including sharks, bat rays and skates.

aquariumofthebay.org (415) 623-5300 or (888) SEA-DIVE
General Admission: Adults \$15.95, Children (3-11) \$8, Seniors (65+) \$8, Family Rate (2 adults and 2 children ages 3-11) \$39.95



San Francisco Public Library

sfpl.org

Water-Related Activities (cont.)

Bay Ferry Rides

Bay tours & trips to Alcatraz, Angel Island

The commuter ferries are a lot of fun for around \$9-\$11 round trip. Ferry day trips leave from the Ferry building near Embarcadero Center to Sausalito, Tiburon or Angel Island with beautiful views.

sftravel.com/ferry.html

If you wish to visit Alcatraz, tour ferries leave only from Fisherman's Wharf. You should plan Alcatraz tour tickets in advance and purchase tickets to get the date and time you want to visit the island. You can buy tickets in advance. The tickets are then available at a "will-call" at the Alcatraz ticket booth.

sftravel.com/alcatraz_tickets.htm (415) 981-7625

Ticket prices: Adult \$24.50, Senior (62+) \$23.25, Child (5-11) \$15.25, under 5 is free

California Academy of Sciences

The only place on the planet with an aquarium, a planetarium, a natural history museum and a 4-story rainforest and more all under one roof. It's a stunning architectural achievement with hundreds of unique exhibits and nearly 40,000 live animals. The 412,000 square foot structure in Golden Gate Park is not only physically impressive, but it just may be the greenest museum on the planet, with a 2½ acre "living roof," an expansive solar canopy, an extensive water reclamation system and walls insulated with recycled blue jeans.

calacademy.org (415) 379-8000

Ticket Prices: Adult \$24.95, Senior (ages 65 and over) \$19.95, Student \$19.95, Youth (ages 12-17) \$19.95, Child (ages 4-11) \$14.95, ages 3 and under free

Camera Obscura

The camera obscura is a rare device, based on a centuries old design, some say invented in 400 B.C. It produces 360 degrees of live images of the Seal Rock Area. It is located behind the Cliff House, just north of Ocean Beach.

giantcamera.com (415) 750-0415

Free

Marine Mammal Center

Founded in 1975, The Marine Mammal Center is a nonprofit organization that rescues, rehabilitates and releases injured, sick and orphaned marine mammals (seals, sea lions, dolphins, porpoises, whales and sea otters) along a 600 mile stretch of California coastline, from Mendocino County through San Luis Obispo County. The Center is the largest marine mammal facility of its kind in the world to combine animal rehabilitation with an on-site research lab, and the only one to treat between 500 and 1200 animals a year.

Marin Headlands

2000 Bunker Road

Fort Cronkhite

Sausalito, CA 94965

marinemammalcenter.org/ (415) 289-7355

Free

San Francisco Public Utilities

Oceanside Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour

Completed in 1993, the Oceanside Plant is the City's newest treatment facility. The Oceanside Plant treats an average dry weather flow of about 17 million gallons a day and has a total capacity of 65 million gallons during wet weather. It treats wastewater from the west side of the City.

Located off the Great Highway near the San Francisco Zoo

WTPtours@sfgwater.org (415) 695-7375 or (415) 242-2200

Free

Wave Organ

The Wave Organ is a wave-activated acoustic sculpture located on a jetty in the San Francisco Bay. The concept was developed by Peter Richards and was installed in collaboration with sculptor and master stone mason George Gonzales. Inspiration for the piece came from artist Bill Fontana's recordings made of sounds emanating from a vent pipe of a floating concrete dock in Sydney, Australia.

Located at the end of Yacht Road, past the Golden Gate

Yacht Club

exploratorium.edu/visit/wave_organ.html

Free

