

ELKHORN SLOUGH FIELD WORKSHOP

As one of the largest areas of tidal wetland in the state of California, the Elkhorn Slough provides critical wetland habitat to an enormous diversity of wildlife. More than 7,000 acres of protected land creates a sanctuary for over 340 species of bird. The Reserve itself includes 1,400 acres dedicated to scientific research, environmental education, and conservation with 5 miles of hiking trails and an award-winning Visitor Center.

As part of a network of National Estuarine Research Reserves, Elkhorn Slough's educators participate in a variety of programs, including Coastal Training Programs and Teacher Training Workshops to promote the conservation of this unique habitat and to encourage scientific investigation and research.

This workshop will be lead by educators from the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and the Sea Grant program at University of Southern California. Come join us at the slough for a day of interactive, hands on activities on the topics of restoration, marine invasive species, water quality testing, birding and more! Get outside and explore while learning a variety of activities to use with your students. Participants will leave Asilomar conference grounds at 8:30 a.m. and will return at 5:30 p.m. and a box lunch is included.

Workshop date: Thursday, July 2, 2009

Departure time: 8:15 a.m.
Phoebe Hearst Social Hall, Asilomar Conference Grounds
Please be on time! We need to leave promptly at 8:30 a.m.

Return time: 5:15 p.m.

Hiking: The workshop includes activities that will take place along the hiking trails at Elkhorn Slough. The trails are well maintained and not strenuous to hike, however, we will be hiking approximately 2 miles so please be prepared and dress appropriately. If you are concerned about accessibility, please contact us as accommodations may be available.

Clothing: Weather at Elkhorn Slough can be unpredictable. To fully enjoy the workshop, we suggest the following: dress in layers and bring a hat, sunglasses, flat closed-toed shoes or hiking boots, windproof jacket and sunscreen. We recommend bringing a daypack with you on the trail.

Food: Asilomar will provide a lunch-to-go and have water coolers at Phoebe Hearst Social Hall. We suggest bringing a filled water bottle so you have water readily accessible at all times. NMEA staff will pack coolers with lunches and load them prior to departure.

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