

A colorful illustration of a forest path. In the foreground, a child with a backpack and a map is running. A dog is running ahead of them. In the background, another child is running. The path is surrounded by green foliage and trees. A large sun is in the sky.

Connect with your parks this summer!

LIBRARIES + PARKS FOR ALL!

Whether you're able to visit a StoryWalk or want to travel to the parks in new and exciting virtual ways, here's how to celebrate the national parks and neighborhood parks in your backyard this summer.



PARTNERSHIP BOOSTS PARKS AND LIBRARIES



The nonprofit **Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy** works to connect you with 37 Bay Area national park sites. With the help of our members and supporters, we enhance access, recreation and education programs for our community and visitors from around the world.



The **Golden Gate National Recreation Area** is the most-visited national park unit in the country. A diverse park with abundant recreational opportunities, as well as natural, cultural, and scenic resources, it encompasses nearly 84,000 acres across three counties.



**Presidio
Trust**

The **Presidio Trust** is an innovative federal agency created to save the Presidio and employ a partnership approach to transform it into a new kind of national park site.

StoryWalks

Look for this summer's StoryWalks in your local national parks! Walk the trails and read a book at the same time. Pages from children's books are put on signs and sprinkled along a trail. You'll find StoryWalks in three locations this summer!



Find a **detailed map** and more info at
parksconservancy.org/storywalks

- 1 The Hike by Alison Farrell**
Start at the northwest corner of the Lands End parking lot, near the Lands End Lookout, to enjoy the StoryWalk along the Lands End Coastal Trail.
- 2 The Hike by Alison Farrell**
Start at the Presidio Visitor Center to enjoy the StoryWalk along the Presidio Promenade to the Crissy Field Overlook.
- 3 I Wrote You a Note by Lizi Boyd**
Start near Mountain Lake Park Playground in the Presidio to enjoy the StoryWalk along the Mountain Lake Trail.

STAY SAFE IN THE PARKS

The outdoors are always open for exercise and activity for you and your family when you follow safety guidelines. Stay safe in the parks by keeping at least 6 feet—that's at least one park bench!—between you and others. Stick close to home and skip any crowded outdoor spaces.



If you or anyone you live with are feeling sick, hold off on a park visit. Carry in and carry out anything you would normally discard in the parks, and remember to wash your hands as soon as you get home. Find more tips at parksconservancy.org/safetytips.



Virtual trailhead

Bring the outdoors inside with craft projects, videos, virtual tours and live webcams of our parks! Throughout these next pages you'll find our top picks for fun stuff to do with the whole family or on your own. Find all these links, plus current info on which parks are open or closed, at parksconservancy.org/summerstride, your starting point for Summer Stride in our parks.

PARK ADVENTURES FOR KIDS AT HOME

The Golden Gate National Parks are home to many species of plants, mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians. Within the parks you can find coyotes, bobcats, butterflies and more. How many species live in your backyard or neighborhood? Explore nature near you and find out! Get crafty and make recycled replicas of your favorite park critters. Download free coloring pages and a Parks at Home activity kit to fill your indoor time with outdoor wonder. You can find all these activities at parksconservancy.org/summerstride

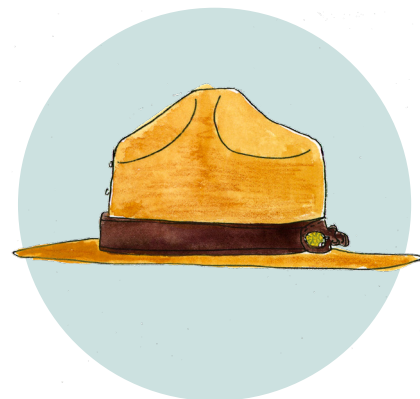
- With our **kids activity pack** you can help a baby coho salmon swim through a maze, write a story for an otter, or draw a bobcat.
- Get easy and fun **craft ideas** to make a junior ranger badge, butterflies and coyotes, or a Golden Gate Bridge collage from materials around your house.
- **“Color Golden Gate”** to unleash your inner artist and color animals or favorite park sites.
- Whether you live near the park and can make it out to the Presidio's Ecology Trail, or you're looking for an at-home activity, we've got a **fun scavenger hunt** for you to try.
- Or find out more about **birds in the Presidio** and make a **fun animal mask**.

These activities should get you started on exploring the outdoors just like the kids in *The Hike*. Enjoy nature around you, wherever you may be!



PAPER DOLL PARK RANGER

At the national parks in San Francisco, friendly park rangers act as storytellers and guides to the great outdoors for visitors like you. Now you can bring that park magic anywhere you go with your own paper doll ranger, created by National Park Ranger Mariajose Alcantara. Cut out the doll, glue it on cardboard to make it sturdy, then head outside to explore with your new paper buddy! What stories will you create together? Share photos of your adventures with [#RamblingRanger](#).



GET YOUR NATURE BOOST EVERY FRIDAY!

Throughout the summer, we'll be bringing you special park experiences on Fridays. Meet national park rangers, learn more about local plants and animals, and "nature bathe" with immersive park photos and videos.

Visit parksconservancy.org/natureboostfriday and make sure to follow us on social media to get connected to the parks on Nature Boost Fridays and every day!



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MORE VIRTUAL FUN FOR ADULTS AND KIDS ALIKE

Enjoy the sights and sounds of nature throughout the Presidio, or make your way through online tours of Fort Point, Alcatraz, and trails throughout the Golden Gate National Parks. Check out the waves at Ocean Beach or watch the sun set behind the Golden Gate Bridge on a live webcam. Here are even more ways to visit our parks right now from the comfort of home:



- The NPS has an interactive Golden Gate app that includes self-guided tours and more. On the Park's "**Virtual Golden Gate**" page, you'll find webcams, photo and audio galleries, and virtual tours of Alcatraz, Fort Point, and the Nike Missile Site in the Marin Headlands.
nps.gov/goga/your-virtual-golden-gate.htm
- Visit the **Presidio at Home** page to enjoy virtual experiences of the park. You'll find everything from videos with world renowned artist Andy Goldsworthy to crafts and activities for families to photo backgrounds to use on Zoom or Google Hangout chats.
presidio.gov/presidio-at-home
- The Parks Conservancy's park portal will connect you with nature around you. Discover virtual hikes, more park webcams and stunning Zoom backgrounds, trivia for the whole family, and much more!
parksconservancy.org/onlineresources