

LET'S RENEW IN NATURE



Dig in & get all the
ways to participate
with LandPaths!

LandPaths

SPRING/SUMMER

2023

ZONE

MISSION

TO FOSTER A LOVE OF THE LAND IN SONOMA COUNTY



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The preserves, community gardens, and main office stewarded by LandPaths are located on the ancestral territories of the Southern Pomo people, the Coast Miwok people, the Wappo people, and the Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians, past, present, and future.

We recognize them as the first people and the first stewards of these lands. We are on occupied territory and acknowledge the ongoing devastation of colonization.

This land acknowledgment is the first step in LandPaths' long journey to repair our relationship with the original people of this land, and to respect, make space, and honor the knowledge, culture, and deep connection to the natural world of Indigenous people.

Join us in this process by connecting with and uplifting Native-led organizations and resources, which is a way for us all to start on a course of reparative study and action.

To read our entire land acknowledgement, go to:

[LANDPATHS.ORG/MISSION-STATEMENT-AND-VALUES](https://landpaths.org/mission-statement-and-values)

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WELCOME TO LANDPATHS' FIRST EVER SPRING & SUMMER ZINE!



LandPaths is an environmental education and conservation leader with the mission is to foster a love of the land in Sonoma County. We believe everyone should have access to the awe and inspiration of nature.

Annually, we engage thousands of participants like you in **joyful, caring, and transformative relationship with the land**. You are warmly invited to join us for creative outings led in both English and Spanish, environmental education, nature camps, and people-powered land stewardship of local open spaces.

With a commitment to equity in the outdoors and building reciprocal relationships, LandPaths' programs are offered free or sliding scale, or with robust scholarships, led by diverse participants.

See you in the Big Outside!



MEET NICOLE JONES, ILLUSTRATOR

All of the illustrations of local flora and fauna in this zine are by Nicole Jones, a Sonoma County-based artist and illustrator working in both digital and traditional materials. Her work is inspired by her Southern Pomo culture and California native flora and fauna. In addition to the illustrations, LandPaths is incredibly excited to be partnering with Nicole for a series of framed prints and an original mural for our main office in downtown Santa Rosa. Find Nicole on Instagram: [@NICOLEJONESILLUSTRATION](https://www.instagram.com/nicolejonesillustration)

"YOU BELONG AMONG THE WILDFLOWERS." — TOM PETTY

This is quite the year for wildflowers — call it a superbloom or call it a phenomenon — however you describe it, there's no denying the power of wildflowers after an epic year of rain!

To celebrate the abundance, here's a quick round up of just a few of the California native blooms that have been spotted on preserves stewarded by LandPaths. After you get inspired, head over to the Calendar at the back of the zine to find out how to get outside to see these flowers with your own eyes — and how you can participate in caring for the land so that they can thrive!



SUN CUP

Taraxia Ovata

FAMILY

Evening Primrose

WHERE IT LIVES

Grasslands

SPOTTED AT

**Ocean Song Preserve,
Rancho Mark West**

HOW COOL IS THIS?

**Ants may help spread this
plant's seeds far and wide!**

WARRIOR'S PLUME

Pedicularis densiflora

FAMILY **Broomrape**

WHERE IT LIVES

Forests and woodlands at low elevations

SPOTTED AT

Ocean Song Preserve, Rancho Mark West

GOOD TO KNOW

This beautiful plant is parasitic, attaching to the roots of other plants to hydrate and eat.



DEATH CAMAS

Toxicoscordion venenosum

FAMILY **Melanthiaceae**

WHERE IT LIVES

Dry meadows and dry hillsides

SPOTTED AT

**Bohemia Ecological Preserve,
Ocean Song Preserve**

GOOD TO KNOW

Look but don't eat! All parts of this plants are poisonous!

GIANT WAKEROBIN

Trillium chloropetalum

FAMILY **Melanthiaceae**

WHERE IT LIVES **Shaded woodland floors**

SPOTTED AT

**Lafferty Ranch by LandPaths'
docent Larry Modell**

HOW COOL IS THIS?

