Summer is here! Even though school is out and summer has officially arrived, this year, we are facing unprecedented challenges as a City. As we continue to stay home and take measures to protect ourselves from COVID-19, it is also important that we continue learning.

The San Francisco Public Library’s Summer Stride Guide is full of fun ways to keep our minds and bodies active throughout the summer months. In this new era of social distancing, we can still explore nature right in our own neighborhoods, and books can take you on all kinds of wonderful adventures. Use the reading and activity tracker, which was sent to all San Francisco Unified School District students and is also on sfpl.org, to stay engaged by recording every minute you spend learning, reading, listening, and exploring nature.

Even though we may be staying at home, we can still have a wonderful summer. Whether by spending 20 minutes each day traveling to far off places through the pages of a book, or walking outside and learning about the world around you, I hope you will join us to make big strides in your learning this summer.

I wish you a fantastic summer and hope you stay healthy and safe!

London N. Breed
Mayor, City and County of San Francisco

“Exercise your library card and your mind by reading 20 minutes a day this summer. Let a book take you on an unforgettable adventure!”

— Mayor London N. Breed
Two Ways to Track Your Reading
Challenge yourself to read 20 hours this summer. Use the printable Activity Tracker (page 12) to record time spent reading, listening to stories and learning something new. To celebrate Golden Gate Park’s 150th Anniversary, Alison Farrell, Summer Stride Artist (page 16), designed the Activity Tracker as a walk, run, cycle or dance adventure beginning at the Panhandle, touring landmarks and beloved park destinations before the grand finish at Ocean Beach.

New this year, we are offering Beanstack, a way to participate and achieve, all online. Track your reading and earn badges. Register your family, or register just yourself. And this can all be done from any computer or mobile device. Visit sfpl.beanstack.org now.

Earn the Book Tote Prize
Once you complete 20 hours of reading, you get a beautiful canvas book tote as a finishing prize. We’re working on a plan so you can safely pick up the book tote and Reading Ranger badge when we reopen our libraries. Until then, you can leave us a message at publicaffairs@sfpl.org or (415) 557-4277 to let us know you’ve finished and we will contact you with the pickup details. We can’t wait to welcome you back to the library.

Virtual Programs & Library Updates
We are thrilled to host weekly STEM Challenges, storytimes, virtual programs with San Francisco’s finest performers, book clubs and more. For schedules and library updates, check sfpl.org/summerstride and follow us on Facebook, IGTV and YouTube.
# Virtual Programs for Youth & Families

## Virtual Events

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- Ongoing 2 p.m. Instagram TV and YouTube

### Sweet Stories with SFPL in Chinese!
- Ongoing 2 p.m. Instagram TV and YouTube

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- Ongoing 2 p.m. Instagram TV and YouTube

### Sweet Stories with SFPL
- Ongoing 2 p.m. Instagram TV and YouTube

### Sweet Stories with SFPL ¡en español!
- Ongoing 10 a.m. Instagram TV and YouTube

## Connect

Follow us on all our social channels and check sfpl.org for the very latest in library service updates, program calendar events and great eLearning tools.

- @sfpl.org
- @sfpubliclibrary
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- @San Francisco Public Library

For more info, visit sfpl.org/summerstride
Sweet Stories
Hear favorite songs, rhymes and picture stories shared by your beloved SFPL Librarians. Sweet Stories airs Monday through Saturdays, with special Chinese and Spanish storytimes and a guest reader on Fridays.

Schedule
Monday – Friday, 2 p.m.
Wednesdays in Chinese, 2 p.m.
Saturdays ¡en español! 10 a.m.

Nature Boost
Give yourself a nature boost from the Golden Gate Parks Conservancy, National Park Service and the Presidio Trust. Join rangers, park staff and special guests for a family-friendly program every Friday. Visit sfpl.org/virtualtrailhead for program details.

