



EcoGuide Marin

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This guide was assembled with the intention of assisting individuals, families, classes and others in choosing ways to be involved in the local environmental movement. Some organizations are listed under more than one issue.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at muirpress@gmail.com if we have unintentionally left out anyone.

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ACTIVISM



350.org
www.350.org

Bill McKibben's global climate movement using climate-focused campaigns, grass-roots projects and actions led by people in 188 countries.



Californians Against Fracking
<http://californiansagainstfracking.org/>

Californians Against Fracking is a coalition of environmental, business, health, agriculture, labor, political and environmental justice organizations working to win a statewide ban on fracking and other extreme oil and gas extraction techniques in California.



Californians Against Waste
<http://www.cawrecycles.org/>

Californians Against waste is dedicated to conserving resources, preventing pollution and protecting California's environment through the development, promotion and implementation of waste reduction and recycling policies and programs.



Environmental Action Committee (EAC) of West Marin
www.eacmarin.org

The Environmental Action Committee of West Marin is a tenacious, non-profit grassroots group founded in 1971 to protect West Marin's natural environment and rural character.



Green Sangha
www.greensangha.org

Green Sangha is a mindfulness-based environmental action group that holds monthly retreats, Mindful Activism Training, seasonal restoration days at Green Gulch, the Teen Environmental Leadership Academy, and more.



Marin Conservation League
www.conservationleague.org

In the mid 1930s, Sepha Evers, Caroline Livermore, Portia Forbes and Helen Van Pelt, environmentalists before the term was coined, shook the powers that be to start a movement that eventually saved many of Marin's open space treasures – and founded an organization that still carries on their activist tradition.



Marin Sierra Club:

www.sanfranciscobay.sierraclub.org/Marin

The Sierra Club Marin Group consists of the approximately 4,000 Club members who live in Marin County, California, governed by an Executive Committee of 11 elected volunteer Club leaders. The Marin Group is one of the oldest environmental organizations in Marin County, and continues to be a strong and active advocate for environmental issues.



Planning and Conservation League (PCL):

<http://www.pcl.org/about/index.html>

PCL is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit lobbying organization, working in the State Legislature to enact and implement policies to protect and restore the California environment.

COMMUNITY



Agricultural Institute of Marin (farmers' markets):

<http://www.agriculturalinstitute.org/>

AIM's mission is to promote a viable food system, to educate the public about the benefits of buying fresh and locally grown food, and to bring farmers and communities together.



Bay Area Vegetarians:

<http://bayareaveg.org/>

Bay Area Vegetarians is a San Francisco Bay Area wide organization for vegans, vegetarians, vegan-inclined and interested people to find community & support for vegetarianism with like-minded folks. We support and encourage the local vegan and animal rights community through our events, activities, resources, as well as our online bulletin board and mailing lists.



Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership of Marin:

<http://www.cvnl.org/>

The CVNLM advances nonprofits and volunteerism by strengthening leadership, encouraging innovation and empowering individuals in our community.

Corte Madera Community Foundation

www.CorteMaderaCommunityFoundation.org/

The foundation provides grants to various projects, programs, and organizations in Corte Madera that help maintain the community's small-town character.

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Farmers' Markets in Marin

<http://ediblemarinandwinecountry.com/?s=farmers+markets+in+marin&submit=Search>

This link provides a list of farmers' markets in Marin from *Edible Marin and Wine Country*.



**FRIENDS OF
MT TAM**

**Friends of Mt. Tam
(formerly the Mt. Tamalpais Interpretive Association):**

www.friendsofmontam.org

A volunteer organization working with Mount Tamalpais State Park that leads hikes, presents astronomy programs, staffs the Visitor Center and the Gravity Car Barn museum at East Peak, and more.



Humane Farming Association (HFA)

<http://www.hfa.org/>

HFA's goals are to protect farm animals from cruelty and abuse, to protect the public from the misuse of antibiotics, hormones, and other chemicals used on factory farms, and to protect the environment from the impacts of industrialized animal factories.



Marin Horse Council

<http://www.marinhorsecouncil.org/>

The Marin Horse Council (MHC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation serving to protect and preserve the equestrian presence in Marin County.



Marin Organic

<http://www.marinorganic.org/>

Marin Organic partners with local farms to promote organic agriculture, provide food system education, and increase access to fresh produce for people in need.



Marin Sanitary Service

<http://www.marinsanitary.com/mss-marin-sanitary-service>

MSS provides comprehensive collection, recycling, and education services.

