



# Calendar of Monterey Bay Area Conservation Events – March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	01	02 -The Seymour Center at Long Marine Lab -Fort Ord Volunteer Days! -Lecture: Sustainable Food Gardening	03 -Watsonville Wetlands Watch 2010 Docent Training	04 -Fort Ord Volunteer Days!	05	06 -Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours -VWA Trail Crew Trip -MPRPD-Fabulous Ferns and Flowers Hike -SCRAP-San Lorenzo River Cleanup -CNPS-Pt. Lobos Weed Bash
07 -Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours -Watsonville Wetlands Guided Nature Walk	08	09 -Fort Ord Volunteer Days! -Audubon Society Monthly Lecture	10 -Elkhorn Slough Nursery Drop-in and Botanize -Watsonville Wetlands Watch 2010 Docent Training	11 -Fort Ord Volunteer Days!	12 -CNPS-weed bash	13 -Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours -VWA Trail Crew Trip -RON Planting @ Upper Carr Lake
14 -Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours -Watsonville Wetlands Guided Nature Walk   **Daylight Savings**	15	16 -Fort Ord Volunteer Days!	17 -Watsonville Wetlands Watch 2010 Docent Training	18 -Fort Ord Volunteer Days!	19	20 -Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours
21 -Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours -CNPS-Soberanes Creek Weed Bash -Watsonville Wetlands Guided Nature Walk	22	23 -Fort Ord Volunteer Days!	24 -Watsonville Wetlands Watch 2010 Docent Training	25 -Monterey Green Action Film Cafe -Fort Ord Volunteer Days! -American Cetacean Society Monterey Bay	26	27 -Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours -Watsonville Wetlands Watch - Restoration Days! -RON-Marina Dunes Restoration Event
28 -Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours -Watsonville Wetlands Guided Nature Walk	29	30 -Fort Ord Volunteer Days!	View the most recent detailed event information and add your own events at our website and WebCalendar: <a href="http://www.ChuckHaugenConservationFund.org">http://www.ChuckHaugenConservationFund.org</a>			

### **American Cetacean Society Monterey Bay**

3/25, The Monterey Bay Chapter of the American Cetacean Society normally meets at 7:30 pm on the last Thursday of the month at Hopkins Marine Station in Pacific Grove, California (across from the American Tin Cannery Outlet Stores). Free and open to the public. ACS meetings and activities feature cetacea and various aspects of the marine environment. [www.starrsites.com/acsemb](http://www.starrsites.com/acsemb).

### **Audubon Society Monthly Lectures**

3/9, 7pm. March program - TBA. Monthly meetings of the Monterey Peninsula Audubon Society are free. Members and non-members are welcome! Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, at the corner of Forest and Central in Pacific Grove. Refreshments precede the meeting with a social "1/2 hour" at 7 PM. Meeting and program begin at 7:30. Bring a Friend! <http://www.montereyaudubon.org>

### **California Native Plant Society (CNPS) Weed Bashes**

EVERY First Saturday, 1-4pm since January 2003 we've returned to the East Side of Point Lobos State Reserve to restore a 15-acre area formerly dominated by French Broom.

EVERY 3rd Sunday, 9a-2:30pm help restore coastal habitats at Sobranes Point by removing invasive plants such as Cape ivy from one of Monterey County's most beautiful coastal locations.

[jp\\_hubbard@hotmail.com](mailto:jp_hubbard@hotmail.com) or [bdelgado61@gmail.com](mailto:bdelgado61@gmail.com) 831-726-1737 or 277-7690 6.5 miles south of Carmel River but rsvp for details. 3/12, 9am-2:30pm, contact Bruce Delgado at [bdelgado61@gmail.com](mailto:bdelgado61@gmail.com) 277-7690

### **Elkhorn Slough Reserve tours**

Docent-led tours of the Reserve are held every Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. There is also an early birding walk the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 a.m. To walk the trails there is a \$2.50 day-use fee (cash or check, no credit cards) for adults 16 and older; children are free; entry is also free with a California hunting or fishing license. A one-year pass is available for \$19.25. 831-728-2822

### **Elkhorn Slough Nursery Drop-in PLUS special plant walk and botany session**

3/10, 9am-1pm. Transplant from 9-11 then plant walk and botanize grasses under the scopes. Meet at the greenhouse. Wear layered work clothes including closed-toed shoes. Contact Bree at 831-402-4421 or [bree\(at\)elkhornslough.org](mailto:bree(at)elkhornslough.org).