Highlights include
- June 5: Summer Stride Kickoff with Alison Farrell
- June 12: Virtual Visit to Lands End
- June 19: Author Talk with Conor Knighton, NYT bestseller Leave Only Footprints
- July 3: S’morey Storytime with Ranger MariaJosé
- August 14: Career Day with NPS Rangers

STEM Challenge Yo’Self
Experiment with fun and creative projects from SFPL librarians to grow your STEM skills. Find out the week’s topic, gather materials and make predictions on Mondays. Then, tune in Tuesdays at 11 a.m. for the STEM-tastic challenge!

Schedule
- June 9: Water Bending Challenge
- June 16: Pom Pom Launcher
- June 23: Dancing Seeds
- June 30: Sticky Ice
- July 7: Windmill Challenge
- July 14: Book Dominoes
- July 21: Data Challenge
- July 28: Butter Challenge
- August 4: Parachute Design Challenge
- August 11: Teen Takeover

Local Talent Showcase for Families
Enjoy the talents of your favorite artists through exciting performances and interactive workshops every Wednesday this summer.

Schedule
- June 3: Rock the Block with Alphabet Rockers
- June 10: Super Soccer Stars
- June 17: Book Arts Roadshow
- June 24: Hive Dive with Fog City Gardener
- July 1: Boswick’s Reading Circus
- July 8: The Fratello Marionettes
- July 15: Discovering Coretta Scott King with Storyteller Linda D. Wright
- July 22: It’s Yoga Kids
- July 29: Magical Nathaniel
- August 5: Reading with Reptiles with Tree Frog Treks
- August 12: Songwriting for Young Change Makers with Alphabet Rockers

Photo: Nino Fernandez
MANY WAYS TO STAY ACTIVE THIS SUMMER

READ
Challenge yourself to read more. Experience a new world through eBooks, eAudio and eComics. Ask your friends for their recommendations.

LEARN
Tune in Tuesdays at 11 a.m. for the weekly STEM Challenge Yo’Self program. Discover how to bend water, make edible butter, be a data scientist, harness air resistance and more using household items.

EXPLORE
Go on an urban hike in your neighborhood. How many rainbows or bears will you find? What types of sounds do you hear? Use all your senses to explore your community.

ENJOY
Catch a favorite performer every Wednesday at 11 a.m. We’re bringing the talent to your screen. Get ready to see Alphabet Rockers, Boswick the Clown, Tree Frog Treks and more local artists and makers.

CREATE
Discover activities inside this guide and get crafty with materials from your home. Start your own Harry Potter bookclub with friends, write a letter to a pal, design a LEGO challenge for your grownup. Inspire others by sharing what you make and tagging #SummerStride on your favorite social channel.

CONTRIBUTE
Submit photos, videos and more to the COVID-19 Community Time Capsule. Put on your archivist’s hat and help us capture what is different in the world today.

Learn more at sfpl.org/COVID19-time-capsule
READ AND PLAY
SF NEIGHBORHOOD SCAVENGER HUNT

Explore

Go on an urban hike in your neighborhood. How many rainbows or bears will you find? What sounds do you hear? Use all your senses to explore your community.

How many dogs?

- Dog
- Stick shaped like a letter
- 3 different kind of leaves
- Something round
- No parking sign
- Fruit tree or bush
- Writing on cement
- Pet in window
- Rosemary plant
- Flag
- Bicycle

Little Free Library
- Fog
- Cloud
- Recycling Bin
- Sidewalk chalk art
- California wildflowers
- Community garden
- Neighborhood park
- Bird
- Insect
- Rainbow or bear in a window

Inspired by Nature Walk @kidlitcrafts
DRAW & COLOR YOUR FAVORITE PLACE

San Francisco Conservatory of Flowers at Golden Gate Park.
Happy 150th Birthday Golden Gate Park.
HIKE AND SKETCH

More notes from Wren's sketchbook:

Some things I saw today:

- **Steller’s Jay**
- **Barred Owlets**
  - Hattie says barred owls sound like:
  - **Smart**
  - **Noisy**
- In the Corvidae family, along with: crows, ravens, magpies, and jays

**Dead Trees**
Life Support

- **Nurse Log**: horizontal
- **SNAG**: vertical dead tree, also supports wildlife

