

# ARDENWOOD HISTORIC FARM NATURALIST PROGRAMS MARCH 2024



All programs meet at the Farmyard unless otherwise noted.

## TODDLER TIME ♿

10:30-11:45am, Wednesday, March 6, 20

Bring the tots out for an exciting morning at the farm. Hear a story, do some chores, and meet some farm friends. Little ones will enjoy a variety of activities at their own pace. We'll meet rain or shine!

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT

### SHEEP SHEARING DAY ♿

Interpretive Staff

11am-3pm, Saturday, April 13

Spring has sprung and it is time for our sheep's annual "haircut." Watch as the farm's sheep get sheared; then, try your hand at wool carding and see the transformation from fiber to yarn at the spinning wheel. You can even make your own wooly lamb to take home.

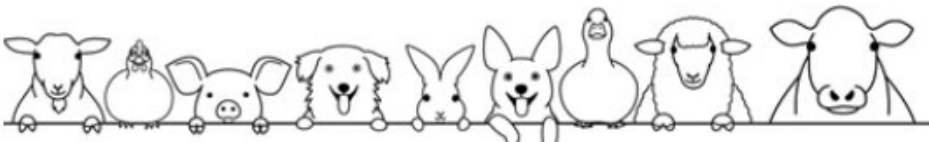
Fee: \$7/adults. \$6/seniors (62+), \$5/children (4-17 yrs.), 3 yrs. & under free.  
Free Parking

## ONGOING PROGRAM

### ANIMAL FEEDING ♿

3pm, Thursday through Sunday

Check for eggs and feed the livestock. Learn all the animals' favorite foods as we help tuck them in for the evening. Meet at the Granary.



### Park Hours:

Tuesday-Sunday, 10am-4pm

Closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day

Open Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day

### Entry Fees:

\$4/adults (18+ years)

\$3/seniors (62+ years)

\$2/children (4-17 years)

Under 4 years-free

### Accessibility:

The majority of facilities in Ardenwood are wheelchair accessible, including restroom facilities.

### Contact Us

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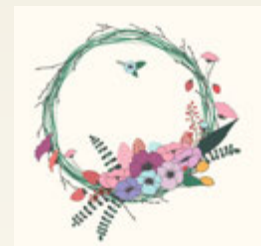
### Program Key



Wheelchair accessible  
Online registration  
[ebparks.com](http://ebparks.com)

HPPH

Healthy Parks Healthy People programs offer low impact exercise.



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#### INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

##### **MEET THE BUNNIES** ♿

10:30-11am, Saturday, March 2, 30

Come meet the farm rabbits. Learn why they have big ears, their favorite food and how they communicate.

See if you can find the softest part of a bunny.

##### **GORGEOUS GOATS** ♿

11:30am-noon, Saturday, March 2

Discover why goats are a farmyard mainstay. Lend a hand grooming our nannies and give them a snack as you learn all about these gentle farm friends.

##### **BEGINNING EMBROIDERY** ♿

1-2pm, Saturday, March 2, 23

Victorians loved to embroider, and you will too! Learn some basic embroidery stitches and you will be able to decorate all sorts of cloth objects. Training materials supplied.

##### **LEARN THE ROPES** ♿

2-2:30pm, Saturday, March 2, 30

Learn how a few twists and turns on our antique machine makes rope making a cinch.

##### **MEET THE CHICKENS** ♿

10:30-11am, Sunday, March 3, 10, 31; Saturday, March 9

Check out our coop full of chickens! Discover why

they like to roam around the farmyard and scratch and peck at the ground while you feed them a little snack.

##### **SPRING GARDENING**

11am-noon, Sunday, March 3, 24

Warmer weather and longer days means spring is right around the corner! Hop on down to the garden as we ready the beds for planting.

##### **FARMYARD GAMES**

1-2pm, Sunday, March 3, 17, 31

Life on a farm wasn't all work and no play. Join us for some old-fashioned fun! Try your hand at classic American pastimes including stilts, sack races, and the potato-spoon race.

##### **ROPE MAKING & HAY HOISTING**

2-3pm, Sunday, March 3, 17

Make rope with our antique machine, and then see how lots of rope plus a few pulleys make hoisting hay bales into the barn loft a cinch.

##### **WONDERFUL WOOL** ♿

11am-noon, Saturday, Mar 9

Come check out our fluffy fleece and learn how we can transform sheep's special fur into woolly wonders.



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#### **CLOTHESPIN DOLLS** ♻️

1-2pm, Saturday, March 9

Create and dress up your own darling doll. We'll make them out of clothespins just the way they did more than 100 years ago. Meet at the Granary.

#### **VICTORIAN TABLE TOP GAMES** ♻️

2-3pm, Saturday, March 9, 23, Sunday; March 10, 24

Ready for some old-fashioned fun? Challenge your family and friends to a game of ball and cup, tops, or Jacob's Ladder as you delve into our box of games from days-gone-by.

#### **OLD FASHIONED BUTTER MAKIN'**

11am-noon, Sunday, March 10, 31

Before modern grocery stores, people needed to make their own staples at home. Discover an easy way to make butter from cream then sample your tasty concoction on crackers!

#### **CORN MOSAICS** ♻️

1-2pm, Sunday, March 10, 24

Learn how to turn our farm-grown flint corn into a fun craft for the whole family! Use the rainbow of colored kernels to make your own mosaic.