These perennial herbs have a limited habitat, generally found only in the Coast Ranges and the Sierra Nevada foothills.



Earlier this year, middle schoolers from Cesar Chavez Language Academy (CCLA) in Santa Rosa's Roseland neighborhood, spent the day trekking the muddy, green, richly humous-scented forest of LandPaths' Bohemia Ecological Preserve.



The Inspired Forward field trip with teachers, volunteers, parent chaperones, and LandPaths' youth team was one of four that CCLA will take throughout the school year to local protected open spaces like Rancho Mark West, Bohemia, and Shell Beach on the Sonoma Coast. The field trips have been a wonderful way for her students to learn and grow, according to Kelly Mackura, who teaches 7th grade science at CCLA.

"We are breaking down barriers that prevent many of our young people from accessing these lands," she said. "These field trips help students feel their value and importance as contributing members of our community and ecosystems, in ways many have never felt before."

"MY FAVORITE PART OF THE DAY WAS WHEN THE KIDS WERE ENCOURAGED TO DISCOVER THEIR OWN SPOTS. FIFTY SILENT MIDDLE SCHOOL KIDS LISTENING TO THE SOUNDS OF NATURE IS SOMETHING TO BEHOLD."

—PAT BAILEY, PARENT VOLUNTEER

CCLA is one of more than 14 local schools that benefit from LandPaths' values-based, culturally relevant approach to environmental education. Through hands-on, experiential learning in nature with consistent mentors that look like them, students build rapport, connection, and strengthen socio-emotional skills. And they leave with a sense of care and love for the land where they live.

Thank you to the following partners for making these programs possible: Sonoma County Ag + Open Space, Jim and Betty Doerksen at Rancho Mark West, the City of Santa Rosa, and California Coastal Conservancy.

Explore More

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Paddle with Pride

LGBTQIA+ Youth and Allies River Trek

July 5 - 8, 2023
West Sonoma County to the Sonoma Coast
Sonoma County
Ages 13 - 17



More information and registration at
landpaths.org/russian-river-teen-trek/



Registration is open for Camp Trillium!

LGBTQIA+ Youth & Allies
Nature-focused Day Camp
in partnership w/ Positive Images

At a LandPaths' nature preserve in
West Sonoma County.

July 3 - 7, 2023
Ages 9 - 14

More info and registration at
landpaths.org/camp-trillium





**OUR TWO-ACRE
FARM AND
COMMUNITY HUB
IN THE HEART OF
ROSELAND
WELCOMES YOU!**



Summer at Bayer is an exciting time! Walk amidst the community garden plots teeming with vegetables and fruit. Volunteer or participate in Let's Read Outside, for youth between the ages of 0 to 6 and their families! Watch pollinators flutter about California native plants. Learn at free workshops on composting, seeds, and planting from master gardeners. Volunteer or bring out your child for the Free Lunch Program, in partnership with Redwood Empire Food Bank, which runs from June through August. Study herbs and cooking with healthy, fresh foods with Farming for Health. Admire the garden as it changes with the seasons. Maintain your own community garden plot or lend a hand at a garden workday. It's all waiting for you during Summer at Bayer!

And did you also know about Jeff Bodwin Community Garden at Andy's Unity Park? LandPaths has stewarded this ½ acre garden, alongside dedicated Moorland neighbors, on Sonoma County Regional Parks land, since 2014. Find out how to get involved: [LANDPATHS.ORG/JEFF-BODWIN-COMMUNITY-GARDEN](https://landpaths.org/jeff-bodwin-community-garden) and [LANDPATHS.ORG/BAYER-FARM](https://landpaths.org/bayer-farm).

SUMMER AT BAYER



THE STORY BENEATH THE GIVING

SPOTLIGHT ON NANCY DOUGHERTY

Nancy is a volunteer and longtime supporter of LandPaths. Via a memorial fund set up in her daughter's name, Nancy helped kick off our 2023 Camps Campaign by providing a matched giving opportunity. After this interview with Nancy, I'm endlessly inspired by her passion for ensuring that more kids can experience the wonder of nature. I think you will be too!