**A Stand of Trees**

- **Taproot**: a large main root. Smaller roots break off of the taproot. This hardwood has a tasty and edible taproot.
- **Plunge**
- **Cairn**

**Glacial Striations**

- Marks made in rocks by passing glaciers

- **Cirrus Clouds**: a thin, wispy, white cloud

**Notes**:

- **Leaf**: a small, green feather
- **Root**: a small, thin root
- **Trunk**: a large, thick stem
- **Bark**: a rough, brown outer layer
- **Branch**: a small, thin stem
- **Crown**: a large, green canopy

- **Weather**: sunny, cloudy, windy
- **Time of Day**: morning, afternoon, evening

- **Seasons**: spring, summer, fall, winter
- **Months**: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

- **Days of the Week**: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

- **Years**: 2020, 2021, 2022

- **Hike and Sketch**: a fun activity for kids to explore nature and discover the beauty of the outdoors.

- **Inspired by The Hike by Alison Farrell, Courtesy of Chronicle Books

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SOME THINGS I SAW TODAY

Label and learn about what you see.
COUNT THE RAINBOWS

SFPL CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF PRIDE.
DRAW FACES THAT YOU SEE
Sign up to track your time online at sfpl.beanstack.org
2020 SFUSD READING LIST

Prekindergarten, Kindergarten,
and Grades 1 & 2

NON FICTION
Hummingbird by Nicola Davies
Packs: Strength in Numbers by Hannah Salyer
A Computer Called Katherine by Suzanne Slade

FICTION
小熊晃晃,你跑去哪裡啦? by Julia Donaldson
Magnificent Homespun Brown by Samara Cole Doyon
The Hike by Alison Farrell
Friday Night Wrestlefest by J.F. Fox
Bug Boys by Laura Knetzger
Zombis No Comen Verduras by Megan Lacera
Ohana Means Family by Ilima Loomis
When Aidan Became a Brother by Kyle Lukoff
Vote for Our Future! by Margaret McNamara
Saturday by Oge Mora
Flubby Is Not a Good Pet by J.E. Morris
Sadiq and the Desert Star by Siman Nuurali
Hey, Water by Antoinette Portis
My Papi Has a Motorcycle by Isabel Quintero
Pluto Gets the Call by Adam Rex
Fox & Chick: The Quiet Boat Ride by Sergio Ruzzier
Crab Cake: Turning the Tide Together by Andrea Tsurumi
Green on Green by Dianne White
Stop! Bot! by James Yang

Grades 3, 4, & 5

NON FICTION
Monstrous: The Lore, Gore, and Science Behind Your Favorite Monsters by Carlyn Beccia
Gut Garden: A Journey into the Wonderful World of Your Microbiome by Katie Brosnan
Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera by Candace Fleming
I Remember: Poems & Pictures of Heritage by Lee Bennett Hopkins
The Next President by Kate Messner
Science Comics: Crows: Genius Birds by Kyla Vanderklugt
Roots of Rap: 16 Bars on the 4 Pillars of Hip-Hop by Carole Boston Weatherford

FICTION
Best of Iggy by Annie Barrows
Lety Out Loud by Angela Cervantes
Farah Rocks Fifth Grade by Susan Muaddi Darraj
The Last Last-Day-of-Summer by Lamar Giles
Sal and Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez
Get a Grip, Vivy Cohen! by Sarah Kapit
Stand Up, Yumi Chung! by Jessica Kim
Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet by Zanib Mian
The Best At It by Maulik Pancholy
Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park
Investigators by John Green
Green Lantern: Legacy by Minh Le
Stargazing by Jen Wang
Magalina y el Bosque de los Animales Mágicos by Sylvia Douye
影響孩子一生的好習慣故事 by Xin Tong
These great books are recommended by the librarians of SFUSD and SFPL.