Mt. Tamalpais Interpretive Association (now Friends of Mt. Tam):

www.friendsofmontam.org

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Sustainable Fairfax:

<http://www.sustainablefairfax.org/>

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Sustainable Marin:

www.sustainablemarin.org

Sustainable Marin is a non-profit organization of volunteers who advocate and educate about sustainability at the County level in Marin.

Sustainable San Rafael:

<http://www.sustainableanrafael.org/>

Sustainable San Rafael is an all-volunteer group dedicated to advocacy and education about renewable energy, zero waste, climate change, sea level rise, efficient transportation, localization, and green business.

HABITAT PRESERVATION / WILDLIFE



Audubon Canyon Ranch:

www.egret.org

Audubon Canyon Ranch protects nature through land preservation, nature education and conservation science.



Bay.org (Bay Institute et al.):

www.bay.org

bay.org is a new umbrella nonprofit organization, encompassing Aquarium of the Bay, The Bay Institute, EcoCenter, Bay Model Alliance and Sea Lion Center. bay.org's mission is to protect, restore and inspire conservation of San Francisco Bay and its watershed, from the Sierra to the sea.



California Native Plant Society:

<http://www.cnps.org/>

The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) is a statewide non-profit organization of amateurs and professionals members who work to promote native plant appreciation, research, education, and conservation through our five statewide programs and 34 regional chapters in California.



Conservation Corps North Bay:

<http://www.conservationcorpsnorthbay.org/f/>

Originally the Marin Conservation Corps, its mission is to develop youth and conserve resources for a strong, sustainable community.

Felidae, Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed

www.friendsofcortemaderacreek.org

The mission is to improve the state of global wild cat ecosystems through a sequence of research, education and online technologies to benefit humanity and drive meaningful change in the natural world.



Golden Gate Raptor Observatory

www.ggro.org

The GGRO's mission is to inspire the preservation of California raptor populations. The GGRO was formed in the early 1980s to track the Golden Gate migration, an annual flight of tens of thousands of hawks, eagles, falcons, and vultures.



Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary

www.farallones.noaa.gov

This organization protects the wildlife and habitats of one of the most diverse and bountiful marine environments in the world, an area of 1,282 square miles off the northern and central California coast.



Hungry Owl Project

<http://www.hungryowl.org/>

Their mission is to reduce the need for pesticides and rodenticides by encouraging natural predators through conservation of habitat, nest boxes, and education.



Marin Agricultural Land Trust:

www.malt.org

Marin Agricultural Land Trust was created in 1980 by a coalition of ranchers and environmentalists to permanently preserve Marin County farmland.

Marin Audubon Society (MAS):

www.marinaudubon.org

MAS's mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats, for the benefit of humanity and the Earth's biological diversity.

Marin Climate & Energy Partnership (MCEP)

<http://marinclimate.org/mission>

The mission of the Marin Climate & Energy Partnership (MCEP) is to create a countywide partnership that allows partner members to work collaboratively, share resources and secure funding to: 1) discuss, study and implement overarching policies and programs, ranging from emission reduction strategies to adaptation, contained in each agency's Climate Action Plan; and 2) collect data and report on progress in meeting each partner member's individual greenhouse gas (GHG) emission targets.



Marin County Fish and Wildlife Commission

http://cemarlin.ucanr.edu/Programs/The_Marin_County_Fish_and_Wildlife_Commission/

The Marin County Fish and Wildlife Commission advises the Board of Supervisors on expenditures of funds obtained through fines levied for fish and wildlife violations in Marin County.



Marin Humane Society

www.marinhumanesociety.org

The Marin Humane Society offers refuge, rehabilitation, and support services to more than 10,000 domestic animals and wildlife each year through a myriad of community services.



MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Marin Municipal Water District

www.marinwater.org/

The Marin Municipal Water District provides drinking water to 186,000 customers in central and southern Marin County. Seventy-five percent of the water comes from more than 21,000 acres of protected watershed on Mt. Tamalpais and in the grassy hills of west Marin.

Marin Releaf

P.O. Box 9512 San Rafael, CA 94912-0512

Protects Marin's urban forest through planting and advocacy.



Marin Open Space Trust

Marin Open Space Trust:

www.marinopenspace.trust/org

Marin Open Space Trust is a group of dedicated Marin residents who formed a non-profit land trust to raise private funds to help protect the last critical remaining open spaces in Marin.

