

## Environmental Topics



What's exciting for young people to see and learn at Point Lobos?

- Learn the difference between sea lions, harbor seals and sea otters and touch the pelts of all three mammals.
- Hike through a forest of Monterey pines and learn how the pine cone seed becomes a tree.
- Learn about and see brown pelicans, western gulls, Brandt's and pelagic cormorants, turkey vultures, white-crowned sparrows, red-shouldered hawks, western scrub-jays and acorn woodpeckers.
- Learn about the history of the Ohlones, the first explorers and settlers at Point Lobos.
- Experience the three different environments: coastal scrub zone, marine and forest environments.
- Depending on the season and availability of various flora, docents will point out the following: wood mint plant, lace lichen, poison oak, sticky monkey flower, sagebrush, coyote bush and California poppy.



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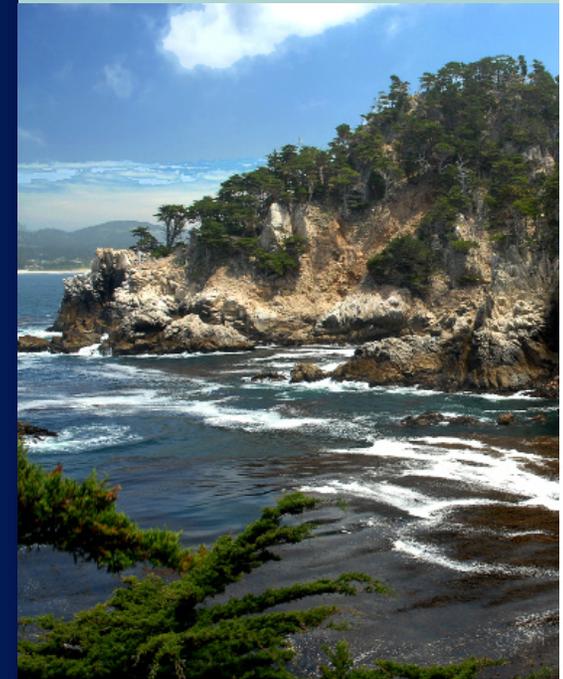
## LOCATION

Point Lobos State Natural Reserve is located on the central coast of California in Monterey County. The entrance is located three miles south of Carmel on Highway 1.

*Point Lobos State Natural Reserve*

## A Nature Program for Young People

Experiencing and  
Exploring Point Lobos



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# Experiencing the wonders of Point Lobos



"Sea Otters" photo by Chuck Bancroft

## Program Goal

Our goal is to provide a hands on interactive nature program for young people in the fourth grade. We strive to instill the enjoyment, appreciation and awareness of our natural environment and to practice and foster a conservation ethic. Point Lobos volunteer docents will greet you and lead students on the trail walk.

## Program Components

- A 90 minute docent guided walk through pine and cypress forests, marine environments and a coastal scrub zone.
- A classroom presentation provided by a Point Lobos docent at your school site.
- The opportunity to see and touch animal pelts and skeletons.
- Docents with telescopes stationed at scenic outlooks allow students to get up close views of sea lions and other animals. Access to telescopes depends on the availability of docents.

## To Request this Program

Application process and to request additional information contact Melissa Gobell, Park Interpretive Specialist, at (831) 625-1470 or [melissa.gobell@parks.ca.gov](mailto:melissa.gobell@parks.ca.gov).

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