### **Fort Ord Volunteer Days!**

10am-4pm every Tuesday and Thursday. Join other experienced volunteers and staff to explore and sustain the natural systems on Fort Ord Public Lands. You'll have access to 8,000 acres of beautiful vistas and natural habitats while you help improve their health and the health of your body and soul by removing invasive weeds, collection native seeds, planting native plants, helping with plant inventories and learning to use new tools to map and restore wild lands. You'll be glad you volunteered!!! [Bdelgado\(at\)blm.gov](mailto:Bdelgado(at)blm.gov) 394-8314

### **Monterey Green Acton (MGA) Film Cafe**

3/25, Every fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at East Village Coffee Lounge. The best environmental films and interviews with local experts are brought to you for a free night out. MGA is a community volunteer organization in the City of Monterey that embraces a multi-disciplinary approach to sustainability in our community, from policy to gardens, from energy to transportation, from safe cosmetics to bike parking at special events, we undertake projects to help the City of Monterey become more self-reliant and sustainable. [MontereyGreenAction\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:MontereyGreenAction(at)yahoo.com)

### **Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD) Hike**

3/6, 9am-12pm. Experience tranquility surrounded by verdant foliage on this 2-3 hour hike along Garzas Creek and back across the Terrace Trail. This area is known for its diversity of wildflowers and lush fern growth. approx. 3.3 miles. Pre-register as space is limited. 831-659-6065 [wyatt\(at\)mprpd.org](mailto:wyatt(at)mprpd.org).

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*Visit our WebCalendar to add your events and see complete details for each of the events listed on our calendar:*

**<http://www.chuckhaugenconservationfund.org/calendar>**

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### **Return of the Natives (RON)**

3/13, 10am-1pm, Upper Carr Lake in Salinas. Help us plant native plants and pick up trash & debris! East Laurel Drive between Constitution and Sanborn Rd. Look for the RON community event signs! Water, snacks, and tools are provided. Individuals, families, and volunteer groups are all welcome! <http://watershed.csumb.edu/ron>. Aobara(at)csumb.edu. 582-3686  
3/27, 10am-1pm Locke-Paddon Wetland Park, Marina. 190 Seaside Circle, just off Reservation Road below Marina Library. Register on <http://www.mprpd.org> on the Community ALIVE! events.

### **SCRAP – Santa Cruz Rivers and Parks**

3/6, 10am-12pm San Lorenzo River Clean-up. This grassroots organization works to revive urban rivers and parkways. The current focus of S.C.R.A.P is the San Lorenzo River from Highway 1 to the ocean. Bring: Hat, water, snack and layers. We'll provide the gloves, trash buckets, and hand sanitizer. <http://cleanotheriver.blogspot.com/>  
Meet at the new pedestrian bridge adjacent to the Ross parking lot. zeke(at)chuckhaugen.org 831-420-8005

### **Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Long Marine Laboratory**

Free First Tuesday. Visit the aquarium, exhibit hall, and touch tanks. Take a tour or explore on your own. <http://seymourcenter.ucsc.edu/> 831-459-3800

### **Sustainable Seaside**

3/2, 6:30pm – 8:30pm Peace Resource Center, 1364 Fremont Blvd, Seaside. Speaker Susan Ragsdale-Cronin talks about sustainable food gardening. For information about Sustainable Seaside or this event,

contact Kay Kline at 899-7934 or visit <http://groups.google.com/group/sustainable-seaside>

### **Ventana Wilderness Alliance**

3/6, Steve Benoit will be leading a Pine Ridge Trail Work Trip - overnight. Contact [daveknapp@ventanawild.org](mailto:daveknapp@ventanawild.org) for details.  
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### **Watsonville Wetlands Guided Nature Walk**

Every Sunday at 1:30 pm. Meet at the Nature Center for a guided walk in nearby wetlands. All ages are welcome. Binoculars will be provided. 30 Harkins Slough Rd Watsonville, CA 95076. 831-728-1156

### **Watsonville Wetlands Watch – Restoration Days**

9am-12pm the fourth Saturday of every month (except Thanksgiving and Christmas), then an hour for walking, talking and observing wildlife. Come join our team of dedicated wildlife champions in rejuvenating the rich habitats of the Watsonville Sloughs. Contact Mary at 831-566-4938 or [mary\(at\)watsonvillewetlandswatch.org](mailto:mary(at)watsonvillewetlandswatch.org).

### **Watsonville Wetlands Watch 2010 Docent Training Program**

The Watsonville Wetlands Watch 2010 docent trainees will be treated to an inside look at the Pajaro Valley and its wide network of wetlands. Local experts will share the ecology, history and restoration of the wetlands during this 7-week program, which includes Wednesday evening presentations and Saturday morning field trips. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Kathy Fieberling, at 831-345-1226 or email [kathyfieb\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:kathyfieb(at)yahoo.com). Meet at Fitz Wetlands Educational Resource Center

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small grants to volunteers and non-profit organizations  
in order to achieve our mission.**

Projects can be small, large, volunteer, or professional. Grants can be used to begin, complete or continue environmental conservation projects within the Monterey Bay Area.

The grant dollar amounts can range from \$100 to \$2,500. Go to [www.chuckhaugenconservationfund.org](http://www.chuckhaugenconservationfund.org) for instructions and to download the grant application.

**SCRAP**

Please join us for the first Santa Cruz Rivers and Parks (SCRAP) event on  
Saturday, March 6, 2010 10:00am-12:00pm!

Santa Cruz Rivers and Parks (SCRAP) is a grassroots organization that works to revive  
urban rivers and parkways in Santa Cruz County.

The current focus of SCRAP is the San Lorenzo River from Highway 1 to the ocean.  
SCRAP events will occur the first Saturday of every month. Follow our blog at:

<http://cleantheriver.blogspot.com/>



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