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Walk into (Conservation) History #15 Old St. Hilary's Open Space Preserve

Saturday, May 3, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Free to MCL members and the public



Old St. Hilary's OSP



Enjoy unsurpassed views of the Bay Region from the southern ridges of Tiburon Peninsula when Marin Conservation League's Walk into (Conservation) History series continues with our 15th walk at Old St. Hilary's Open Space Preserve.

Old St. Hilary's OSP, saved by local activists in the 1990s, adjoins the Tiburon Uplands Nature Preserve and privately-owned lands of the Martha Company, currently threatened with major residential development ("Easton Pt") and prime target for public acquisition.

Join MCL for a walk led by MCL Board Members Nona Dennis and Jill Templeton with resource information provided by Jerry Riessen, President of [Tiburon Open Space Committee](#).

This moderately strenuous 1-mile hike is free and open to the public. The optional Uplands Preserve "loop" trail is available for hardy hikers. Wear layers, sunscreen and comfortable shoes, and bring a snack, water and camera.

Directions from 101: Take Tiburon Blvd. east about 3.5 miles. Turn left at Lyford Drive and follow up to the end.

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Broom Lookout

This is a good time of year to see 3 aggressive invasive plants that threaten both

private agricultural lands and public lands; Scotch Broom (*Sarothamnus scoparius*) and Gorse (*Ulex*) and French Broom (*genista monspessulana*). Gorse can be seen while driving north on Highway One above and below Tomales, and French Broom can be seen while driving in the agricultural lands along Point Reyes-Petaluma Road, Marshall Road, Chileno Valley Road, Novato Road and Wilson Hill Road. Both can be identified by their yellow flowers and bush-like form.

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French (Mediterranean) Broom (pictured) was introduced as a garden ornamental and can still be bought in nurseries, and Scotch Broom was introduced as erosion control around 1900. Both creep into ag lands from the roadsides, displacing native shrubs and grasses. Both are mildly toxic to humans and livestock.

Most local agencies in Marin organize broom-pulling volunteer events - check our [community bulletin board](#)!

Community Information

Climate Action Plan Community Meeting tonight!
Tuesday, April 29, 6pm to 8pm
Marin County Supervisors Chambers

The County of Marin first adopted a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan in 2006 which included a goal of reducing emissions countywide to 15% below 1990 levels by 2020. We are now in the process of updating that initial plan to include new measures and strategies toward reaching our target.

Join a community meeting to learn more about the update to the 2006 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, hear about the progress that's been made in reducing our County's emissions to-date, and provide us your input about what other strategies the County should consider to reduce emissions.

The County's climate action team will be available to answer questions. Tickets are available on [EventBrite](#).

The City of Larkspur has released the Larkspur SMART Station Area Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and will hold a public hearing on the document on May 22, 2014, at 6:30 pm in the Hall Middle School Gymnasium, 200 Doherty Drive, Larkspur. The public has 60 days to review and comment on the Plan DEIR. That period ends May 30, 2014, at 5:00 pm. MCL will be issuing comments on the document. To review the SAP and the DEIR, visit Larkspur's [website](#). Hard copies can be seen at City Hall.

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The GGNRA has released its [Final General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement](#).

A Record of Decision (ROD) documenting the ultimate choice of the alternatives, mitigation measures, and decision rationale will be prepared for the Regional Director's signature. Following the required 30-day waiting period after the Notice of Availability for the Final GMP/EIS is published in the Federal Register (*requested for April 25, 2014*), the ROD may be signed. With the signing of the ROD, the plan can then be implemented. The Plan can be viewed on the Park's [website](#).

[Gerbode and Tam](#)



Housing Element Workshops: Due to the level of interest in housing in the

Strawberry and Tam Valley communities, the County has scheduled two [community workshop](#) dates in the area to discuss the 2014 Housing Element. This hands-on workshop will be repeated at the two locations:

Tuesday, May 6, 6:00 to 8:30 PM
Mill Valley Community Center
180 Camino Alto, Mill Valley, CA 94941

Saturday May 10, 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Westminster Presbyterian Church
240 Tiburon Blvd, Tiburon, CA 94920

Questions? Please contact Alisa Stevenson, Planner at astevenson@marincounty.org.

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Many thanks to all who attended Marin Conservation League's sold-out 2014 Annual Dinner on April 11th at the Key Room at [Homeward Bound's New Beginnings Center](#) in Hamilton. For those who were unable to attend, MCL has posted a video of Felicia Marcus' keynote on [YouTube](#).



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