

Join the hard-core weed crew at one of this month's Weed bashes!

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June Preview

Here's a glimpse of what's coming in early June, mark your calendars!

6/5, 8am – 12pm. Return of the Natives Community Service event: Annual Summer Bird Count @ Upper Carr Lake! Come count/watch the diverse species of birds that make UCL their home AND pick up trash and debris to keep UCL beautiful. We will also be teaching a mini workshop from 10-11 for kids to make their own native garden for birds in their own schools. All are welcome to this free event; great snacks, water, and tools will be provided! Upper Carr Lake is located on East Laurel Drive between Constitution and Sanborn Rd. in Salinas. Look for the RON community event signs!

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Calendar of Monterey Bay Area Conservation Events – May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>View the most recent detailed event information and add your own events at our website and WebCalendar: www.ChuckHaugenConservationFund.org</p>				
<p>02</p> <p>Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours 1:30pm Watsonville Wetlands Guided Nature Walk</p>	<p>03</p>	<p>04</p> <p>Seymour Center at Long Marine Lab Free First Tuesday 10am Fort Ord Volunteer Days! 6:30pm Sustainable Seaside Lecture: Enriching Our Pacific Coast Soil</p>	<p>05</p> 	<p>06</p> <p>10am Fort Ord Volunteer Days!</p>	<p>07</p> <p>9am CNPS Weed Bash - Soberanes Creek</p>	<p>08</p> <p>Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours 9am RON - Upper Carr Lake Clean Up 10am VWA – East Molera Day Hike</p>
<p>09</p> <p>Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours 1:30pm Watsonville Wetlands Guided Nature Walk</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10am Fort Ord Volunteer Days!</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9am Elkhorn Slough Greenhouse Day</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10am Fort Ord Volunteer Days!</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours 9am MPRPD Hike</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours 11am CNPS Weed Bash - Soberanes Creek 1:30pm Watsonville Wetlands Guided Nature Walk</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10am Fort Ord Volunteer Days!</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10am Fort Ord Volunteer Days!</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours 9am RON - Natividad Creek Park Clean Up 9am Watsonville Wetlands Watch - Restoration Days!</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours 1:30pm Watsonville Wetlands Guided Nature Walk</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10am Fort Ord Volunteer Days!</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Monterey Green Action Film Cafe 10am Fort Ord Volunteer Days! 7pm American Cetacean Society Monterey Bay</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Elkhorn Slough Reserve Tours</p>
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American Cetacean Society Monterey Bay

5/27, The Monterey Bay Chapter of the American Cetacean Society normally meets at 7:30 pm (7pm refreshments) 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/acsmmb.

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5/1 1pm-4pm * 5/7 9am-2:30pm * 5/16 11am-2:00pm

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[jp_hubbard\(at\)hotmail.com](mailto:jp_hubbard(at)hotmail.com) or [bdelgado61\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:bdelgado61(at)gmail.com) 831-726-1737 or 277-7690 6.5 miles south of Carmel River but RSVP for details.

Elkhorn Slough Greenhouse Day

5/12, 9am-1pm. Greenhouse Drop-in Days: seed collection, seed cleaning, sowing, transplanting, restoration site preparation such as weeding and monitoring. 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).

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

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 Action Film Cafe

5/27, 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)

(MPRPD) Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District

5/15 9am – 12pm. Hike: Fabulous Ferns and Flowers. Experience tranquility surrounded by an explosion of spring color on this 2-3 hour hike across the Terrace Trail into Redwood Canyon, and back along Garzas Creek. This area is known for its diversity of wildflowers and lush fern growth. Elevation gain: 530 ft. Distance: 3.3 miles. Bring water, a snack, and shoes with good treads.

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>

(RON) Return of the Natives

•5/8, 9am-12pm, Upper Carr Lake Clean-Up. Come help weed and pick up trash/debris at Upper Carr Lake in Salinas to help restore this habitat! Meet at the entrance gates and watch for RON signs; water, snacks, and tools are provided. Individuals, families, and volunteer groups are all welcome to join us in helping to beautify our lake!

•5/22 9am – Natividad Creek park Clean-Up. Community service event: Pick up trash and debris and help us remove weeds at Natividad Creek Park in Salinas. Meet us at the picnic tables; water, snacks, and tools are provided. Individuals, families, and volunteer groups are all welcome to join us in helping to beautify the park!

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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

5/4, 6:30pm – 8:00pm Peace Resource Center, 1364 Fremont Blvd, Seaside. Film & Discussion: Enriching Our Soil. Glenn Church, owner of Pacific Coast Soils in Marina, will present a lecture on "Enriching Our Soil". Learn about: amending your soil, retaining moisture, creating healthy soil for drought tolerant plants/vegetable gardens/ornamentals; have your questions answered by an expert with 30 years of experience. For information about Sustainable Seaside or this event, contact Kay Kline at 899-7934 or visit <http://groups.google.com/group/sustainable-seaside>

(VWA) Ventana Wilderness Alliance

5/8, 10am East Molera Day Hike. Join VWA President Tom Hopkins in a day hike to view the proposed Molera Wilderness in the backcountry of Andrew Molera State Park. We'll depart the East Molera trailhead on Highway One at 10 AM. Be prepared for a fairly strenuous day hike to ascend the East Molera Trail to the top of Molera Ridge and beyond. It will be about a 4 mile roundtrip with 1,000 foot elevation gain. Bring water, energy food and protection from sun, wind, poison oak and ticks. Trekking poles recommended. Heavy rain cancels. Please RSVP to [tom\(at\)ventanawild.org](mailto:tom(at)ventanawild.org)

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

5/22, 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