

BAYLANDS WILDFLOWER HIKES

Sat., March 28, Sun., March 29; Sat., April 11, 10 AM – 2 PM



The Sonoma Land Trust invites you to experience a day at the San Pablo Baylands (near Hwy 37 and Lakeville Hwy) for wildflower exploration, bird watching and spectacular views of the North Bay, Saturday, March 28, Sunday, March 29, or Saturday, April 11, from 10 AM – 2 PM. Land Trust staff will lead you on a rigorous hike across the open ranch and along the west side of Cougar Mountain, where they'll share with you the restoration plans for the property. Directions and further information will be provided with your RSVP. To sign up for this free public outing, please call (707) 544-5614 ext. 2 or email outings@sonomalandtrust.org.

The 2,327-acre property along Hwy 37 was once proposed as a casino site and is now permanently protected with extensive wetland and watershed restoration planning underway. Since the late 1800s, the North Bay has seen a loss of 85% of its historic tidal wetlands. The Sears Point Restoration Project will replace almost 1,000 acres of tidal marsh along San Pablo Bay, and includes significant seasonal wetlands enhancement, the use of farming and grazing to enhance the watershed, and the creation of up to six miles of new Bay Trail. The restored site will provide extensive new habitat for endangered species, including the California clapper rail, salt marsh harvest mouse and California red-legged frog, as well as thousands of migrating ducks and shorebirds.

The Sonoma Land Trust develops long-term land-protection strategies for the varied regions of the county; acquires conservation easements and properties of special significance; manages preserves; works on land stewardship and restoration projects; and provides opportunities for hikes, environmental education and restoration activities. With more than 19,000 acres of valuable resource land under permanent protection since 1976, Sonoma Land Trust exists to ensure that the varied scenic, natural, agricultural and open landscapes of the region stay forever wild for the benefit of present and future generations. For more information, please visit www.sonomalandtrust.org.