Marine Mammal Center (MMC):

www.marinemammalcenter.org



MMC's mission is to expand knowledge about marine mammals—their health and that of their ocean environment—and to inspire their global conservation. Our core work is the rescue and rehabilitation of sick and injured marine mammals, supported by state-of-the-art animal care and research facilities, a corps of dedicated volunteers, and an engaged community.



Project Coyote:

www.projectcoyote.org

Project Coyote is a North American coalition of wildlife scientists, educators, predator-friendly ranchers and community leaders that promotes compassionate conservation and coexistence between people and wildlife.

River Otter Ecology Project

www.riverotterecology.org/

Our mission is to illustrate the linkages between the recovery of local river otter populations and healthy watersheds, and foster public and organizational participation in restoration and conservation.



SpringCreek Foundation:

www.theSpringcreekfoundation.org/index.html

The SpringCreek Foundation is a private foundation founded in 1994 by the Corning and Long Families to continue and expand their tradition of philanthropy and impact investment.



Tamalpais Conservation Club:

www.tamalpais.org

The Tamalpais Conservation Club is active in the public process, aids in the acquisition of open space, acts as a fund raising arm for our State Park. Its all-volunteer trail crew works year-round on trail restoration.



Turtle Island Restoration Network (TIRN):

www.seaturtles.org/

Through grassroots empowerment, consumer action, strategic litigation, hands-on restoration, environmental education, and by promoting sustainable local, national and international marine policies, TIRN is a leading advocate for the world's oceans and marine wildlife.



WildCare:

www.wildcarebayarea.org

With programs in animal aid, advocacy and education, WildCare is the voice for wildlife throughout the Bay Area and beyond.

WATERSHED / BAY



AmeriCorps Watershed Stewards Project

<http://www.ccc.ca.gov/work/programs/AmeriCorpsPrograms/wsp/Pages/wsp1.aspx>

The mission of the Watersheds Stewards Program (WSP) is to conserve, restore, and enhance anadromous watersheds for future generations by linking education with high quality scientific practices.

Bay.org (Bay Institute et al.):

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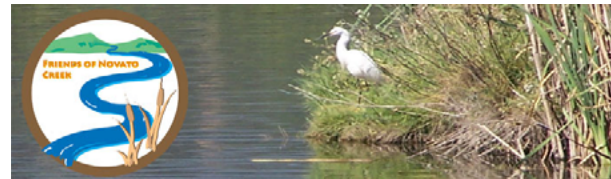
Friends of Corte Madera Creek



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http://friendsofcortemaderacreek.org/new_site/

Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed, an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, was founded in 1995 to protect and enhance the natural ecosystems of the area, especially those relating to urbanized creeks and wetlands.



Friends of Novato Creek

www.novatocreek.org

Friends of the Novato Creek (FNC) is an environmental grassroots organization with the goal of protecting, restoring, and improving the quality of the Novato Creek Watershed.



Gallinas Watershed Council

<http://www.gallinaswatershed.org/>

The Gallinas Watershed Council's mission is to connect the people who live and work in Las Gallinas Valley with their creek and watershed, advance local conservation action, and promote watershed restoration, protection and education.



Marin Baylands Advocates (MBA)

<http://www.marinbaylands.com/>

MBA is an all-volunteer group of environmentalists in Marin County that is dedicated to permanently protecting baylands along the eastern shoreline of Marin County bordering San Pablo and San Francisco bays.

Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (MCSTOPPP)

<http://www.marincounty.org/depts/pw/divisions/mcstoppp>

MCSTOPPP is a joint effort of Marin's cities, towns and unincorporated areas. We work to prevent stormwater pollution and to protect and enhance water quality in creeks and wetlands.

Mill Valley StreamKeepers (MVSK)

www.millvalleystreamkeepers.org

By focusing on protecting and restoring Mill Valley's 8-square-mile watershed area, MVSK is a community action group working to restore and protect Mill Valley's watersheds.



North Bay Watershed Association (NBWA)

www.nbwatershed.org

NBWA is a group of 16 regional and local public agencies that are committed to addressing the problems and issues associated with managing a common watershed. The mission is to facilitate partnerships across political boundaries that promote stewardship of the North Bay watershed.



River Otter Ecology Project

www.riverotterecology.org/

Our mission is to illustrate the linkages between the recovery of local river otter populations and healthy watersheds, and foster public and organizational participation in restoration and conservation.