Visit sfpl.org for more fantastic reading lists of eBooks and eAudiobooks in multiple languages that will keep you active all summer long.
ABOUT SUMMER STRIDE ARTIST
ALISON FARRELL

Alison Farrell lives, bikes, writes and draws with her family in Portland, Oregon. Author and illustrator of The Hike and Cycle City (Chronicle Books), she is SFPL’s esteemed 2020 Summer Stride Artist. Find out more about Alison’s inspiration for creating the stunning art for this year’s Summer Stride program, and her secret to having a truly satisfying hike.

Describe your dream day in Golden Gate Park.

I love so much about Golden Gate Park, it’s hard to decide! I think I might start at the Botanical Garden, especially to check out the succulents and the redwoods. Next, I would head to the De Young Museum. After that, the Japanese Garden and the Conservatory of Flowers. It would be a lot of walking, and way too many gardens for one day, but I think I could manage! Then I would ride a bike on JFK Drive, pass Rainbow Falls, Spreckels Lake, the Bison Paddock, and the Dutch Windmill and finally hang at Ocean Beach with a book for sunset.

Tell us about where you live and how nature inspires your work.

As a young adult, I worked on CSA farms for years, first through Americorps as a farm educator, then just because I enjoyed farming! There, I learned a lot about cultivated and wild plants. Understanding basic plant biology felt like a lost art, and it was so fulfilling to share this knowledge with children as an educator!

Did you know…

The Hike is the inspiration for the Library’s Summer Stride campaign. We partnered with Chronicle Books to commission artist Alison Farrell to create original illustrations inspired by this book.

What was the best part of working on the Summer Stride campaign?

Whenever I can, I get out into nature in and around Portland, Oregon, my home. The natural history details of The Hike came from a synthesis of my love of learning about plants and exploring the Pacific Northwest. The Columbia River Gorge, Mount Hood, Mount Saint Helens, the coast, I love all of it! There is so much beauty to connect to here!

Alison Farrell is the author and illustrator of Cycle City (Chronicle Books, 2018) and The Hike (Chronicle Books, 2019) and the illustrator of Runaway Signs (Nancy Paulsen Books, June 2020) by Joan Holub. Alison has lived in five states, but is currently biking, hiking, and living in Portland, Oregon. Find out more about Alison at drawdrawdraw.com.
I hope The Hike can allow kids to see nature through another lens, to connect to the details, to be full of wonder, and to reflect on the beauty of our world.

What do you hope to inspire in young people who read your books/see your art?

I think the most authentic way for me to make a book is to first consider experiences I am interested in, or that bring me joy. Next, I think about books that I would have wanted to read as a kid, or that I would have wanted for my son, Finn. Then, I combine these ideas.

When we think of hiking, most people think about the action of walking in the woods. You go up a mountain, you go down, and it’s a nice adventure. When I hike, I prefer to be fully submerged. I am in it for the foraging, the forest smells, the waterfalls (and other sensory experiences), and that open-spirited feeling you get when you see a large expanse of land at the top. I am definitely stopping for wild berries, miner’s lettuce, and vanilla leaf. I’ll probably take a picture of that orange mushroom I saw and look it up later. It is a slowed-down, curious, observational and reflective perspective on hiking. I hope The Hike can allow kids to see nature through another lens, to connect to the details, to be full of wonder, and to reflect on the beauty of our world.
VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR ADULTS

JUNE

Harlem of the West: The San Francisco Fillmore Jazz Era
Friday, June 19, 12 p.m.
Reservations required:

Elizabeth Pepin Silva and Lewis Watts present an illuminating slide show and talk about the new edition of Harlem of the West: The San Francisco Fillmore Jazz Era. Republished by Heyday Books, the edition features newly discovered photographs and memorabilia, as well as additional interviews with those who lived and played in the Fillmore at the height of its glory.

The Souls of Black Folk: Joy, Grace and Glory
Saturday, June 20, 2 p.m.
Reservations required:

Jarrel Phillips explores Black culture and presence in America and the African diaspora through film and photography. Phillips’ stories unfold from his first-hand experience growing up Black in San Francisco and observing the African diaspora through his travels in the United States, Ethiopia, Haiti, Uganda, Tanzania, Egypt, Brazil and more.

