

## HIKES. WALKS. TALKS.

SUN 02 TIKI ROCK HIKE, 9AM

MON 03 CRESPI TRAIL HIKE, 10AM

THU 06 WINDY COVE MUDFLATS & TIDEPOOLS, 2PM

FRI 07 BLACK HILL HIKE, 10AM

SUN 09 CHUMASH TRAIL HIKE, 9AM

TUE 11 SALT MARSH TO MUD FLATS WALK, 1PM

SUN 16 CERRO CABRILLO & TIKI ROCK HIKE, 9AM

WED 19 SALT MARSH TO MUD FLATS WALK, 5:30PM

SAT 22 WHITE'S POINT VISTA, 11AM

SUN 23 PLANKTON: DISCOVER THE HIDDEN  
TREASURES OF MORRO BAY, 2PM

WED 26 BIRDING THE BOARDWALK, 2PM

SAT 29 ELFIN FOREST WALK & TALK, 9:30AM

SAT 29 BELLY BIOLOGY, 2PM

*Led by partners of the Estuary Program, ECOSLO + State Parks docents*

## APRIL + BEYOND

### TreatSLO

The local bakery that gives back will donate a portion of proceeds to the Estuary Program throughout April. Custom orders and made-from-scratch, seasonal goodies at [TreatSLO.com](http://TreatSLO.com)

### ESTERO

A local apparel and goods company inspired by Morro Bay will donate a portion of proceeds to the Estuary Program from their estuary graphic line. Check out [ESTEROpaddle.com](http://ESTEROpaddle.com)

### Annual Poetry Contest:

#### A National Treasure in Words

Submissions due by April 30. Winners will give a celebratory reading of poems at Coalesce Bookstore on May 19. [MBNEP.org/Poetry2017](http://MBNEP.org/Poetry2017)

### DogFest 2017

Saturday May 20,  
11AM-2PM

Bring your dog and play games, enjoy training demonstrations, and see how you can help keep our waters clean. More info at [MBNEP.org/Events](http://MBNEP.org/Events)

[MBNEP.ORG/STATE-OF-THE-BAY](http://MBNEP.ORG/STATE-OF-THE-BAY)



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MORRO BAY  
NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM



# STATE OF THE BAY

Explore local peaks and trails, taste a custom wild ale, get inspired by art, look through a microscope, and paddle the bay with friends while learning about the health of the estuary. Join the Morro Bay National Estuary Program throughout the month to *explore our estuary through science.*

APRIL 2017

SAT  
**01** CLEAN WATER TALK  
+ WILD ALE LAUNCH

Learn about the health of local waters while you sip on Libertine's new wild ale.  
4–6 PM, talk at 5 PM  
The Libertine Pub in Morro Bay

SAT  
**08** SATURDAY AT THE GARDEN:  
BAY-FRIENDLY YARDS

Get tips for your estuary-friendly yard with water-wise, native plants.  
1 PM  
San Luis Obispo Botanical Gardens

FRI  
**14** ART + SCIENCE RECEPTION

Enjoy art and light bites at the Morro Bay Waterscapes show opening.  
5–8 PM  
Gallery at Marina Square  
Regular Hours: 10 AM–6 PM

SAT  
**15** SATURDAY SCIENTISTS: AQUATIC  
BUGS UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

See insects that indicate creek health and water quality up close.  
2–4 PM  
Morro Bay Natural History Museum

TUE  
**18** SCIENCE AFTER DARK:  
A CHANGING BAY

Relax and learn about eelgrass, earth, and the dynamic waters of Morro Bay.  
6 PM grab a seat & drink  
6:30 PM lecture  
Luis Wine Bar

SAT  
**22** EARTH DAY: PICKUP + PADDLE

Celebrate with friends, a shoreline cleanup, and time spent on the water.  
8–11 AM, Tidelands Park, B.Y.O. kayak or board, or rent on site through Morro Bay Stand Up Paddleboarding at 50% off.

THU  
**27** SCIENCE AT THE MUSEUM

Hear guest speakers from NOAA and Audubon discuss the importance of estuarine habitats to wildlife.  
6–8 PM  
Morro Bay Natural History Museum