



Field Trip Information: Huddart Park Nature Hikes



Our program is a unique nature hike designed for Kindergarten through 5th 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 1,200 students hiked with us last year and we'd love for your students to join us.



Younger students hike 1 mile and discover sticky monkey flowers, giant redwood trees, banana slugs, turret spider nests and many other wonders. 3-4th 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 form: <https://goo.gl/forms/WZVhgEZ1tPtKMiLu2>
- We accommodate groups up to 45 students to ensure a high quality experience. Hiking groups are small to facilitate hands-on learning.
- Students arrive at 9:30 AM and the docent led activities conclude by 12:00PM for the K-2 hike and 12:30 PM for the 3-5th grade hike. A late start time of 10:00 AM is available upon request and the end hiking time is extended by a half hour.
- 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 5-7 kids. Please let us know in advance if you cannot bring sufficient parent chaperones so we can find additional

docents. Our policy requires two adults in each group.

- 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.
- We offer field trip fee waivers for ALL schools that have 60% or higher FRMP participation. We also have transportation grants to help low income schools get to our location for free. 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 content on the hike.

"It was such an amazing opportunity for my first grade students to hike at Huddart Park. For many of the students, this was their first time hiking, exploring, and learning about plants and animals here in our county. This hike gave the students a first-hand experience to support the topics we are learning in science and so much background knowledge to use in writing workshop! Thank you for the bus funds to make this trip a success!" (1st Grade SMC teacher)

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We look forward to hiking with you!

