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HIKES • TOURS • TALKS SUMMER 2011

Have you ever driven past a gorgeous ranch in Marin and wondered what goes on there?
Here's your chance to find out! MALT's *Hikes, Tours & Talks* program will take you places most people never get to go.

For complete information and to register online, visit www.malt.org.
But hurry — space is limited and tours can fill up quickly. We do not have waiting lists.
Most tours are not appropriate for young children, so please look for our family-friendly events.

Be sure to check www.malt.org for exact event locations and maps!

Western Weekend and Parade

Saturday & Sunday, June 4-5

Bring the family to celebrate farming and ranching in West Marin. On Saturday, enjoy 4-H exhibits and livestock shows. On Sunday, join MALT for the parade at noon, followed by a BBQ at Toby's Feed Barn. If you want to be in the parade, please check our website for details and preregister. Kids welcome!

Time: Saturday 9:30 am – 2:30 pm / Sunday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, parade at noon

Cost: FREE **Place:** Point Reyes Station **Preregister to be in parade**

Marin County Wine Celebration

Saturday, June 11

Enjoy the best of local wines and food at this benefit for MALT. The 7th Annual Marin County Wine Growers Association tasting will include well known wines and some promising new ones, including Dutton-Goldfield, Pacheco Ranch and Sean Thackerly. Wine by the bottle and the case will be for sale at a discount.

Time: 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Place: Historic Escalle Winery, Larkspur

Cost: \$55, includes valet parking and wine glass **Preregistration is suggested**

Biking, Beef & Beer at Black Mountain

Sunday, June 12

Ride 33 or 66 miles through the hills of West Marin, past beautiful MALT-protected ranches. Allan Reeves of *France from Inside* bike tours leads the pack, and sag wagons provide support. Return to Black Mountain Ranch for a BBQ of their delicious grass-fed beef, dessert and beers from Lagunitas Brewing Co.

Time: 8:45 am – 2:00 pm

Place: Point Reyes Station

Difficulty: Strenuous

Cost: \$50 MALT members / \$60 non-members **Preregistration is required**

Family Strawberry Day at Red Hill Ranch

Saturday, June 18

Pick strawberries from the field and try not to eat them all before you make strawberry ice cream. Feed chickens, learn about bees, and tour fields of row crops. Bring a picnic and enjoy it with a salad of fresh greens from the farm. You can also buy some eggs, fruits and veggies to take home with you.

Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Place: Point Reyes/Petaluma Rd.

Difficulty: Easy

Cost: Adults: \$20 MALT members / \$25 non-members Children: \$10 MALT members / \$12 non-members

What to Bring: Water, picnic lunch, layered clothes, sunscreen **Preregistration is required**



Photo by Mia Pelletier

Register online at www.malt.org
or call 415.663.1158

More Hikes, Tours & Talks ▶



The Story of MALT: A Conversation

Sunday, June 26

Be part of the audience for the video recording of this special event. MALT co-founder Phyllis Faber, in conversation with MALT Board chair and star cheese maker Sue Conley, will share stories about how she and Ellen Straus found a way to protect Marin County farmland. Phyllis will then be joined by original MALT Board chair and past president of the American Farmland Trust, Ralph Grossi, as he tells MALT's story from the ranchers' perspective.

Time: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Place: The Dance Palace, Point Reyes Station

Cost: \$10 MALT members / \$15 non-members

Preregistration is suggested

Fresh Run Farms Tour & Hike

Saturday, July 9

Peter Martinelli grows a variety of organic fruits and vegetables while leaving space for foxes, egrets, salmon and frogs on this beautiful farm nestled in the Pine Creek watershed of Bolinas. In addition to growing over 40 kinds of fruits, vegetables and flowers, Peter also collects nettles, mushrooms, water-cress and other treats from the wild. We'll hike along the creek, and then head up to the highest point on the Bolinas peninsula to enjoy spectacular views of the Pacific.

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Place: Bolinas

Difficulty: Strenuous

Cost: \$30 MALT members / \$40 non-members

What to Bring: Water, lunch, hiking shoes, layered clothes, sunscreen

Preregistration is required

Hog Island Oyster Co. & Straus Dairy

Tuesday, July 12

Join local oystermen for a tour of their farm, taste the fresh oysters, and enjoy your picnic lunch on the shores of Tomales Bay. Then carpool to the Straus Dairy to see their organic operation, the methane digester, and the other clean energy techniques they use. You'll also watch the cows being milked and enjoy a delicious Straus product tasting.

Time: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Place: Marshall

Difficulty: Easy

Cost: \$35 MALT members / \$45 non-members

What to Bring: Water, picnic lunch, shoes that can get dirty, layered clothes

Preregistration is required

Nicasio History Talk & Reservoir Hike

Saturday, July 16

The water system of Marin County and the history of ranching are closely intertwined. A generation ago there were 24 dairies around the lake in Nicasio — now there are only three. Learn about the reservoir and the local ranches from historian Dewey Livingston and members of the Nicasio Historical Society. After a slide show, we'll hike around the Nicasio Reservoir Island.

Time: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Place: Nicasio School

Difficulty: Strenuous

Cost: \$30 MALT members / \$40 non-members

What to Bring: Water, picnic lunch, hiking shoes, layered clothes

Preregistration is required

Marin Sun Farms & Rogers Ranch

Saturday, July 23

Join 4th generation rancher David Evans, owner of Marin Sun Farms, for a tour of the Rogers Ranch, which he leases to raise grass-fed beef and chickens. Learn how David's business supports local ranchers and provides top quality meats for the Bay Area. David will also share stories about growing up on the H Ranch nearby. After the tour, we will lunch at the Marin Sun Farms restaurant and butcher shop.

Time: 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Place: Point Reyes Station

Difficulty: Moderate

Cost: \$45 MALT members / \$55 non-members

What to Bring: Water, walking shoes, layered clothes

Preregistration is required

Be sure to check out our website for exact event locations and maps!

**RANCHES &
Rolling Hills**

ART SHOW & SALE TO BENEFIT MALT

May 21-22 • Druid's Hall, Nicasio