



## Huddart Park Nature Hikes Program Information



Our program is a unique nature hike designed for Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade children to explore the local ecology of the redwood and oak woodlands of our Bay Area. The program is led by expert naturalists, has been designed to comply with the Next Generation Science Standards, and serves as a model experiential outdoor science program. More than 1,000 students hiked with us last year and we'd love for your students to join us.



K-2 students hike 1 mile and discover sticky monkey flowers, giant redwood trees, banana slugs, turret spider nests and many other wonders. 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes extend their trip and add hands-on activity centers that explore birds and nesting, mammals, and an Ohlone Staves game. 3-4<sup>th</sup> grade students go on a longer hike of 2.5 miles and learn about ecosystems and their diverse flora and fauna Ohlone culture and use of the land, and local logging history.

### Details

- Field trips are offered in the fall and spring on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays on a first come, first served basis. Sign up forms are at: <http://goo.gl/forms/CpPRaiB7Ks>
- We accommodate groups up to 48 students to ensure a high quality experience. Hiking groups are small to facilitate hands-on learning and are 6-10 children per naturalist.
- Students arrive at 9:30 AM and the trip concludes at 12:30 PM (K-2<sup>nd</sup> hiking only trips conclude at 11:30 AM).
- There are picnic tables for lunch after the field trip. Schools must leave lunches on the bus or bring large plastic tubs to secure the food from animals.
- Please ask all hikers to wear long pants and closed toe shoes due to the poison oak along the trail. A jacket is also advised – it is much cooler in the redwoods! The trip will take place even if there is light rain.
- We request that you have at least 1 chaperone per 8-10 kids.
- Nametags are helpful for docents to interact with the children.

## Fees

- Our program is led by volunteers to keep the cost of the field trip low.
- School groups **do not** pay the park admission fee upon entry.
- The trip costs \$6 per student. For K-2 programs selecting only to hike without activity centers the cost is \$4 per student.
- We offer field trip fee waivers and occasionally have transportation fee grants to help low income schools. If your school has 60% or greater FRMP, please inquire today!

## Educational Emphasis



Our curriculum embraces the Next Generation Science Standards. On a hike docents compare and contrast different ecosystems and discuss habitat. Students learn about various trees and their function in the forest such as maple, bay laurel, redwood, fir and many varieties of oak trees. We discuss Ohlone uses of forest resources. We also talk about and search for evidence of common animals found in the area including wood rats, turreted

spiders, coyotes, deer, and banana slugs. If you are studying specific areas of ecology or science, please let us know in advance so that docents can emphasize that information on the hike.

*“This is the best field trip I’ve been on. I was surprised to learn that a majority of my first grade students have never been to a forest. Having visited Huddart Park myself, I was eager to find a way to share its beauty with these children. We so appreciate your help in making this experience available to our first grade students! Thank you!” First Grade Teacher, San Jose.*

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hiking with you!*

