



Field Trip Information



Nature Hikes with the Friends is a unique outing designed for Kindergarten through 5th grade children to explore the local ecology of the redwood and oak woodlands of our Bay Area. Students hike in small groups with expert naturalists and explore the environment through guided inquiry. Our program incorporates the Next Generation Science Standards and serves as a model experiential outdoor science program. We'd love for you 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. 3-5th grade students go on a longer hike of about 2 miles and learn about the interconnectedness of ecosystems, adaptations, and how local phenomena relate to science topics. We also explore indigenous Ohlone life and use of the land.

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://forms.gle/uHuC9Mv3FpcQMcDh8>

- 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 9:30/10:00 AM and the docent led activities conclude by 11:30AM-12:30PM, depending on your needs. Most trips take place at Huddart County Park. Outings to Wunderlich County Park may also be arranged.
- 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. We will advise you the week before your trip on dividing the class in advance into hiking groups.
- 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 \$5 per student (no charge for chaperones). *Currently fees are being waived in an effort to assist schools with returning to field trips!*
- We offer field trip fee waivers for ALL schools that have 40% or higher FRMP participation. We also have transportation grants to help underserved communities get to our location for free. Please inquire about transportation grants.

Educational Emphasis



Our curriculum is designed to meet the Next Generation Science Standards at each grade level. 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, turret 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.

“The students unanimously agreed that this was the best hike and their favorite field trip all year! Huddart Hikes led by our expert docents brought to life our science standards in the most engaging way possible... I loved the docents, their attention to science, their expertise, and their love of engaging inquiry.” Linda Tran, Connect Community Charter 2nd grade teacher.

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Friends of Huddart
& Wunderlich Parks

We look forward to hiking with you!

