

FOGR MONTHLY

News about the Gualala River and Watershed



Activities for April

The Park is an excellent place to become acquainted with the Gualala River and its estuary filled with wildlife, wildflowers, and lots of interesting history.

-Visit the Serge Posts

-See Walkway Whale Art

-Watch for Whales

-Take a walk or bike on the 2.9 miles of trails

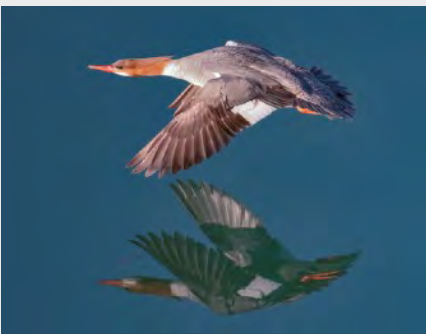
-Photograph birds, wildlife, wildflowers & the River

-Have a Picnic



This month features Gualala Pt. Regional Park

April is perfect for exploring Sonoma County's Park that features The Gualala River as a focal point. There are a multitude of things to do and see at the park every month, but Spring has a special quality to it. Besides the budding wildflowers, you might see rainbows, Bald Eagles courting, or Gray Whales migrating north. See page 2 for details on activities.



Winner of Photo Contest

Congratulations Chris Beach.

See his photo of a female Merganser on [FoGRs website](#). See more of the entries on pg. 2



IT'S COMING UP RAINBOWS THIS SPRING

Help FoGR keep the River's Estuary beautiful, clean and safe for you and all the creatures that live there

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-Details of Activities in Gualala Regional Park*

The Serge Posts

Built by the Sakha, indigenous people of Siberia, who were horse breeders, the posts had both practical and symbolic meanings. A serge was built outside each family's home & represented a Tree of Life. They were carved and erected during the Sakha Cultural Festival in 2014. See link: [Serge Posts](#)

Whale Watching & Art

Just as you pass the Visitor Center, look down at the pathway to see outlines of several whale species seen from our coastline. The Park has also designated a place in which to watch for passing whales. April is a great month to see mother Gray Whales returning north with their calves.

Trails

The trails will take you on a circular journey along the Gualala River Estuary, through the meadows and hedgerows and above the beach and Pacific Ocean. Bring your camera or nature journal to capture some of the park's unique natural beauty.

Picnics

Pack a snack, a drink or a whole lunch. There are several picnic tables scattered throughout the Park.

* There is a modest fee to enter the park, but you can buy an annual pass for all [Sonoma County Parks](#) online or at Four-Eyed Frog Books in Gualala.

Parents and teachers can find some wonderful activities for children to do while visiting the Park with this Quest by Sonoma County Parks.



Chris Beach



Dr. Sarah Deweese



Chris Pochlmann



Gordon Stitt

Many thanks to those who entered our 1st photo contest of the Gualala River. If you have photos you'd like to share send them to **Photos @ the River**. We will post in future issues of FoGR Monthly.

[Join FoGR for a webinar by Dr. Jacob Katz, a fish biologist on Earth Day, April 22nd.](#)