



# TODAY

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## Jenner Headlands and Pole Mountain are opening to the public!

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### Land is art



*Hiking from the Jenner Headlands to the Pole Mountain summit. Photo by Corby Hines.*

Beginning September 7, both the Land Trust's Pole Mountain and The Wildlands Conservancy's Jenner Headlands will open to the public daily from 8am–sunset. Visitors to Sonoma County's stunning coast will now have the opportunity to explore at their leisure and free of charge the 15 miles of trails on the spectacular, 5,630-acre Jenner Headlands Preserve *and* to climb to the top of Pole Mountain, the highest peak along the Sonoma Coast. Parking and access to both preserves will be provided free of charge at TWC's beautiful new "Gateway to the Headlands" along Highway 1, two miles north of Jenner. Hikers taking up the challenge to summit Pole Mountain from the Gateway parking lot are encouraged to head out early to complete the strenuous, 14-mile round-trip hike on the Sea to Sky Trail by sunset. Large crowds are expected on the opening weekend of September 7–9 so please plan accordingly as the parking lot may fill. Remember, it will be open *every day!* A heartfelt thanks to our supporters whose dedication and generosity through the years helped make this happen.



Sonoma Land Trust is participating in the 16th annual Sonoma Plein Air Festival September 10–15. The festival brings acclaimed artists to Sonoma to paint, show and sell their work to benefit youth art education. We'll be opening three of our properties up to the artists to paint and also tabling at the art show on the plaza on Sat., Sept. 15. Come on by!

[More info](#)

### Our CFO is a winner

# Vote YES on Measure M for Parks for All



The measure to support county and city parks with a modest eighth-cent sales tax has been placed on the November ballot as Measure M. Measure M will help maintain parks and their infrastructure, protect natural resources, reduce wildfire risks, provide health and recreation programs, and open new parks and trails. Sonoma Land Trust is strongly in support of this measure and your help is needed to pass it by a two thirds vote countywide. If you're willing to volunteer to phone bank, put up a sign, endorse the measure or donate, please visit the [YES ON M website](#) or contact our volunteer manager [Karen Arrington](#).

[Read about Measure M in the Press Democrat](#)



You are also invited to Parks for All's Campaign Party at Safari West on September 17! This is a great opportunity to learn more about this upcoming measure, meet other passionate parks supporters and drum up excitement for the campaign.

[Learn more about event](#)

## New life springing from the ashes



A huge congratulations to our director of finance and administration, Paul DeMarco, for being presented a North Bay Business Journal CFO award. We cannot think of anyone more deserving!

[Read his interview](#)

## More tickets available for Barbara Kingsolver



Great news! Due to very high demand, Copperfield's Books has moved the October 24 presentation by Barbara Kingsolver, co-hosted by Sonoma Land Trust, to Analy High School where 300 more people can be accommodated. If you missed out on tickets in the first round, try again!

[Click here for tickets](#)

## Seeking development staffer





Photo by Katy Reynolds.

In 2016, the Land Trust installed over 100 native plants along Stuart Creek at Glen Oaks Ranch as part of a habitat restoration project. The purpose of the project was to restore critical habitat for animals roaming within the Sonoma Valley Wildlife Corridor. In October of last year, the habitat planting – along with hundreds of acres of wildland in and around the ranch – burned in the Nuns fire. The entire irrigation system, as well as roughly 50 percent of the plants, were destroyed. However, in a hopeful display of nature’s resiliency, the remaining half of the plants, including California rose (*Rosa californica*), elderberry (*Sambucas mexicana*) and California coffeeberry (*Rhamnus/Frangula californica*), began showing signs of new life out of the ashes in the spring – budding and sprouting bright-green foliage. These hardy survivors are now thriving thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers who are hand watering the plants until the irrigation is restored!

## Lending a hand to protect Donnell Ranch on Sonoma Mountain



detail-oriented individuals to join our team as development associate – and we’re willing to train the right person. Aptitude is more important than specific experience for this role.

### Job announcement

## SLT in the news



Read the latest news about Bay Camp and the upcoming opening of Tolay Regional Park:

[Sonoma Land Trust invests in the next generation](#)

[Tolay Park environmental review complete](#)

## Notice of accreditation

Sonoma Land Trust is pleased to announce it is applying for renewal of accreditation. The Land Trust Accreditation Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments are confidential and must relate to how Sonoma Land Trust complies with national quality standards. If you would like to comment, please click [here](#).

## The birds are returning

Donnell Ranch.

On Tuesday, the Board of Directors for Sonoma Ag + Open Space approved the purchase of a conservation easement over the Donnell Ranch – a 978-acre property on southern Sonoma Mountain. Adjacent to Tolay Regional Park, which now includes the Land Trust’s former Tolay Creek Ranch, donated to Regional Parks last year, the conservation of Donnell Ranch is part of a system of protected land on southern Sonoma Mountain that extends to wetlands of the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Sonoma Land Trust received a \$720,000 grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation to support the total purchase price of the easement – \$3.812 million. “Thanks to landowners like the Donnell Family and the partnership between Sonoma Land Trust and Ag + Open Space, the scenic backdrop to Tolay Regional Park is now protected forever,” says SLT conservation director Wendy Eliot.



Our docents at Sears Point will resume their guided bird walks on the third Saturday of each month this fall. [Sign up](#) today to witness the variety of birds who visit during their seasonal migration.

### Baby shower



Congrats to soon-to-be parents Trevor George, stewardship project manager, and his wife Elizabeth, pictured above at our Land Trust baby shower! We cannot wait to meet their little girl!

## When the bar closes ...



Join Professor John Largier of Bodega Marine Lab on September 6 from 7–8:30pm for a talk on estuaries that close for part of the year. We will learn about the Estero Americano and Russian River, and the effects that occur during these times.

[Register here](#)



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