

We look forward
to working together
to promote your students
appreciation for nature.



Crystal Cove State Park participates in the PORTS (Parks Online Resources for Teachers and Students) project, which is a collaborative effort between public schools and California State Parks. By using the Digital California Project (a high speed network connecting California's public schools,) park staff and volunteers use PORTS to deliver live videoconference presentations to classrooms from parks throughout the state.

Visit www.parks.ca.gov, and click on "adventures in learning" for more information about this exciting educational program.



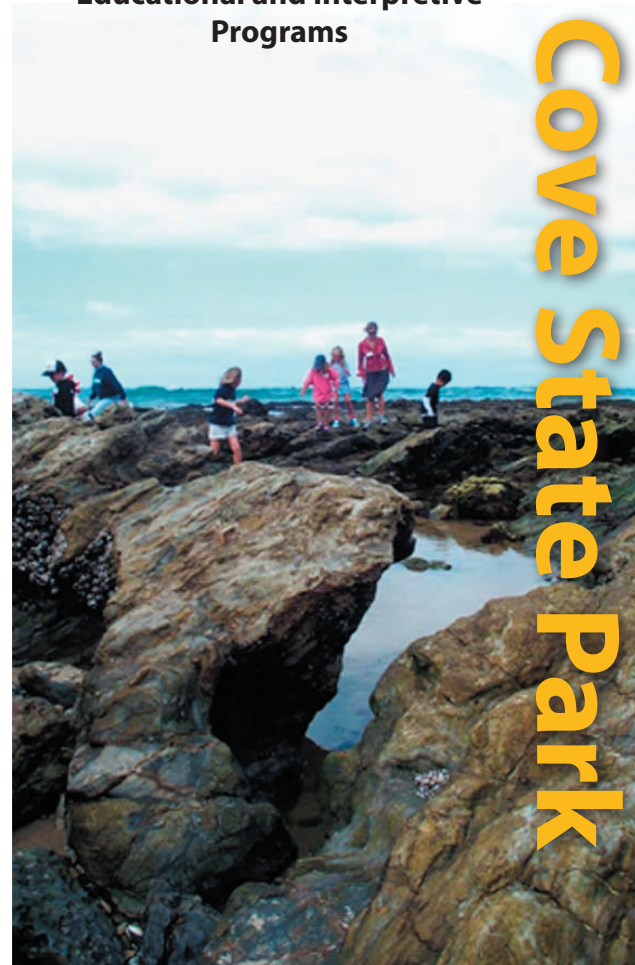
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PARKS AS CLASSROOMS



Educational and Interpretive Programs



Crystal Cove State Park

Nowhere do we see the love for
the outdoors more clearly than in the eyes of children.

It is our obligation, therefore, to teach our kids how to protect and preserve our fragile environment. Crystal Cove State Park provides an ideal place for children to learn about their natural world. A primary goal of California State Parks is to promote an understanding of nature and the bountiful resources found in "our own backyard."

Crystal Cove State Park

Crystal Cove State Park is an isolated jewel surrounded by urban development. We offer 3.5 miles of unencumbered coastline and 18 miles of backcountry trails for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding.

"Parks as Classrooms" consists of fourteen programs. Our programs are curriculum based drawing from the areas of **Science, Ecology, History, and Social Studies.**

We are able to customize programs so they compliment the unit of study being presented in the classroom.



These programs are available for a nominal fee and are intended to enhance environmental studies and the particular resources of our area.

Understanding
Nature...



Additionally, we are also available for educational backcountry hikes and beach walks. Both tours follow a three mile trail, last about two hours, and incorporate the basic principles of ecology.

Crystal Cove State Park is delighted to offer these educational opportunities. Please refer to the program descriptions to determine which best suits your classroom needs.



Parks as Classrooms



Marine Mammals

Students learn about marine mammal adaptations, feeding strategies, migration of whales and effects of marine pollution through hands on demonstrations.



Unhuggables

This program helps to eliminate the negative stereotypes placed on valuable animals like skunks, sharks, spiders, and rattlesnakes.



Native Americans

Join us on a guided backcountry hike to touch, smell, and even taste some of the plants used by the local native people for food, medicine, clothing, tools, and recreational items.

Watersheds and Marine Debris



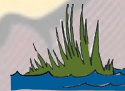
The beach is not a giant ashtray! What goes up must come down! This program focuses on the devastation of the marine environment due to pollution, including trash, oil spills and household chemicals.



Endangered Species

In this program we discuss the major threats facing animals and plants due to human activities such as habitat destruction, pollution, and overharvesting.

Coastal Wetlands



Wetlands are critical to the environment by serving as fish breeding habitats, bird resting spots and flood control. This program introduces the importance of wetlands using metaphors and matching games.



Migration

Gray whales swim nearly 12,000 miles to mate and have their babies. Some monarch butterflies travel 4,000 miles to the forest near Mexico City to spend their winter. This program enlightens students about how these two animals make the longest migrations known in the mammal and insect worlds.

Bugs, Bats, and Butterflies



Students will discover the important roles these organisms play in pollination and insect control through the use of specimens and stories.

Tidepools



Gentle exploration of the tidepools allows children to learn about the magnificent invertebrates that rely on the rise and fall of the tides to provide them with food, shelter, and space.



Nocturnal Creatures

Hear the howl of a coyote, the hoot of an owl, and the purr of a bobcat. We'll discuss how bats find food in the dark of the night through echolocation, how mountain lions silently stalk their prey, and what might cause a skunk to spray.

Adaptations



Learn fascinating facts about how some of our local animals have learned to survive in their environment. We use costumes, taxidermed animals, skulls and pelts.



Historic District Walk

Tour this colorful community of 46 cottages built in the 1920's and 1930's to learn the area's history of filmmaking, Japanese truck farming, and the tent camping era.

Critters of Crystal Cove



Children love this program in which taxidermed animals, pelts, puppets, and bones are used to discuss food chains, biodiversity, defense mechanisms, and conservation.



Birds

We implement a fun interactive game to explain bird beaks and feeding strategies. Survival and defense mechanisms are also discussed by displaying bones, feathers, and taxidermed animals.