

## QUICK FACTS

- The Petaluma Wetlands Alliance (PWA) is a committee of Madrone Audubon and a partner with the City of Petaluma
- Petaluma Public Wetlands are: Shollenberger Park, Alman Marsh, and Ellis Creek
- Shollenberger Park is named after *Richard Shollenberger*, former park chief
- Shollenberger has two purposes - dredge spoils site and park trail
- Shollenberger was opened in 1995
- Location has been used as dredge spoils site since the 1970s
- Last dredging of Petaluma River channel was in 2003
- Dredging of Marina also uses the site for spoils
- Shollenberger loop trail is 2.03 miles
- Trail from Petaluma Sheraton to the Shollenberger iron bridge is 0.9 miles
- Ellis Creek, opened in July 2009, has over 3 miles of trails and connects to Shollenberger
- Habitats: seasonal pond, freshwater channels, upland, tidal salt marsh, and riparian
- 210 bird species have been identified at Shollenberger/Alman Marsh
- Over 100 plant species have been identified at Shollenberger/Alman Marsh
- On this website are several hundred photos of animals and plants found in these wetlands
- On an average day over 400 people walk the Shollenberger loop trail
- The public uses the park to enjoy nature, walk their dogs, picnic, photograph, jog, etc.
- Point Reyes Bird Observatory is located at the southeast corner of Shollenberger
- There are over 50 active volunteer park docents (2011)
- Park docents provide educational service to 800-900 local schoolchildren each year
- Educational services are provided at no expense to the schools
- Park docents provide tours for hundreds of adults each year
- Park docents do research on Tree Swallows, heron/egret colonies, and monthly bird surveys
- Park docents remove nonnative plants and plant native species
- Thousands of native plants have been introduced as part of a Habitat Restoration Program
- Information on the trail, bird species, and invasive plants is available at the front park kiosks