

News Advisory



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CULTURAL HERITAGE DAY **Fort Ross Celebration of Russian America 1812-1841**

EVENT DATE & TIME: Saturday, July 31, 2010, 10:00AM to 5:00 PM

EVENT LOCATION: Fort Ross State Historic Park,
19005 Coast Highway 1, Jenner, CA 95450

From 1812 to 1841 Russian American Company Settlement Ross was home to a unique blend of cultural groups—Russians, Creoles, Native Alaskans, and Kashaya and Coast Miwok Native Californians. On Cultural Heritage Day join us as we celebrate this cultural diversity and history.

Tentative Schedule of Events

10:00	Opening Ceremony
10:15	Russian Orthodox Church Service
11:15-12:00	Russian Folk Music & Dance Performances
12:00	Musket and cannon demonstration
1:00-4:30	Russian Folk Music & Dance Performances
3:00	Musket and cannon demonstration
5:00	Gates close

Activities Ongoing All Day

- (1) Fort Ross Compound**—Join costumed participants for a festive day of Russian singing and dancing in the fort. Demonstrations and activities such as blacksmithing, spinning, needlework, storytelling, baking, metalworking, woodworking, and historic firearm interpretation will be portrayed. Visitors are invited to join in activities such as basket making, rope making, candle making, dancing and games. Musical and dance performances tentatively scheduled by *Slavyanka*, *Russian House Kedry* & others.
- (2) Fort Ross Visitor Center—Local Kashaya Natives share traditional language and culture.** The rich history of Fort Ross begins with the Native Californian Kashaya Pomo who have inhabited this area for centuries. Descendants of these first inhabitants will tell you about their history.
- (3) On the bluff in front of the fort—Hudson's Bay Camp.** The Hudson Bay Bonaventura Brigade filed past Fort Ross in 1833 and camped nearby, but on this day they will be here to share their story.
- (4) Fort Ross Sandy Cove**—Explore the beach and watch demonstrations in the use of Native Alaskan baidarkas (kayaks) throughout the day.

Food available for sale to the public at the Call Garden Picnic Area
Fees: \$20 per car; \$15 senior; Bus (10+ passengers) \$3.00 per person
(Limited mobility shuttle van available)
No Dogs Please