Chronicling San Francisco in the Century Before Stonewall
Tuesday, June 23, 7 p.m.
Reservations required:

Queer historian Jim Van Buskirk presents a visual timeline of the many pioneering individuals, organizations, publications and activities in SF that helped pave the way for the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement. The Stonewall Rebellion, a series of spontaneous and violent demonstrations led by queer people against a police raid in Greenwich Village, NY—is celebrated worldwide as sparking the modern lesbian and gay civil rights movement.

JULY

Red Power and Alcatraz
Saturday, July 11, 11 a.m.
Reservations required:

The National Park Service and the San Francisco Public Library partner to commemorate the ongoing 50th anniversary of the historic occupation of Alcatraz by the Indians of All Tribes. The panel will be moderated by author Kent Blansett and feature photographers: Ilka Hartmann, Stephen Shames and Brooks Townes and original occupier: Kris Longoria, and will focus on bringing public attention to the exhibit while providing a forum to learn about the occupation.

Author Chris Carlsson, Hidden San Francisco
Thursday, July 14, 7 p.m.
Reservations required:

Hidden San Francisco: A Guide to Lost Landscapes, Unsung Heroes, and Radical Histories peels back the layers of San Francisco’s history to reveal a storied past: behind old walls and gleaming glass facades lurk former industries, secret music and poetry venues, forgotten terrorist bombings and more. Chris Carlsson is a writer, historian, tour guide, photographer, college professor and co-founder of Shaping San Francisco, a participatory community history project.

30th Anniversary of ADA: #ADA30InColor
Sunday, July 26, 4 p.m.
Reservations required:
https://bit.ly/ADA30-7-26-20

To mark the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Disability Visibility Project is publishing a book of essays by Disabled People of Color, #ADA30InColor, an important publication looking at what the law has and hasn’t done for this often overlooked group.

Alcatraz and Mass Incarceration
Wednesday, July 22, 7 p.m.
Reservations required:

Troy Williams, founder and director of Restorative Media and host of the Troy Williams Journal served 25 years in prison facilities. Williams along with an Alcatraz park ranger will discuss mass incarceration in America. Learn how the history of incarceration at Alcatraz informs us about the state of incarceration today, with a special focus on incarceration and reentry during the current pandemic.

AUGUST

The Women of Red Power and Alcatraz
Saturday, Aug. 8, 11 a.m.
Reservations required:

Dr. LaNada War Jack, member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, scholar, educator, author and leader will moderate a discussion around the role of Indigenous women during and after the occupation of Alcatraz Island.
On the Same Page: Alvin Orloff, Beth Lisik and K.M. Soehnlein in conversation
Wednesday, June 10, 6 p.m.
OTSP Book Club: Sunday, June 28, 2 p.m.

Disasterama! is a fun, raunchy, hilarious and painful coming-of-age memoir. One cannot speak of gay counterculture in the 80s and not get entrenched in the AIDS crisis and the loss of life which ensued. Orloff accomplishes this with honest emotion and humor. Opening with the teenage Orloff in search of acceptance, love, but mostly sex—he finds Michael Joseph Collins, who becomes his infatuation, creative partner, bandmate in The Popstitutes, love and friend.

Juli Delgado Lopera and Myriam Gurba in conversation
A celebration of Lopera's debut book Fiebre Tropical and Gurba’s memoir Mean
Thursday, June 25, 7 p.m.

Fiebre Tropical: A Novel is a multilingual novel that follows a Colombian teenager’s coming-of-age and coming out as she plunges headfirst into lust and evangelism. Uprooted from her comfortable life in Bogotá, Colombia, into an ant-infested Miami townhouse, fifteen-year-old Francisca is miserable and friendless in her strange new city. Her alienation grows when her mother is swept up into an evangelical church, replete with Christian salsa, abstinent young dancers and baptisms for the dead.
Mean, a true crime, memoir and ghost story, is the bold and hilarious tale of Myriam Gurba’s coming of age as a queer, mixed-race Chicana.

Related Event, Book Club: Fiebre Tropical, Wednesday, June 17, 7 p.m.

