

STATE OF THE BAY



MORRO BAY
NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM

explore our estuary through science

APRIL 2017

SAT 01 CLEAN WATER TALK + WILD ALE LAUNCH

Great beer requires clean water. Learn about the health of local streams and the bay while you sip on Libertine's new Morro Bay Gose, with local avocado honey, citrus zest, seaweed, and saltwater. Benefits the Estuary Program, here until barrels run dry.

4–6 PM, talk at 5 PM

The Libertine Pub in Morro Bay

SAT 15 SATURDAY SCIENTISTS: Aquatic Bugs Under the Microscope

Join State Parks docents to get an up-close look at insects that indicate the health of local creeks, and learn what they can tell us about water quality.

2–4 PM, stop by anytime!

Morro Bay Natural History Museum

THU 27 SCIENCE AT THE MUSEUM

Guest speakers focus on the importance of estuary and watershed habitat to wildlife. Ann-Marie Osterback, PhD, of NOAA will discuss iconic steelhead. Andrea Jones, Director of Bird Conservation for Audubon California, will speak about Morro Bay's role in the Pacific Flyway.

6–8 PM

Morro Bay Natural History Museum

SAT 08 SATURDAY AT THE GARDEN: Bay-Friendly Yards

A SLO Master Gardener gives tips on using water-wise, native plants. Turn your yard into an estuary-friendly space. Tour of the gardens to follow presentation.

1 PM

San Luis Obispo Botanical Gardens

FRI 14 ART + SCIENCE RECEPTION

See Morro Bay Waterscapes, an art and science showcase, featuring Ardella Swanberg and Don Doubledee with other artists. Show continues through April.

5–8 PM, stop by anytime!

Gallery at Marina Square, Morro Bay
Regular Gallery Hours: 10AM–6PM

TUE 18 SCIENCE AFTER DARK: A Changing Bay

Wind down with a glass of wine or beer and hear about the eelgrass, earth, and dynamic waters of Morro Bay. Part of a seasonal series by CCSTEM.

6 PM grab a seat & drink
6:30 PM lecture

Luis Wine Bar, San Luis Obispo
21+ only event

SAT 22 EARTH DAY PICKUP + PADDLE

Celebrate by joining fellow paddlers on the bay and participate in a shoreline cleanup. Meet local volunteer groups working to keep the bay clean, safe, and wildlife friendly.

8–11 AM

B.Y.O. kayak or board, or rent one on site from Morro Bay Stand Up Paddleboarding at 50% off. Bagels, coffee, and rentals available while supplies last.

Tidelands Park, Morro Bay

HIKES.

WALKS.

TALKS.

Explore the peaks and trails of the watershed and dive into estuary science with volunteer docents from State Parks and ECOSLO at:

Black Hill

Cerro Cabrillo

Chumash Trail

Crespi Trail

Elfin Forest

Marina Boardwalk

Mudflats

Salt Marsh

Tidelands Park

Tiki Rock

T-Piers

White's Point

Windy Cove

Find details at

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APRIL + BEYOND

ESTERO

A local apparel and goods company inspired by Morro Bay will donate a portion of their proceeds to the Estuary Program from their estuary graphic line. Check out products at their partner storefront or online at **ESTEROpaddle.com**

TreatSLO

The local bakery that gives back will donate a portion of proceeds to the Estuary Program throughout April. Find out how to place a custom order or pick up made-from-scratch goodies with local ingredients and seasonal flavors at **TreatSLO.com**

Annual Poetry Contest:

A National Treasure in Words

Submissions due April 30. Winners will give a celebratory reading at Coalesce Bookstore on May 19.

MBNEP.org/Poetry2017

DogFest 2017

Saturday **May 20**, 11 AM–2 PM

Bring your dog and enjoy fun training demonstrations, play games, and see how you can help keep our waters clean.

More info at **MBNEP.org/Events**