Salmon Protection & Watershed Network (SPAWN):

www.spawnusa.org

SPAWN works to protect endangered salmon in the Lagunitas Watershed in Marin County.



Save the Bay

<http://www.savesfbay.org/>

Since 1961, Save The Bay has become the largest regional organization working to protect, restore and celebrate San Francisco Bay.



Tomaes Bay Watershed Council:

www.tomaesbaywatershed.org

The council is committed to providing the public current advisory beach water quality conditions for each of the monitored sites.



Watershed Preservation Network

<http://www.wpn.org/wpn/aboutwpn.htm>

The network's goal is to develop and provide environmental education, and to encourage, facilitate and participate in preservation, conservation and restoration of natural resources and habitat, with an emphasis on watershed based perspectives and approaches.

EDUCATION



Bay Area Discovery Museum
<http://www.baykidsmuseum.org/>

The mission of the Bay Area Discovery Museum is to ignite and advance creative thinking for all children.



Bay Model
<http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/BayModelVisitorCenter.aspx>

The Bay Model Visitor Center is a fully accessible education center administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that houses a working hydraulic model of the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta System.



Bay Nature
www.baynature.org

With the goal of inspiring residents to explore and preserve the diverse and unique San Francisco Bay Area, Bay Nature is dedicated to educating the people of the bay area about, and celebrating the beauty of, the surrounding natural world.



College of Marin
www.marin.edu/

With campuses in Kentfield and Novato, College of Marin is a community college with a Life and Earth Sciences Department that serves students of all ages by providing easy access to affordable and flexible course offerings.

Conservation Corps North Bay:
<http://www.conservationcorpsnorthbay.org/f/>

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Environmental Education Council of Marin (EECOM)
<http://www.marin.org/comres/environment.cfm?TOrgID=2108>

A coalition of businesses, schools, and non-profit organizations devoted to implementing sound ecological practices and promoting environmental education in Marin.

Environmental Forum of Marin
www.marinefm.org

Environmental Forum of Marin is dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the environment by educating its Members and the Marin citizenry about environmental issues.

Headlands Institute (Nature Bridge)

<https://www.naturebridge.org/golden-gate>

NatureBridge fosters environmental literacy to sustain our planet by providing hands-on environmental science programs for children and teens during multi-day programs that take place in natural parks, including Golden Gate.

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Manor School Green Team:

<http://www.rossvalleyschools.org/index.php/manor>

The Manor School Green Team in Fairfax is in charge of composting and recycling at lunchtime every day. They also teach conservation by making presentations and writing articles for the school newsletter.



Marin Master Gardeners

<http://ucanr.edu/sites/MarinMG/>

Marin Master Gardeners are a trained group of 300+ volunteers who share their knowledge and skills with home gardeners and community organizations through educational outreach and community service.



Marin School of Environmental Leadership (SEL)

<http://www.thesel.org/>

The mission of the SEL is to engage and create community leaders of tomorrow through a multi-disciplinary project-based high school education with a focus on environmental issues.



Marin Vegetarian Education Group

<http://www.marinveg.org/>

The Marin Vegetarian Education Group promotes plant-based eating and provides information, inspiration and community to help people move toward a healthier and more compassionate lifestyle.



Muir Press

www.muirpress.com

Muir Press is about re-establishing connections between people and the natural environment—about cultivating a deep sense of place and reverence for the wild. Our mission is the conservation of the natural environment, the preservation of cultural knowledge, and the celebration of wilderness.

MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

Museum of the American Indian

<http://museumoftheamericanindian.org/>

The Museum of the American Indian mission is to provide programs and exhibits that deepen the understanding and appreciation of Native American cultures.



Nature Bridge (Headlands Institute)

<https://www.naturebridge.org/golden-gate>

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Redwood High School Global Student Embassy

www.globalstudentembassy.org/

Global Student Embassy's mission is to empower young leaders to become environmental stewards, social innovators, and community leaders.



Richardson Bay Audubon Center

www.tiburonaudubon.org

Teachers, home school groups, troop leaders, and families will find the Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary a wonderful place to learn and connect with the natural world.



Romberg Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies

<http://rtc.sfsu.edu/>

RTC's mission is to advance understanding of the world's complex marine and estuarine environments through research, education, and outreach, with a focus on San Francisco Bay.



