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Art exhibitions, bike ride announced as pre-festival events for Visions of the Wild

VALLEJO, Calif. – A scenic bike tour of a former top secret naval communications site, and access to four new and original art exhibits have been confirmed as pre-festival events for Visions of the Wild: Wild in the City. The festival officially begins Sept. 15, but these special pre-events allow participants to begin celebrating the nature found in an urban setting on Sept. 9.

The art exhibits will be held at multiple venues in downtown Vallejo:

- “Wild by Nature” – Temple Art Lofts Gallery, Corner of Marin & Virginia Streets
- “Wild Place in Urban Spaces” – Artiszen Cultural Arts Center, 337 Georgia Street
- “Visions of the Wild: Untamed” – Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum, 734 Marin Street
- Wild in the City ceramics/sculpture show – Bill Bloom Gallery, 717 Marin Street

The bike ride is a 3,300 acre tour of Skaggs Island, now part of the San Pablo Bay Wildlife Refuge, taking place Sept. 10. There will be approximately five stops to look at the natural and human history of the island and surrounding wetlands. Participants will have an opportunity to see diverse wildlife like: deer, fox, coyote, jack rabbit, great horned owl, white-tailed kite, turkey. Registration for the tour can be completed here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/skaggs-island-bike-tour-tickets-27014339617>

Visions of the Wild is an annual festival connecting nature, culture and community. This year’s theme, Wild in the City, celebrates the animals and plants that live in our urban and suburban setting. The opening reception is Sept. 15, with events taking place throughout Vallejo and American Canyon. The festival includes film screenings, field trips, art exhibits, guest speakers and cruises. The festival ends Sept. 18.

For more information, visit <http://visionsofthewild.org/>.

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