

# Field Trips with the Morro Bay National Estuary Program

The Estuary Program offers field trips to school groups, community groups and other interested parties as requested. Come learn about the bay and our beautiful watershed from knowledgeable staff!

Please contact Lexie Bell at [lbell@mbnep.org](mailto:lbell@mbnep.org) or 805-772-3834, ext. 16 for more information and to schedule a trip. Availability during the week is generally between 8:30 and 4pm. Saturday availability is possible and scheduled as needed.

Field trips can be tailored to topics of interest and grade levels of each group. Popular field trips include:



**Hike Black Hill**—Short hike up Black Hill from the trailhead parking lot in Morro Bay State Park. Possible topics include:

- What is a Watershed?
- What is an Estuary?
- History of the Estuary Program and our restoration and conservation projects to date
- Environmental issues affecting the bay and community efforts to address these issues
- Geological history of the watershed and estuary

**Salt Marsh Trail**—Flat boardwalk trail along the salt marsh in Morro Bay State Park. Possible topics include:

- What is an Estuary?
- Environmental issues affecting the bay and community efforts to address these issues
- Salt marsh habitats and creatures
- Water quality – how we measure it and how we help keep water clean



**Tours of Estuary Program Conservation  
Projects in the Watershed**

- Water conservation projects
- Stream restoration projects



## Elfin Forest – Relatively flat boardwalk trail in the Elfin Forest in Los Osos

Possible topics include:

- What is an Estuary?
- Environmental issues affecting the bay and community efforts to address these issues
- What wetlands are important and what is unique about them.
- Habitats of the Elfin Forest
- Conservation in the Morro Bay watershed and estuary



## White's Point—Short walk behind Morro Bay State Park Museum to a beautiful overlook of the bay.

- What is a Watershed?
- What is an Estuary?
- History of the Estuary Program and our restoration and conservation projects to date
- Environmental issues affecting the bay and community efforts to address these issues
- Geological history of the watershed and estuary
- State of the bay – how the bay is doing in a number of measures
- Status of eelgrass in Morro Bay



## Waterfront/Morro Bay Harbor—Walk along the flat, paved waterfront of the bay.

- What is an Estuary?
- History of the Estuary Program and our restoration and conservation projects to date
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- Geological history of the watershed and estuary
- State of the bay – how the bay is doing in a number of measures
- Habitats and creatures of the bay