—Eric Singer, Development Manager at LandPaths
(erics@landpaths.org; (707) 544-7284 ext. 106)

How did you first get involved with LandPaths?

My connection with LandPaths began with a love of hiking and nature. My husband and I began participating with LandPaths and loved hiking the trails off Willow Creek back in the day. Then a good friend who was a LandPaths' docent took us on a midnight hike at Bohemia Ecological Preserve and it was magical – we fell in love with the land.

My interest in LandPaths deepened when I became aware that they were holding summer camps for kids and teens and that the organization was also now stewarding Ocean Song. My youngest daughter,

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—NANCY DOUGHERTY

Julia, attended Coyote Camp at Ocean Song throughout her childhood and as a young teen. Being out in nature was Julia's passion, her happy place. Tragically, Julia passed away at age 14. A memorial fund was created in her name by friends and family. The intention behind the fund was to connect kids to nature — as this was so meaningful to Julia.

Over time, what has your involvement with LandPaths looked like?

I saw LandPaths' summer camps as the perfect place to donate from Julia's fund. I met with [Executive Director] Craig Anderson and became active in fundraising by making an annual gift to support the camps. It fills my heart with joy to know that other kids can experience the wonder of nature and that Julia can be a part of that in some way.

Now that I'm retired, I'm committed to contribute by volunteering in stewardship activities on the preserves. I'm especially grateful for the kindness and generosity of the LandPaths' staff. This year on the 25th anniversary of Julia's death I was given permission to visit Ocean Song by myself and return to the places Julia loved most. I hiked up to Crystal Rock, placing one of her rings and some flowers there, and remembered the day she first brought me here. Then as I stood on Solstice Hill looking out at the magnificent view, I could feel her sweet spirit and a deep sense of peace.

Why do you feel it is important to support LandPaths?

Supporting LandPaths in connecting kids to nature is so essential – it nurtures our children and connects them to understanding their place on this amazing planet. They learn to honor and respect every form of life from the smallest insects to the towering redwoods. They come to know that they are a part of the earth, a part of nature, and not separate from it. The healing of our planet and of each individual's heart and soul begins with connecting to and stewarding the land we are blessed to live on.





MAY

- 5/5 First Friday Volunteer Stewardship Day
at Ocean Song/Myers
- 5/6 First Saturday Volunteer Stewardship Day
at Rancho Mark West
- 5/11&12 Sudden Oak Death Citizen Science Blitz
at Bohemia Ecological Preserve
- 5/13 Beginning Vegetable Container Gardening
at Jeff's Garden
- 5/13 Vamos Afuera: Explorando La Costa
- 5/14 Mother's Day Outing *at Bohemia Ecological Preserve*
- 5/17 Vamos Afuera: Invertebrates
- 5/18 Third Thursday Volunteer Stewardship Day
at Grove of Old Trees
- 5/19 Let's Pull French Broom *at Fitch Mountain*
- 5/19 Tend the Garden for Pollinator Health
at Ocean Song
- 5/26&27 Help Care for the Land
at Bohemia Ecological Preserve

**THERE ARE SO MANY
WAYS TO PARTICIPATE AT
LANDPATHS — COMMUNITY
STEWARDSHIP DAYS,
OUTINGS, CAMPS, RIVER
TREKS, AND SO MUCH
MORE! CHECK OUT THESE
DATES AND THEN GO TO
OUR ONLINE CALENDAR
TO SIGN UP. SEE IN YOU
IN THE BIG OUTSIDE!**

What's a BioBlitz?

BioBlitzes are an invitation for everyone to become a citizen scientist! And that means you! During a blitz, you'll have the chance to record as many species as possible within a designated area, location, and time. This produces useful data for science and land conservation. Plus, it's a lot of fun to act together with a common purpose!



