



Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Recreation and Tourism Newsletter February 2016



What is Migrating this Month? What, When, and Where



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POINTS OF INTEREST



Tours & Adventures



In the Spotlight: Sea Otter Conservation Tour. [Monterey Bay Aquarium](#)



Thinking about some local fish to celebrate the season? [Click here for information on how find local seafood](#) straight from the fishermen who catch it, and ideas for holiday recipes.



Coastal Discovery Center - While you are visiting the elephant seal rookery, stop at the Coastal Discovery Center, just across the highway from Hearst Castle at Hearst State Beach.

Did you miss a previous Recreation and Tourism Newsletter? The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary website now has them available. [Click here for your back issues](#)



We thought you may find this information helpful to your businesses. S.I.M.o.N. provides to the public an open source for pictures, names, species, and information about what is in your National Marine Sanctuary. Click on the photos section and be truly amazed. [Click Here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Pillar Point - Half Moon Bay Events

Discover the Secrets of Pescadero Marsh with guided walks



Santa Cruz Events Migration Festival

Fly, swim, waddle, walk, bike or drive as you migrate to



Moss Landing and Watsonville Events

Livelihoods from fishing, rice farming, travel, tourism, and

Date: February 7, 2016
Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
PST

Guided walks led by State Park docents twice a month. Meet docents at the central Pescadero State Beach parking lot, just south of Highway 1 bridge over Pescadero Creek and 1/4 mile north of Pescadero Road.

Explore the birds, plants and other natural treasures in the marsh - the largest coastal wetland on the peninsula.

[See all events >](#)

Natural Bridges State Beach for a full-day of activities that celebrate the migration of whales, butterflies, birds and the many creatures that travel. The park will host migratory animal talks, active kids' games, crafts, skits, live music by the nature-loving 5M's Band, educational booths and displays, along with the now-famous free habitat-cake served at the end of the event. You can purchase a picnic at the park or bring your own. FREE

EVENT LOCATION & DETAILS:

Natural Bridges State Park
2531 West Cliff Dr.
Santa Cruz, CA
831.423.4609
parks.ca.gov

DATE:
February 13, 2016
Parking Fee is \$10.00.
TIME: 11am - 4pm

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[Exploration Center Link >](#)

water provision all depend on wetlands. And wetlands are vital to us in many other ways. They host a huge variety of life, protect our coastlines, provide natural sponges against river flooding, and store carbon dioxide to regulate climate change.

Unfortunately, wetlands are often viewed as wasteland, and more than 64% of our wetlands have disappeared since 1900.

Enabling people to make a decent living, and at the same time ensuring that wetlands can still provide their essential benefits, do not have to be conflicting goals!

Help us spread awareness about the importance of wetlands. Join us for World Wetlands Day 2016 - and beyond! Here's how you can get involved:

#WorldWetlandsDay
#WetlandsForOurFuture

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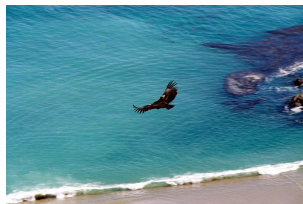


Monterey Events

AT&T PEBBLE BEACH PRO-AM

February 8 - 14, 2016

Kevin Costner, Kenny G,



Big Sur Events

Big Sur. This narrow strip of paradise, ninety miles long and twenty wide, holds a romance and fascination in its very name.



Cambria - San Simeon Events - Piedras Blancas Light Station

Peek at the Past - 141th Birthday Celebration! The first order light at Piedras Blancas was first lit on February 15, 1875. This year we will be celebrating

Don Cheadle and Darius Rucker. What does this foursome have in common? All four are among celebrities who have played the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am golf tournament, played at Pebble Beach Golf Links, Spyglass Hill Golf Course and the Monterey Peninsula Country Club Shore course. This annual golf tournament features an all-star lineup of both pros and celebrities, making it as much fun for serious duffers as it is autograph seekers and star gazers.

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California State Parks is proud to present Ranger guided whale watching and California condor spotting. Come celebrate with us the migration of the California Gray Whales off the Big Sur Coast and keep an eye on the sky for soaring condors. Meet at the McWay Falls overlook trail at Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park. Walk out to the point. Drop in. Rangers will be available with binoculars.

Whale Watching & Condor Spotting
10:00 am - Noon on weekends

For more information call 831-667-2315.

[See all events >](#)
[Otter Cam Big Sur](#)

the 141st birthday of the lighthouse on Saturday, February 13th. A special living history tour, "Peek at the Past", will feature guides in period attire and enactors portraying life at the light station in the 1890s. This very special tour is offered at the regular tour fee of \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 6 through 17. Cash or check is preferred. Tours last about 2 hours and include the historic structures, wildlife viewing, and spectacular scenery along a ½ mile interpretive trail. Tours meet at the former Piedras Blancas Motel, located 1.5 miles north of the gate to the lighthouse. Be there by 9:45. It is advisable to arrive early for this popular tour. Do not wait at the gate to the lighthouse. For more information email PiedrasBlancasTours@gmail.com or call 805-927-7361.

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Hours:

Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10am - 5pm
(Closed Monday and Tuesday)



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