

JULY (Continued)

Corte Madera-Larkspur Fourth of July Festival *Along Magnolia Avenue to Town Center*

This is a hometown parade for Marin's Twin Cities, and is regarded to be one of Marin's finest.

(415) 924-0441 www.cortemadera.org

Indian Big Time Celebration

Point Reyes at Kule Loklo

Don't miss this native American celebration involving native dance, song and food.

(415) 464-5100 www.nps.gov/pore

Summer Outdoor Concerts

Take your pick of free summertime music through August, and bring your lawn chair with a picnic!

Town Center Summer Music Series in Corte Madera, Concerts Under the Oak at the Northgate Mall

Concerts in the Square at Mill Valley's Depot.

(415) 925-2060 www.visitMarin.org

AUGUST

San Rafael Food and Wine Festival

Falkirk Cultural Center, San Rafael

Come taste the wine along with food and great entertainment on the grounds of a Victorian mansion.

(800) 310-6563 www.sresproductions.com

Film Night in the Park

This is an annual summer showing of favorite flicks from June to September, presented outdoors at community parks around Marin County. Admission is free but we do encourage donations! Refreshments, candy and popcorn are available at all our screenings.

(415) 272-2756 www.filmnight.org

Annual Sand Sculpture Contest

Drakes Beach at the Point Reyes National Seashore

The Sunday of Labor Day weekend, be sure to build your own sandy masterpiece.

(415) 464-5140 www.nps.gov/pore

SEPTEMBER

Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival

Old Mill Park, Mill Valley

Plenty of fine art exhibits with food booths and live music in a redwood grove.

(415) 381-8090 www.mvfaf.org

OCTOBER

Fleet Week on the Bay

Always a favorite event which takes place on the San Francisco Bay the first weekend of the month. Watch the Parade of Ships and the ever popular Blue Angels fly overhead from the Marin Headlands.

www.fleetweek.us

Mill Valley Film Festival

Sequoia and Rafael Film Centers

This eleven-day fest includes screenings that draw 40,000 ticket holders, both film fans and professionals.

(415) 383-5256 www.cafilm.org

OctoberFest

The Old Gazebo Square, Corte Madera

Features beer and ale produced by the best northern California micro breweries.

www.oktoberfestcortemadera.org

Trick-or-Treat Down Fourth Street

Downtown City Plaza, San Rafael

An annual free and safe experience where hundreds of families visit friendly merchants handing out goodies and sweets to kids in costume!

(415) 720-5591 www.downtownsanrafael.org

NOVEMBER

Winter Wonderland/Parade of Lights

Downtown San Rafael

Featuring a Holiday Marketplace with arts and crafts, live entertainment, free snow sledding, and one of the largest Holiday Parades in Marin.

www.sresproductions.com

DECEMBER

Lighted Boat Parade

View boats sail along San Rafael's Canal shoreline with bright festive lights. www.lightedboatparade.org

Marin Ballet's Nutcracker

The Marin Center, San Rafael

(415) 453-6705 www.marincenter.org

Victorian Holiday Celebration

Falkirk Cultural Center, San Rafael

Spotlighting holiday performances by Mr. Charles Dickens himself with characters in Dickens attire, old-fashioned caroling, and a Father Christmas.

(415) 485-3328 www.falkirkculturalcenter.org

YEAR ROUND EVENTS

Marin Center, San Rafael

Presenting the very best in National and International performing acts and music.

(415) 499-7800 www.marincenter.org

Marin Farmers Markets

Marin Civic Center, San Rafael

On Thursdays and Sundays the market sells farm direct specialty foods and organically grown produce.

(415) 472-6100 www.agriculturalinstitute.org

Downtown Art Walks

Mill Valley on the first Tuesday of each month and San Rafael on the second Friday of each month.

Stroll through each downtown area to view a wide range of local art. www.artworksdowntown.org
www.cityofmillvalley.org

Drive Marin County's Cheese Trail

Try your hand at cheese tastings on a self-guided tour from Novato to Nicasio to Point Reyes Station. Its all about cheese! Download your Marin Sonoma Map:

www.cheesetrail.org

MARIN CALENDAR OF EVENTS



A Year Round Guide
for Activities and
Attractions from
the Golden Gate to
the Pacific Coast



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Calendar of Events For Marin County

JANUARY

Whale Watching on the Coast

Pt. Reyes National Seashore, Chimney Rock

Witness the California Gray Whale migration south to breeding grounds in Baja through March.

(415) 464-5100 www.nps.gov/pore

FEBRUARY

Watch Breeding Colonies of Elephant Seals

Pt. Reyes National Seashore, Chimney Rock

View a growing breeding colony of Elephant Seals from December through March atop Chimney Rock. On weekends learn more from highly trained docents.

