Celebrate Native Plant Week by
Touring the Regional Parks Botanic Garden
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The Willis Linn Jepson Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) is sponsoring a 1 ½ hour guided tour of the East Bay Regional Parks Botanic Garden on the morning of April 11, to celebrate California Native Plant Week. This garden tour will be followed by “Bring Your Own Picnic” lunch on the West lawn. We will supply blankets for those who want to picnic with us. RSVP to Maggie Ingalls at 3rview@gmail.com by April 9. Let me know if you are coming to the picnic so I know how many blankets to bring.

The World’s best California Native Plants Garden
The Regional Parks Botanic Garden is a naturally beautiful and tranquil living museum of California native plants. Located within Tilden Park in the hills above Berkeley, California, this enchanting 10-acre garden is a sanctuary for many of the state’s rare and endangered plants and a place for visitors to wander among trees, shrubs, flowers, and grasses from plant communities throughout the state.

California Native Plant Week is April 11 to April 19
The California Legislature established California Native Plant Week in 2010 to encourage community groups, schools, and citizens to undertake appropriate activities to promote the conservation, restoration, and appreciation of California’s native plants. For a list of activities go to the following link at the CNPS website http://cnps.org/cnps/conservation/nativeplantweek/

Directions for the Garden Tour:
Take Hwy 680 south to Hwy 24 westbound. Exit at the Orinda Exit, and turn right (which will be Camino Pablo - I don’t think there is a street sign there). Go 4 miles (road name will change to San Pablo Dam Rd) to Wildcat Canyon Drive. Turn left onto Wildcat Canyon. Do watch for bicycles on this winding road with no shoulder! Go 3.7 miles (according to Google maps) along Wildcat Canyon Rd. Pass the pedestrian entrance to the Garden immediately after South Park Dr comes in from your left. We are not parking in the parking lot, so continue around the bend (only 0.1 miles!) to Anza View Rd. Turn right onto Anza View Road (a small, one-way street on the right only). Park on the lawn side of the road. We will be picnicking on that lawn. We will start our tour at the West Gate, which is the second gate you pass on Anza View Rd. The first gate will probably be closed.