The Estuary Program offers field trips to students, community groups, and organizations who want to learn about our beautiful bay and watershed.

## FIELD TRIPS

with the MORRO BAY NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM

Our staff can tailor your field trip to focus on your group's interests and needs. See popular tour topics and locations below.

Non-walking lectures are also available.

All tours and lectures are for educational purposes and are free of charge.

Donations accepted.

#### **Topic Ideas**

Definition of a watershed and estuary

Geological history of the watershed and estuary

History of the Estuary Program

Restoration and conservation projects in the watershed

State of the bay-how well the bay is doing in a number of measures

Environmental issues that affect the bay and efforts to address them

Water quality—how we measure it and what we do to help keep water clean

Why wetlands are important and what is unique about them

Salt marsh habitats and creatures

Habitats of the Elfin Forest

Habitats, plants, and creatures of the bay

Easy ways to help keep Morro Bay clean and healthy



#### **Popular Locations**

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**RESTORATION & CONSERVATION PROJECT SITES** 

Terrain varies depending on the project site

#### **BLACK HILL**

Short hike up Black Hill from the trailhead parking lot in Morro Bay State Park

#### **ELFIN FOREST**

Relatively flat boardwalk trail in the Elfin Forest in Los Osos

#### MARINA PENINSULA TRAIL

Flat boardwalk trail along the salt marsh in Morro Bay State Park

#### WATERFRONT / MORRO BAY HARBOR

Walk along the flat, paved waterfront of the bay

#### WHITE'S POINT

Short walk behind Morro Bay Museum of Natural History to a beautiful overlook on the bay

### TO SCHEDULE A TRIP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Field trips are generally available Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Saturday tours may be scheduled as requested.