

FRIENDS OF
BALLONA
WETLANDS

www.ballonafriends.org
(310) 306-5994

Calendar of Community Events

APRIL - JUNE 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.

April 14
May 12 & 26
June 9 & 23

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.

April 8
May 13
June 10

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

No strollers. Sandy trails. 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. Bring your reusable water bottle!

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Please arrive 10 minutes early. ⚡LATE ARRIVALS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED. GATE WILL BE LOCKED.

April 6 & 20
May 4 & 18
June 1 & 15

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.

April 21
May 19
June 16

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

Half bird-watching & half community service! No strollers. Ages 7+ recommended.

Closed-toe shoes required. Equipment provided. ⚡NOTE EARLY START TIME. LATE ARRIVALS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED. GATE WILL BE LOCKED.

April 28* Earth Day!
May 26
June 23

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.

May 12* Bird LA Day!

Two Events with Limited Space: Breakfast with the Birds, 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

@ The Salt Marsh & Sunset Nature Hike, 5:30 PM - Sunset @ The Freshwater Marsh

MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE! Visit: ballonafriends.org for more info & to register.

June 29

Sunset Nature Hike 6:00 PM - Sunset (around 8:00PM)

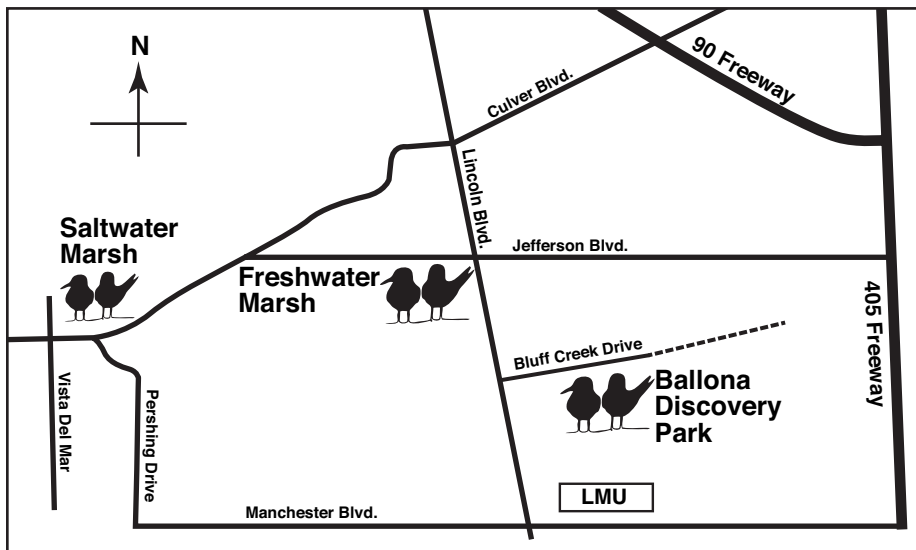
Meet at the Salt Marsh to enjoy this rare tour as the birds find a place to roost for the night. No strollers. Ages 7+ recommended. *Park in the lot behind Alkali Water/Gordon's Market, 303 Culver Blvd. Playa Del Rey, 90293. Please arrive 10 minutes early.* ⚡LATE ARRIVALS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED. GATE WILL BE LOCKED.

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June 7

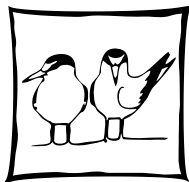
Nature Yoga @ Ballona Discovery Park - Select Thursdays 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Please join us for FREE evening yoga at 13110 Bluff Creek Dr. Playa Vista, 90094. Hosted by Mind, Body, and Soul Yoga. Please arrive 10 min early. BYO Yoga Mat!



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 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.