Slide Ranch: www.slideranch.org

Slide Ranch has been planting kids in nature since 1970. We connect Bay Area children to sustainable farming and healthy eating, and inspire environmental stewardship through programs and camps on our 134 acres of coast lands in Marin, California.

Sustainable Fairfax: <http://www.sustainablefairfax.org/>

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University of California Cooperative Extension

<http://cemarín.ucanr.edu>

The University of California Cooperative Extension offers educational programs throughout *California* in the areas of farm management, 4-H, nutrition, and family and consumer sciences.

ZERØWASTEMARIN

ZeroWasteMarin

<http://zerowastemarin.org/>

The Marin Hazardous and Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority (JPA) helps residents and businesses reduce and recycle solid waste and safely dispose of hazardous materials. They provide household hazardous waste collection, information on recycling and disposal, and they ensure Marin County's compliance with state recycling mandates.

GOVERNMENT



Association of Bay Area Governments

www.abag.ca.gov

ABAG is committed to enhancing the quality of life in the San Francisco Bay Area by leading the region in advocacy, collaboration, and excellence in planning, research, and member services.



Bay Area Air Quality Management District

www.baaqmd.gov

This district is the regional, government agency that regulates sources of air pollution within the nine San Francisco Bay Area Counties.

Bay Conservation & Development Commission

www.bcdc.ca.gov

The Bay Conservation and Development Commission is dedicated to the protection and enhancement of San Francisco Bay and to the encouragement of the Bay's responsible use.



California Coastal Commission

www.coastal.ca.gov

The mission of the Coastal Commission is to protect, conserve, restore, and enhance environmental and human-based resources of the California coast and ocean for environmentally sustainable and prudent use by current and future generations.



California Coastal Conservancy

www.scc.ca.gov

The California Coastal Conservancy, established in 1976, is a state agency that uses entrepreneurial techniques to purchase, protect, restore, and enhance coastal resources, and to provide access to the shore. We work in partnership with local governments, other public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners.



California Department of Fish & Wildlife

www.dfg.ca.gov/delta

The mission of the Department of Fish and Wildlife is to manage California's diverse fish, wildlife, & plant resources and the habitats upon which they depend.



California State Parks in Marin

www.parks.ca.gov

The mission of California State Parks is to provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.



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Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTT)

www.mtc.ca.gov/

Created by the state Legislature in 1970 (California Government Code § 66500 et seq.), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the transportation planning, coordinating and financing agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

Planning and Conservation League (PCL)

<http://www.pcl.org/about/index.html>

PCL is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit lobbying organization, working in the State Legislature to enact and implement policies to protect and restore the California environment.



Regional Water Quality Control Board

www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board welcomes your interest and participation in the many varied issues relating to water quality.

RECREATION



California Alpine Club

<http://www.californiaalpineclub.org/>

The California Alpine Club is an all-volunteer, outdoors-oriented, non-profit social club. We own two historic lodges: Alpine Lodge on Mt. Tamalpais in the northwest San Francisco Bay Area, and Echo Summit Lodge at South Lake Tahoe.



Golden Gate National Park Conservancy

www.parksconservancy.org

The mission of the Parks Conservancy is to preserve the Golden Gate National Parks, enhance the park visitor experience, and build a community dedicated to conserving the parks for the future.



Golden Gate National Recreation Area

www.nps.gov/goga

Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) contains vast and varied parks in the Bay Area that offer hundreds of ways to recreate, from horse-back-riding to water sports.



Marin Canoe and Kayak Club

<http://www.marincanoeclub.org/>

The club's purpose is to encourage and promote the sport of canoeing and provide instruction to improve canoeing safety.

MARIN COUNTY
PARKS
PRESERVATION · RECREATION



Marin County Parks (MCP)

www.marincountyparks.org

MCP is dedicated to educating, inspiring, and engaging the people of Marin in the shared commitment of preserving, protecting, and enriching the natural beauty of Marin's parks and open spaces, and providing recreational opportunities for the enjoyment of all generations.



Point Reyes National Seashore

www.nps.gov/pore

From its thunderous ocean breakers crashing against rocky headlands and expansive sand beaches to its open grasslands, brushy hillsides, and forested ridges, Point Reyes contains over 1500 species of plants and animals.



Tourist Club San Francisco

www.touristclubsf.org

The Tourist Club, founded in 1912, is the San Francisco branch of the worldwide Nature Friends organization based in Vienna, Austria, whose goals are to promote nature appreciation, outdoor activities, conservation, and international friendship and understanding.