

Something different is happening in West Marin.

This spring, MALT Hikes, Tours & Tastings will take you closer to the land that sustains us.



Autumn Fuentes

Register online at www.malt.org/events or call (415) 663-1158.

Preregistration is required for all events except the Ranches & Rolling Hills public art show.



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Wildflower Hike & Picnic on Leiss Ranch

The Leiss family ranch is a hidden gem, bursting with more than 45 recorded varieties of wildflowers during the spring season. This year, the popular MALT tradition falls on Earth Day. Bring the family and a picnic lunch for a leisurely, informative hike with ranch owner Nancy Chaffin and local botanists.



Date: Saturday, April 22

Time: 10 a.m.–2 p.m.



Place: Leiss Ranch, Petaluma

Cost: \$10 for MALT members/\$20 for nonmembers/kids under 12 free

What to Bring: Picnic lunch, blanket, water, sun hat, sunscreen, hiking shoes and a walking stick for uneven terrain

Hike Details: 1.5 miles round-trip, uneven terrain with some inclines

Age Appropriate: 6 years and up

Guest Limit: 50

Walker Creek Ranch Hike & Ice Cream Social

This unique 1,800-acre ranch in Marshall was originally home to the Coast Miwoks. In 1982, it was deeded by the Marin Community Foundation to the Marin County Office of Education as an outdoor education site and was protected by MALT in 1986. More than 130,000 students have come to experience the abundance of wildlife and diverse habitats that thrive alongside a working ranch. Join us for a hike and explore some of the 20 miles of trails followed by a tasting of locally produced ice cream.



Date: Sunday, May 7

Time: 1–4 p.m.



Place: Walker Creek Ranch, Marshall



Cost: \$20 for MALT members/\$35 for nonmembers/kids under 12 free

What to Bring: Water, sun hat, sunscreen, hiking shoes and a walking stick for uneven terrain

Hike Details: Your choice of an easy to moderate hike (2–4 miles)

Age Appropriate: 10 years and up

Guest Limit: 75



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Julie Mikos

For the Love of Cheese: Talk, Tour & Tasting—Straus Home Ranch

Vivien Straus, daughter of Ellen Straus, co-founder of MALT, will guide you through a local cheese tasting on the 166-acre Straus family farm, accompanied by a story or two or three about cows, cheese and growing up on the farm. We will tour the family farmhouse and take a stroll to the pastures overlooking Tomales Bay.



Date: Sunday, June 11

Time: 3–5 p.m.



Place: Straus Home Ranch, Marshall



Cost: \$60 for MALT members/\$75 for nonmembers

What to Bring: Appropriate shoes for the ranch tour



Age Appropriate: 21 years and up

Guest Limit: Limited to 40 seats

Ranches & Rolling Hills Art Show

Celebrate Marin’s beauty as seen through the eyes of acclaimed Marin and Oak Group artists at MALT’s 20th annual art show. For this special year, 35 artists will paint new works capturing the farms, ranches, families, livestock, hills and waterways that make up West Marin’s pastoral landscape. Our annual farm-to-table preview lunch on Saturday will feature award-winning foods from MALT-protected farms and give guests the first opportunity to view and purchase art.



Preview Lunch

Date: Saturday, May 20

Time: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.



Place: Druids Hall, Nicasio

Cost: \$150 for MALT members/\$200 for nonmembers

Guest Limit: 175 (preregistration required)

Public Show and Sale

Date: Saturday, May 20 & Sunday, May 21

Time: 2–5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Sunday

Place: Druids Hall, Nicasio

Cost: Free



Debbie Wilson



**JUNE 24 &
OCT. 14**

Beer, Brats & Barn Dance

Spend a summer afternoon at MALT-protected Stemple Creek Ranch learning about raising animals sustainably while enjoying craft beer, locally made grilled sausages, live music and dancing. Loren Poncia of Stemple Creek Ranch is not only a celebrated local organic meat producer, but he is also a pioneer of climate-beneficial carbon farming practices. Join us for this family-friendly event!



Date: Saturday, July 8



Time: 4-7 p.m.

Place: Stemple Creek Ranch, Tomales

Cost: \$45 for MALT members/
\$65 for nonmembers/kids under 12 free

What to Bring: Boots for dancing

Age Appropriate: All ages

Member Hikes

Hike for Hops on Black Mountain Ranch, June 24

Hike six miles to the top of Black Mountain and back (1,200-foot-elevation climb) and be rewarded on your return with ice-cold local beer and a mini farmers market featuring products grown on this ranch. Open free of charge to members who support MALT at the \$100 and above level.

Fall Hike on Millerton Creek Ranch, October 14

Explore a working ranch in the hills overlooking Tomales Bay. Open to members who support MALT at the \$40 level and above.

Become a member by donating \$40 or more to MALT at www.malt.org/givetoday. Members receive special invitations to farm tours, ranch barbecues and hikes, as well as discounts on Hikes, Tours & Tastings and more.

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Michael Woolsey

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Tour de MALT

Ride to protect local farmland, open space and wild-life. This spectacular bike ride winds through the West Marin countryside, passing more than 40 MALT-protected ranches along the way. Rest stops will be located on designated ranches for refueling, giving you an inside peak at these protected working lands. Finish your ride with a tasty lunch, cold beer and sweet treats in farm-to-table style.



Date: Saturday, July 22

Time: 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.



Place: Start and finish at Nicasio Valley Farms



Distance: 60 miles. One new, improved route!

Cost: \$85 Early Bird Registration for MALT members March 1 through April 15/\$100 for members after April 15/\$150 for nonmembers

Guest Limit: 300

More Details: www.malt.org/tourdemalt

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