JUNE

- 6/2 First Friday Volunteer Stewardship Day at *Ocean Song*
- 6/3 Volunteer Stewardship Day at *Rancho Mark West*
- 6/5 Free Summer Lunch Program launches at *Bayer Farm*
- 6/9 Second Friday Volunteer Stewardship Day at *Riddell Preserve*
- 6/10 Vamos Afuera: Agua Treatment con Sonoma Water
- 6/15 Help Remove Invasive Species Volunteer Stewardship at *Grove of Old Trees*
- 6/16 Volunteer Stewardship Day at *Healdsburg Ridge*
- 6/16 Tend the Garden for Pollinator Health at *Ocean Song*
- 6/17 Help Water Redwood Saplings at *Rancho Mark West*
- 6/24 Goodbye Yellow Star Thistle at *Bohemia Ecological Preserve*
- 6/25 Pollinator Blitz at *Bohemia Ecological Preserve*
- 6/29 Invasive Species Volunteer Stewardship Day at *Lafferty Ranch*
- 6/30 Goodbye Yellow Star Thistle at *Bohemia Ecological Preserve*



Note: Most volunteer stewardship days start at 9am – check out the event registration page to find out the exact time. Times for outings and other events vary.



JULY

- 7/1 Help Water Redwood Saplings *at Rancho Mark West*
- 7/3–7/7 Camp Trillium – LGBTQIA+ Youth and Allies Nature Day Camp *at Bohemia Ecological Preserve*
- 7/5–7/8 Paddle with Pride – LGBTQIA+ Youth and Allies River Trek
- 7/7 First Friday Volunteer Stewardship Day *at Ocean Song*
- 7/8 Remove Invasives for a Healthy Grassland *at Bohemia Ecological Preserve*
- 7/14 Help with Trails *at Riddell Preserve*
- 7/15 Let's Water the Redwood Saplings *at Rancho Mark West*
- 7/15 Wildlife Camera Trap Program Orientation *at Ocean Song/Myers*
- 7/20 Third Thursday volunteer stewardship day *at Grove of Old Trees*
- 7/21 Tend the Garden for Pollinator Health *at Ocean Song*
- 7/21 Improve Access and Help with Trails *at Healdsburg Ridge*
- 7/22 Remove Invasives Volunteer Stewardship Day *at Bohemia Ecological Preserve*

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

- 8/31–9/3 Vamos a Yosemite
- 9/30 Harvest Festival *at Bayer Farm*



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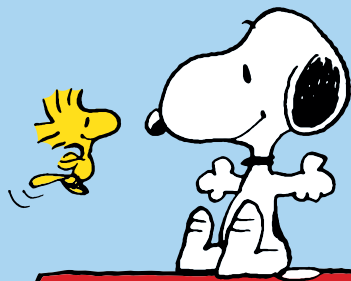
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and the *Peanuts* Gang!

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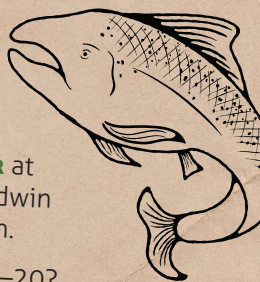


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SO MANY WAYS TO PARTICIPATE!



Root your child in nature with a **CAMP, TEEN TREK,** or **SCHOOL PROGRAM.**

VOLUNTEER at Owl Camp, Camp Trillium, Teen River Trek, or Paddle with Pride.

Care for the land and connect with community on a volunteer **STEWARDSHIP DAY.**

Sign up for an **OUTING** in English or Spanish.

Become a **GARDENER** at Bayer Farm or Jeff Bodwin Community Garden.

Between the age of 16–20? Gain hands-on work experience as a **YOUNG STEWARD.**

Connect people with the land as a LandPaths' **DOCENT.**

PARTNER with us through your district, business, or community organization.

Explore more at **LANDPATHS.ORG!**



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La naturaleza está
aquí para ti.**



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