On the Same Page: Alia Volz, Home Baked: My Mom, Marijuana, and the Stoning of San Francisco
Sunday, July 12, 2 p.m.
Reservations required: https://bit.ly/AliaVolz7-12-20
OTSP Book Club: Sunday July 21, 7 p.m.
Reservations required: https://bit.ly/OTSPBkClb7-21-20

During the ’70s in San Francisco, Alia’s mother ran the underground Sticky Fingers Brownies, delivering upwards of 10,000 illegal marijuana edibles per month throughout the circus-like atmosphere of a city in the throes of major change. She exchanged psychic readings with Volz’s future father, and thereafter had a partner in business and life.

Tuesday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m.
OTSP Book Club: Sunday, Aug. 16, 2 p.m.
Reservations required: https://bit.ly/OTSPBkClb8-16-20

Imagine a world where you truly believe there is nothing wrong with your body. Virgie Tovar, author of The Self-Love Revolution: Radical Body Positivity for Girls of Color (New Harbinger Publications 2020) and You Have the Right to Remain Fat (Feminist Press), will share her surprising findings and tools from a decade dedicated to understanding why we are so afraid of being fat.

MONTHLY EVENTS

World Lit Book Club
The World Literature Book Club will be an online event until further notice, using the Zoom platform. The meeting link will be sent the day of the event. Reservations required.

Oscar Wilde's De Profundis
Thursday, June 4, 6 p.m.

Albert Camus’ The Plague
Thursday, July 2, 6 p.m.

Bertolt Brecht’s Galileo
Thursday, Aug. 6, 6 p.m.
MONTHLY EVENTS

Poem Jam with SF Poet Laureate Kim Shuck and Guests
Poem Jam is making its online debut and Kim is handing over the keys to the San Francisco Creative Writing Institute’s Session Showcase with an evening of work developed by the school’s students over the Spring. Readings from faculty and participants including Hollie Hardy, Alexandra Kostoulas, Kim Shuck, Tongo Eisen-Martin, Preeti Vangani, Caitlin Krause, Paul Corman-Roberts and more.

Thursday, June 11, 6 p.m.

Thursday, July 9, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 13, 6 p.m.

California Native Plant Society: Yerba Buena (SF) Chapter
Edible Native Fruits and Vegetables of San Francisco
Saturday, July 25, 1 p.m.

Gardening for San Francisco’s Butterflies and Pollinators
Saturday, Aug 22, 1 p.m.

Shade Gardening with California Native Plants
Saturday, Sept. 26, 1 p.m.

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The Library's abundant digital offerings, including eBooks, eAudiobooks, streaming movies, research databases and digital magazines and newspapers are available 24/7 to you while our locations are closed. In addition, we offer many opportunities for eLearning—build valuable job skills or work on your resume, get one-on-one tutoring and homework help, all from your home. We've got you covered.

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Learn
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- Classes, tutorials, online courses
- Language Learning and ESL
- Career Help
- Cooking & Crafting
- SFPL Staff Picks: Ancestry, Pride eResources and more

JOBS & CAREERS

Tech Tuesdays
Job & Career Resources with the Library
Tuesday, June 9, 11 a.m.

eResources at the Library
Tuesday, June 30, 11 a.m.
Register: https://bit.ly/TechTues6-30-20

Google Drive
Tuesday, July 14, 11 a.m.
Register: https://bit.ly/TechTues7-14-20

Canva
Tuesday, July 28, 11 a.m.

Getting a City Job
Tuesday, Aug. 11, 11 a.m.

eMusic at the Library
Tuesday, Aug 25, 11 a.m.

Resume Writing Essentials
Gabriel Capote, a representative from the California Employment Development Department, will cover the essentials to creating a winning resume in today’s job market.

Monday, June 22, 10 a.m.
Monday, July 27, 10 a.m.
Monday, August 24, 10 a.m.
Reservations required: https://bit.ly/ZoomResumeWriting
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.

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.

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
**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.

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**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.

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**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 sfpl.org/virtualtrailhead and make sure to follow us on social media to get connected to the parks on Nature Boost Fridays and every day!

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
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