#### **WAKE UP THE FARM**

10:30-11am, Saturday, March 16

Rise and shine little farmers! Say "Good morning!" to the sheep and goats and lend a hand as we prepare a morning snack for the farm animals.

#### **FOOD PAINTING FUN** ♻️

11am-noon, Saturday, March 16

Learn how you can make paint from some of our farm foods and try using them to create your own masterpiece.

#### **PRESSING PLANTS** ♻️

1-2pm, Saturday, March 16

Flowers are fun for the whole family. Learn how to press and preserve plants of all types, and take home your finished flower to enjoy.

#### **STILT WALKING**

2-3pm, Saturday, March 16

Want to be taller? Improve your balance? Give stilts a try. It's fun! Guess why farmers used these fun tools in the past.

#### **FARM CHORES FOR KIDS**

10:30-11am, Sunday, March 17, 24

Running a farm is hard work. But it's fun too! Lend a hand cracking corn and feeding the animals. You'll check the chickens and help with other morning chores.

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#### MAKE A SEED BALL ♿

11am-noon, Sunday, March 17

Learn how you can help pollinators by making a seed ball out of soil and clay to plant wildflowers at home.

#### FARMYARD STORY TIME ♿

10:30-11am, Saturday, March 23

The Little Red Hen, the Billy Goats Gruff and other farm friends are waiting to meet you! Join the story circle for some classic barnyard tales before visiting the main characters.

#### FUN WITH FELTING

1-2pm, Saturday, Mar 23

Have some good, clean fun as we learn how felt is made from sheep's wool, and then make a felt toy to take home.

#### POLLINATOR POWER!

11am-noon, Saturday, March 30

Explore the mighty power of creatures who help our plants to grow and bring us food. Learn how you can help support these tiny heroes.

#### EARTHY EGGS ♿

1-2pm, Saturday, March 30

Dye Easter eggs the natural way! Learn which plants and spices hold secrets to beautiful, natural hues and take home an egg colored by Mother Nature.



#### RABBIT RENDEZVOUS

2-3pm, Sunday, March 31

Hop on over for a warm welcome from some of the farm's furriest residents. Learn why rabbits are great hoppers and how they use their long ears to sense danger.

#### FARMYARD DOCENT TRAINING

Christina Garcia

Various times beginning March 5

Join our team! We are looking for friendly folks who'd like to interact with visitors during our historic days from April – November. You'll learn to handle farm animals, demonstrate Victorian crafts, games and farm chores, and cook on a wood-burning stove. Historic costumes are required for this position. If you're at least 16 years old, enjoy working with children, and are available some weekdays and/or one weekend a month, call (510) 544-3282 or email [cgarci@ebparks.org](mailto:cgarci@ebparks.org) to apply.

#### JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Ardenwood is on Facebook and Instagram—find us there for program updates, educational information, photos of cute animals, and more!



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## MARCH 2024 – WEEKENDS

<b>MARCH 2, SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 3, SUNDAY</b>
10:30-11am – Meet the Bunnies 11:30am-Noon – Gorgeous Goats 1-2pm – Beginning Embroidery 2-2:30pm – Learn the Ropes 3pm – Animal Feeding	10:30-11am – Meet the Chickens 11am-Noon – Spring Gardening 1-2pm – Farmyard Games 2-3pm – Rope Making & Hay Hoisting 3pm – Animal Feeding
<b>MARCH 9, SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 10, SUNDAY</b>
10:30-11am – Meet the Chickens 11am-Noon – Wonderful Wool 1-2pm – Clothespin Dolls 2-3pm – Victorian Table Top Games 3pm – Animal Feeding	10:30-11am – Meet the Chickens 11am-Noon – Old Fashioned Butter Makin’ 1-2pm – Corn Mosaics 2-3pm – Victorian Table Top Games 3pm – Animal Feeding
<b>MARCH 16, SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 17, SUNDAY</b>
10:30-11am – Wake Up the Farm 11am-Noon – Food Painting Fun 1-2pm – Pressing Plants 2-3pm – Stilts Walking 3pm – Animal Feeding	10:30-11am – Farm Chores for Kids 11am-Noon – Make a Seed Ball 1-2pm – Farmyard Games 2-3pm – Rope Making & Hay Hoisting 3pm – Animal Feeding
<b>MARCH 23, SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 24, SUNDAY</b>
10:30-11am – Farmyard Story Time 11am-Noon – Fun with Felting 1-2pm – Beginning Embroidery 2-3pm – Victorian Table Top Games 3pm – Animal Feeding	10:30-11am – Farm Chores for Kids 11am-Noon – Spring Gardening 1-2pm – Corn Mosaics 2-3pm – Victorian Table Top Games 3pm – Animal Feeding
<b>MARCH 30, SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 31, SUNDAY</b>
10:30-11am – Meet the Bunnies 11am-Noon – Pollinator Power! 1-2pm – Earthy Eggs 2-2:30pm – Learn the Ropes 3pm – Animal Feeding	10:30-11am – Meet the Chickens 11am-Noon – Old Fashioned Butter Makin’ 1-2pm – Farmyard Games 2-3pm – Rabbit Rendezvous 3pm – Animal Feeding