

FRIENDS OF
BALLONA
WETLANDS

www.ballonafriends.org
(310) 306-5994

Calendar of Community Events

JANUARY - MARCH 2018

■ **REGULARY SCHEDULED TOURS:** Learn about our coastal ecosystems, see a variety of plants and native animals, and explore the wonders of nature in urban Los Angeles. *Suggested donation is \$5 per person* Groups of 6 or more MUST register at least 5 days in advance. (310) 306-5994 or email volunteer@ballonafriends.org.

January 13 & 27
February 10 & 24
March 10 & 24

Freshwater Marsh Tour 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Heavy-duty strollers okay. All ages.

Park on southwest side of Jefferson Blvd. just before Lincoln Blvd. at the purple welcome sign with the heron! Please arrive 10 minutes early.

January 14
February 11
March 11

Salt Marsh and Dunes Tour 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

No strollers. Ages 7+ recommended.

Park in the lot behind Alkali Water/Gordon's Market, 303 Culver Blvd. Playa Del Rey, 90293. Please arrive 10 minutes early. ☛LATE ARRIVALS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED. GATE WILL BE LOCKED.

■ **RESTORATION/COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Help FBW restore the last coastal wetland in LA County. Volunteers get hands-on experience while learning about wetlands and wildlife. *Suggested donation is \$5 per person* Groups of 6 or more MUST register at least 5 days in advance. (310) 306-5994 or email volunteer@ballonafriends.org. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

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January 5 & 19
February 2 & 16
March 2 & 16

Friday Habitat Restoration 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

MUST RSVP to volunteer@ballonafriends.org. No strollers. Ages 7+ recommended.

Closed-toe shoes required. Gloves and equipment provided.

January 20
February 17
March 17

Beginner Birding and Creek Cleanup 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

No strollers. Ages 7+ recommended. Closed-toe shoes required. Gloves and equipment provided. ☛NOTE EARLY START TIME. LATE ARRIVALS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED.

GATE WILL BE LOCKED.

January 27
February 24
March 24

Monthly Habitat Restoration 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

No strollers. Ages 7+ recommended.

Closed-toe shoes required. Gloves and equipment provided.

■ **SPECIAL EVENTS:** Follow us on Facebook (@ballonafriends.org) or sign-up for our emails at www.ballonafriends.org to learn about additional events throughout the year.

March 16

Sunset Nature Hike 5:00 PM - Sunset (around 7:00PM)

Meet at the Freshwater Marsh to enjoy this rare tour as the birds find a place to roost for the night. *Suggested donation is \$5 per person*

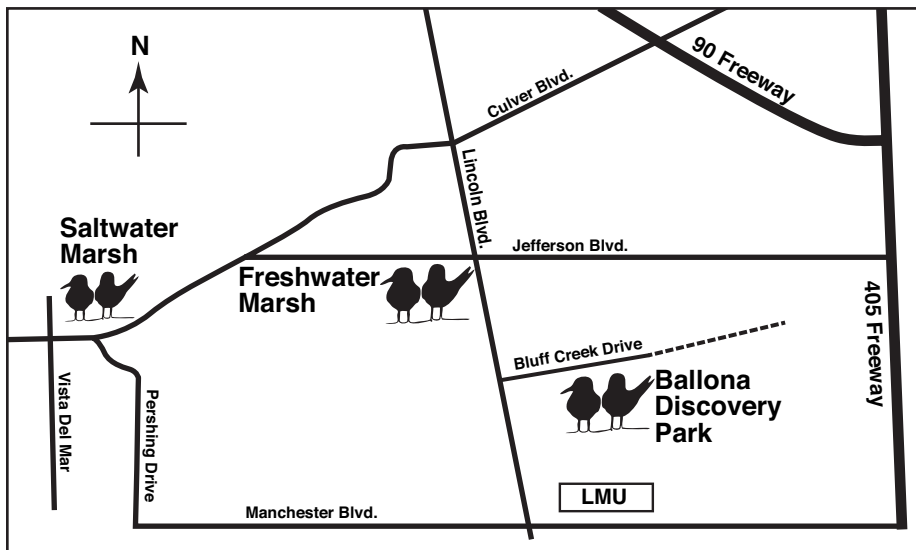
Uneven trails, no strollers. All ages welcome. Groups of 6 or more MUST register at least 5 days in advance: 310-306-5994 or email volunteer@ballonafriends.org

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April 7

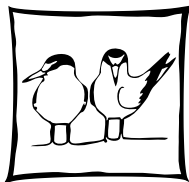
Migration Celebration 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Please join us for a neighborhood block party at Ballona Discovery Park! Food trucks, bird tours, fun and educational booths, Southbay Wildlife Rehab, arts & crafts, and more! More information will be posted on our website and Facebook.



VISIT BALLONA DISCOVERY PARK
 13110 Bluff Creek Drive, Playa Vista, 90094

Discovery Park, open to **all ages** from dawn to dusk, is a 2-acre open air science and cultural interpretive center that explains the natural and cultural history of the Ballona Wetlands, including the importance of wetlands habitat to our planet, and of the wetlands in particular to the local ecosystems. Contact the Friends for guided educational tours.



FRIENDS OF BALLONA WETLANDS

Friends of Ballona Wetlands' mission is to champion the restoration and protection of the Ballona Wetlands, education and involving the public as advocates and stewards.

DEFENDERS • PROTECTORS • STEWARDS

Founded in 1978, the Friends saved the wetlands, then had an instrumental role in getting them designated as a State Ecological Reserve, all while conducting education and habitat restoration programs at Ballona.

EDUCATION • RESTORATION

Through continuing programs and special events, Friends of Ballona Wetlands brings the community together to restore rare coastal habitat and learn about coast-

al ecosystems. The Friends works with service groups, classes, corporations, youth groups, and individuals from throughout Los Angeles County, including under-served areas. You're invited to come learn about Los Angeles history and native ecosystems, and take part in hands-on restoration work. Ecology, teamwork, and environmental stewardship are important components of our programs. Your membership and volunteer support helps us continue these unique, fun, and enriching activities.

Join or renew your membership today!

Savannah Sparrow - \$30

Student membership: Receive our e-newsletter

Snowy Egret - \$60

Individual membership: Receive our annual mailed newsletter and our e-newsletter

Red-tailed Hawks - \$150

Family membership: Receive an invitation to an exclusive Donor Appreciation Event dedicated to unique experiences in and around the Ballona Wetlands

Great Blue Heron - \$250

Receive two invitations to our exclusive Donor Appreciation Events

Coast Buckwheat - \$500

Member of Exceeding Generosity: Enjoy a private tour of the Ballona Wetlands Freshwater Marsh and two invitations to our exclusive Donor Appreciation Events

Other Amount

Contribute what you can, it's for a good cause and you'll receive our e-newsletter

Donate online at www.ballonafriends.org or mail a check to P.O. Box 5159, Playa del Rey, CA 90296. Please make check out to FRIENDS OF BALLONA WETLANDS. Your donation is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. You will receive an acknowledgement letter in response to your donation.