(415) 464-5100 www.nps.gov/pore

MARCH

Egret and Blue Heron Nesting

Audubon Canyon Ranch, Stinson Beach

Catch a rare glimpse of these majestic birds as they nest. Audubon Ranch is open late March through early July on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. For weekdays, please call for appointment.

(415) 868-9244 www.egret.org

APRIL

Annual Spring Antique Show

Marin Civic Center, San Rafael

An outstanding selection of antiques, collectibles, vintage and retro, and repurposed items are displayed and for sale by over 70 dealers. Decorators, collectors and designers will find unique items that will distinguish any decor or collection.

(415) 383-2252 www.marincenter.org

APRIL

Opening Day on the Bay

Views from Marin Headlands

Pleasure craft are decorated and blessed during this annual event. Watch the parade of historic work boats, fireboats, towboats, classic and contemporary craft.

(415) 435-4771 www.cyc.org

Wild Flower Hikes

Point Reyes, Mt. Burdell, Mt. Tamalpais

Take a hike in most of Marin's parks and open spaces to view numerous wildflowers carpeting the hills.

(415) 331-3550 www.dipsea.org

Point Reyes Birding and Nature Festival

Point Reyes Station

Watch migrating shorebirds, lingering wintering waterfowl, resident and migrant land birds, raptors, alcid, albatrosses and other seabirds. Add to that the stunning wildflower displays and migrating whales, and you've got an unmatched birding, nature experience and festival!

(415) 663-9312 www.pointreyesbirdingfestival.org

MAY

Marin Open Studios

First Two Weekends Throughout Marin County

This is a free, self-guided art tour that takes place the first two weekends in May. Artists open their doors to show and sell the public their art.

(415) 343-5667 www.marinopenstudios.com

Olompali Heritage Day

Olompali State Historic Park, Novato

The day includes Pomo Indian dancing, historical talks, plant walks, and demonstrations including basketry, flintknapping, adobe brick making and blacksmithing.

(415) 892-3383 www.parks.ca.gov

MAY

May Madness Classic Car Parade

Fourth Street, San Rafael

The county's oldest and biggest classic car show and parade, with live rock 'n roll throughout the day.

(415) 720-5591 www.downtownsanrafael.org

Larkspur Flower and Food Festival

Downtown on Magnolia Avenue

Enjoy an exciting day-long schedule of colorful festivities surrounding the theme of flower related arts and crafts alongside gourmet food exhibitors.

(415) 924-3803 www.teamproevent.com

JUNE

Western Weekend

Point Reyes Station, Point Reyes

The weekend celebrates the ranching roots of West Marin, with 4-H exhibits and homecoming queens.

Plan to watch the parade which is the real eclectic mix of the area, combining the cowboy with the local food and the local artists.

www.pointreyesweekend.com

Dipsea Foot Race

Mill Valley's Depot

1,500 runners navigate a tortuous, hilly route from downtown Mill Valley, over Mt. Tam and to the ocean in this famed cross-country race.

(415) 331-3550 www.dipsea.org

Mountain Play

Mount Tamalpais, Mill Valley

Hike or ride a shuttle bus to an open air amphitheater halfway up a mountain to watch a favorite Broadway musical performance. Each weekend in June.

(415) 383-1100 www.mountainplay.org

JUNE

Marin Outdoor Antique Market

Marin Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, Parking Lot

Enjoy a Sunday stroll through aisles of interesting antiques, collectibles, vintage furniture, and a host of other items. Ongoing the second Sunday of each month through October.

(415) 383-2252 www.goldengateshows.com

Novato Art, Wine and Music Festival

Grant Avenue, Old Town Novato

A weekend filled with artists, craftspeople, two dozen wineries, food, and continuous free entertainment.

(415) 897-1164 www.novatochamber.com

Mill Valley Wine and Food Tasting

Old Mill Park, Mill Valley

Taste many hard to find wines, plus rare imports. Try gourmet food tasting under the redwoods.

(415) 388-9700 www.millvalley.org

Annual Fairfax Festival

Bolinas and Peri Parks in Fairfax

This is a genuine two day community event with an always-entertaining parade. Hear local musicians on three stages, shop for crafts, and enjoy fresh foods.

(415) 453-1584 www.fairfaxfestival.com

San Anselmo Art & Wine Festival

Downtown on San Anselmo Avenue

Buy exceptional art directly from the artists at best prices while drinking designer wine!

(415) 454-2510 www.sananselmochamber.org

JULY

Marin County Fair

Civic Center Fairgrounds, San Rafael

An annual fair features free carnival rides, fireworks on the lagoon, and special juried exhibits.

(415) 499-6400 www.marinfair.org