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Fun Things to Do in San Francisco This Weekend

Listen to live bluegrass for free, check out the Bay's leading art fair and more fun things to do in San Francisco this weekend.

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WEEKEND GUIDES

Hopefully you've recovered from the 4/20 celebrations just in time for the weekend –there's a lot of fun to be had. On the docket: Dancing your face off at a silent disco, checking out the Bay Area's leading art fair, making the most of the final days of Restaurant Week, listening to live Bluegrass for free, entering your dog in a ton of different hilarious contests, and so much more. These are the best things to do this weekend in San Francisco.

Glow with the Flow at a Silent Disco dance party

Friday, April 21

Union Square/SoMa

The W San Francisco is celebrating Earth Day by throwing a Silent Disco party with the lights off and the music (Papa Smurf, iDallas, and Nick Stene) on. Start your weekend by getting painted in neon body paint, sipping drinks from the Living Room Bar, and dancing

in the dark.

Cost: Admission is free, but you may want to reserve your spot

Shop for designer vintage at the Decades pop-up

Friday, April 21–Saturday, April 22

Ghirardelli Square

Looking to add some vintage Chanel, Dior, Pucci or Dolce to your closet? Head to a pop-up of LA-based Decades for amazing finds you can feel good about buying because even though it's designer vintage, it's still considered upcycling.

Cost: Admission is free; the vintage wears... not so much.

See tons of fantastic works at the Bay Area's premiere art fair

Friday, April 21–Sunday, April 23

Fort Mason Festival Pavilion

Art Market San Francisco (the Bay Area's longest-running art fair) is taking over Fort Mason this weekend with tons of installations, events, talks, and performances. See work from 85 of the world's top galleries, go on a daily tour, take part in immersive experiences, and more. If you're at all into art, this is the place to be this weekend. (And yes, there will be food and cocktails.)

Cost: Fair pass \$65; single day \$35.

Sip whimsical drinks at SF's newest cocktail destination

Friday, April 21–Sunday, April 23

Marina

Leave your pretense at the door of Rendezvous, a new bar on Lombard Street with playful (and Instagrammable) cocktails served in popcorn boxes, honey bear glasses, and with a rubber duckie. The bar was created by Shaher Misif, who has more than 15 years of experience and a slew of awards. The bar also has dishes like bacon-wrapped cocktail wieners, Swedish meatballs, fondue with pretzels, and more.

Cost: Cocktails \$14-\$17.

Enjoy the final days of SF Restaurant Week

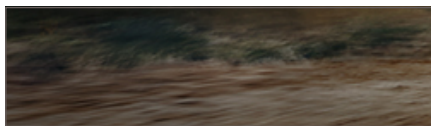
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Restaurants all over SF

Spring Restaurant Week comes to a close on Sunday, so get out and make the most of the deals. This is the perfect opportunity to try a new spot or return to an old favorite (check out the extensive list [here](#)). Either way, you're helping support the SF restaurant industry.

Cost: Brunch or lunch (2+ courses): \$10, \$15, \$25, \$30; dinner (3+ courses): \$30, \$45, \$65, \$75

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Get in the groove during Bay Area Dance Week

Friday, April 21–Sunday, April 23

Various locations in the Bay Area

After a three-year hiatus, Bay Area Dance Week is back with hundreds of events, including workshops, performances, classes, open rehearsals, and more. If you can only attend one event, make it [the kick-off at Yerba Buena Gardens](#) on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., where you can take a class or just enjoy the performances. Bay Area Dance Week runs through April 30th.

Cost: Free

Bribe the judges at SF DogFest

Saturday, April 22

Duboce Park

What sounds better than spending a Saturday afternoon in Duboce Park watching tons of cute dogs compete in all kinds of contests, including Best Costume, Best Tail, Best Ears, Best Trick, all culminating with Best in Show? Not much, that's what. DogFest is from 12 pm to 3 pm, and you can enter your pup in whatever contests you think they'd be paws-atively amazing in.

Cost: Contest entry: \$20 for each contest; \$50 to be guaranteed best in show; \$500 to bribe the judges to take the big prize home—all with the goal of raising the most money possible for McKinley Elementary School. Free to attend.

Listen to live bluegrass on the street

Saturday, April 22*Russian Hill/Lower Nob Hill*

Pickin' on Polk is taking over Polk Street on Saturday for 11 hours of free musical performances on an outdoor stage (Polk and Broadway) and a ton of local businesses.

Cost: Free

See one of the most popular string ensembles in the world**Saturday, April 22***Union Square*

You probably know the Vitamin String Quartet for their music on *Bridgerton* or *The King of Staten Island*, and now you can see them perform an intimate concert at one of SF's most stunning hotels as part of Festival Napa Valley. Plus, there will be wine from Grgich Hills to sip while you enjoy the music.

Cost: \$85

Ride your bike naked**Saturday, April 22***Embarcadero*

The World Naked Bike Ride has returned to draw attention to our dependency on oil and our car-dominated culture. Go as bare as you'd like during this ride which starts at the Cupid's Arrow at 11 am (the ride officially starts at noon).

Cost: Free

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**Celebrate Earth Day in the park****Saturday, April 22***County Fair Building*

Head to Golden Gate Park to celebrate Earth Day. There will be speakers, green non-profits, exhibitors, live music, a vegan showcase with samples, kid's activities, and more.

Cost: Free to attend

Toast to salmon season with eats, drinks and live music**Saturday, April 22–Sunday, April 23***Bodega Bay*

Celebrate the start of salmon fishing season at a two-day festival with music from one of the Bay's best cover bands, Tainted Love, wine tasting from more than 25 Sonoma County wines, local ale, and food trucks serving up fish and chips, clam chowder, barbecued oysters, and also stuff that isn't seafood.

Cost: \$20 for adults; \$30 for a two-day pass.

Scope out more than 400 classic cars

Sunday, April 23

Benicia

If you love classic cars, head to Benicia on Sunday, where there will be 400 on display, plus oldies music, food trucks, and a beer and wine garden.

Cost: Free to attend (the event raises money for the Benicia High School music programs)

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