

FRIENDS OF
**BALLONA
WETLANDS**

CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

Get involved by joining tours, community service projects and special events!

www.ballonafriends.org
(310) 306-5994



Tour the Wetlands!

Explore the wonder of nature in urban Los Angeles, learn about our coastal ecosystems and see a variety of native plants and animals.



Habitat Restoration & Community Service!

Help FBW restore the last coastal wetland in Los Angeles. Get hands-on experience while learning about urban ecology.

MIGRATION ≈ CELEBRATION ≈

Follow us on Facebook (@ballonafriends.org) or sign up for our email newsletter to learn about our special events throughout the year.

JANUARY

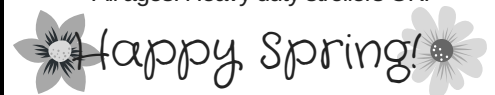
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2 - 4 PM @ Saltwater Marsh
• Ages 7+. Equipment provided.
- 6 **Freshwater Marsh Tour** 🔍
10 - 11:30 AM @ Freshwater Marsh
• All ages. Heavy duty strollers OK.
- 12 **Freshwater Marsh Tour** 🔍
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• All ages. Heavy duty strollers OK.
- 13 **Salt Marsh & Dunes Tour** 🔍
1 - 3 PM @ Saltwater Marsh
• Ages 7+. No strollers.
- 16 **Ballona Wetlands Restoration** ~ 🌿
With The Bay Foundation 9 AM - 12 PM
Sign-up required: santamonicabay.org/events
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- 19 **Beginner Birding & Creek Cleanup** 🌿
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Birdwatching is optional.
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MARCH

- 1 **Friday Habitat Restoration** 🌿
2 - 4 PM @ Saltwater Marsh
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- 3 **Freshwater Marsh Tour** 🔍
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Saturday, April 6th

MIGRATION ≈ CELEBRATION ≈

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM



Join us for our 3rd Annual Migration Celebration! We will have Ballona Freshwater Marsh docent-led birding tours, food trucks, arts & crafts, Bob Baker's Marionettes, live birds from South Bay Wildlife Rehab, outdoor science lab, scavenger hunt, Grow Native! plant sale, and so much more!

Early Bird Tour Registration starting March 1st @ ballonafriends.org

Want to volunteer at this event? Email: volunteer@ballonafriends.org

IMPORTANT NOTES

- **Arrive 10 minutes early.** Gates will be locked at Saltwater Marsh events - **NO late arrivals!**
- **Children 16 and under** must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Close-toed shoes** are required for all restoration and community service events. 🌿
- **Groups of 8+** MUST RSVP. To RSVP, provide your name and group size to **310-306-5994** or email volunteer@ballonafriends.org.
- We recommend wearing **comfy clothes** that you don't mind getting a bit dirty, and a hat.
- Bring your **reusable water bottle** to stay hydrated - there are no water fountains on site.
- Tours and restoration at the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve are free events. **Suggested donation is \$5-10 per person** for all tours & special events. Your donation helps us protect & restore the Ballona Wetlands.

**Three Different Event Locations!
Check location info on back page.**

LOCATIONS

Friends of Ballona Wetlands has events and programs running in three locations. Please confirm location and parking information before attending an event:



Saltwater Marsh

303 Culver Blvd., Playa del Rey, CA 90293

The entrance to the reserve is behind Alka Water (aka Gordon's Market), in the northeast corner of the gravel parking lot. Ample parking is usually available in the gravel parking lot behind Alka Water.

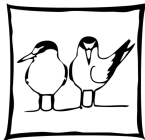
Ballona Discovery Park

13110 Bluff Creek Drive, Playa Vista, 90094

Parking is available along Bluff Creek Drive and on the nearby streets.

Freshwater Marsh

Located at the southwest corner of Jefferson Blvd. at Lincoln Blvd., across from the community of Playa Vista. Parking is available on the south side of Jefferson, west of the intersection with Lincoln. The public trail is open from dawn until dusk.



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Friends of Ballona Wetlands' mission is to champion the restoration and protection of the Ballona Wetlands, involving and educating 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 coastal ecosystems. The Friends work 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 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 acknowledgment letter in response to your donation.