



Naturist
Action
Group

It's happening in San Francisco

Should you be planning to visit San Francisco later this year you might like to know of three free events of interest. On Saturday 24 September will be the San Francisco Body Art Show and Parade. Next day, Sunday 25, it will be the Folsom Street Fair, and on Sunday 23 October the San Francisco Bodypainting Day.

1. The Body Art Show will take place at the Embarcadero between the Ferry Building and Pier 1 (Starbucks). This is an art event exhibiting a wide variety of body decoration. "Our bodies are the art work. Even though this is a "bare as you dare" event, all participants (including nudists) are encouraged to decorate their bodies in some manner". Adjacent overflow areas will be available if needed.

The Body Art Show is 10.00am – 4.00pm, with the 35-minute Parade from 2.30pm. Starting from the Ferry Terminal area, it is a mainly level route to Pier 41 and Fisherman's Wharf. Participants are reminded that a permit covers the specific areas of these events.

George Davis, San Francisco naturist, activist and organiser, says "It took more than two years of Federal Court litigation to force the City of San Francisco to issue the permit for this art event. In order to keep our rights to freedom of artistic expression we must make use of them on a regular, public basis. So, on this day, let's show and educate the world through art that skin is a canvas and the human body can be a creative, expressive, work of art".

San Francisco's Nudity Ban Ordinance will apply outside of the Show area and the designated Parade route. This bans the open display of genitals. However, both men and women in San Francisco may be bare-chested anywhere in the city at any time.

2. The Folsom Street Fair is on Sunday 25 September. That fair is billed as the world's largest "leather and fetish" event. It runs from 11.00am – 6.00pm and over 400,000 people are expected to attend. Spread over 13 city blocks it will have over 200 stands, and several performance stages. A nudity permit has been obtained.

3. San Francisco Bodypainting Day will be on Sunday 23 October. It will take place 10.00am – 4.00pm at the Embarcadero, by the Ferry Building. **Andy Golub**, the New York artist, will be involved with local naturists.

This latter event will be part of Andy's 2016 calendar of international Bodypainting Day events:

9 July at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, **New York**,

20 August at Museumplein in **Amsterdam**

(sadly no London event) then

23 October in **San Francisco**.

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