



ADVENTURES WITH NATURE NOVEMBER 2017

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Date	Day	Time	*LOC	*SC	Adventure	Presenter
2	Thu	9:30 am	MdO		Hike the Coon Creek Loop	Bardeen, Kirkhart, Reifel, Renshaw
3	Fri	10:00 am	MB		Birds of Land and Sea at Morro Rock	Rouvaishyana & Van Dees
3	Fri	3:30 pm	MB		Explore the Tide Pools at Corallina Cove	Paul O'Connor
4	Sat	10:00 am	PB	♻	Art In The Park - A Brush with the Butterflies	Docents & Staff
4	Sat	11:00 am	MB		White's Point Vistas	Norma Wightman
4	Sat	3:30 pm	MB		Windy Cove Mud and Tide Pools	Faylla Chapman
5	Sun	3:30 pm	MdO		Intertidal Life at Hazard Reef	Faylla Chapman
6	Mon	10:00 am	MdO	♻	Montaña de Oro Bluff Nature Walk	Paul O'Connor
11	Sat	10:00 am	MB		Birding for Beginners - Part 2 (S.P. Marina)	Karen Watts & Robbie Revel
11	Sat	10:00 am	PB	♻	Oceano's Beavers: Adorable Wildlife or Destructive Pests?	Dan Green
14	Tue	10:00 am	MdO		Hike the Reservoir Flat Trail	Bardeen, Kirkhart, Reifel, Renshaw
15	Wed	10:00 am	MB	♻	Birding the Boardwalk	Robbie & Bob Revel
17	Fri	10:00 am	MB		Birds of Land and Sea at Morro Rock	Claudia Freitas & Robbie Revel
17	Fri	2:30 pm	MB		Explore the Tide Pools at Corallina Cove	Paul O'Connor
17	Fri	3:00 pm	MB		Windy Cove Mud and Tide Pools	Faylla Chapman
18	Sat	1:00 pm	EB		Discover Estero Bluffs-Human History and Coastal Geology	Mimi Kimball
18	Sat	2:00 pm	MB	♻	Saturday Scientists: Microbiology - Everything You Ever Wanted to Know	Mandy Ward
18	Sat	3:00 pm	MB		Explore the Tide Pools at Corallina Cove	Paul O'Connor
19	Sun	10:00 am	LO		Los Osos Oaks Reserve	Faylla Chapman
19	Sun	2:00 pm	MB	♻	Discover Hidden Life in the Morro Bay Estuary	Karen Watts
21	Tue	9:00 am	MB		Songbirds in the Pines	Claudia Freitas & Karen Watts
24	Fri	11:00 am	MdO		Living History: Pecho Ranch in 1919.....	Kathy Flock
24	Fri	1:00 pm	MB	♻	Salt Marsh to Mudflats	Faylla Chapman
26	Sun	10:00 am	EB		Estero Bluff Rocks	Norma Wightman and Nancy Dickenson
27	Mon	10:00 am	MdO		Discover Treasures of Montaña de Oro - Reservoir Flats, Part 2	Petrea White
28	Tue	10:00 am	MB	♻	Birding the Boardwalk	Claudia Freitas & Bob Revel
30	Thu	12:30 pm	MdO		Treasuring Tide Pools	Sally Krenn

* **LOCation Codes:** EB - Estero Bluffs, HH - Harmony Headlands, LO - Los Osos, MB - Morro Bay, MdO - Montaña de Oro, MS - Morro Strand
NC - North Coast, OF - Oso Flaco, PB - Pismo Beach, SLO - San Luis Obispo

* **SC - Special Codes:** ♻ - Adventure accessible by wheelchair ; **New!** - New event added to the AWN calendar
(Adventure Descriptions on the Reverse Side)

SPECIAL EVENTS!

Art in the Park - A Brush with the Butterflies: Join us for this community event as we welcome the monarchs back to Pismo! There will be food, art, music, raffles, sales, free drawings and monarch butterflies. Free family event. November 4, 10 am-4pm. Pismo Beach Monarch Butterfly Grove, Highway 1, one mile south of the city of Pismo Beach.



Pismo Monarch Butterfly Grove: The Pismo Monarch Butterfly Grove is open daily from 10 AM to 4 PM and docent-led talks are given each day at 11 AM and 2 PM. Free family fun. Handicap accessible.

Oceano Dunes District Visitor Center: Thurs-Sun, Noon to 4 pm. Displays of the Pismo State Park and other State Parks areas, information on Dunites, Off-road vehicles and areas, Butterflies and a small nature store. Located on Pier Avenue, in the Oceano Campground. For more information call 805-474-2667.

Spoooner Ranch House: Open daily, 11am - 2pm, bad weather will cancel. In Montaña de Oro State Park, above Spoooner's Cove. Historical ranch house, Spoooner history, nature displays.

ADVENTURE DESCRIPTIONS

Everyone is welcome, but no dogs, please. All times are approximate. Rain cancels outdoor activities

Art In the Park - A Brush with the Butterflies ☼

A free community event to welcome the return of the Monarch butterflies back to the Pismo Butterfly Grove. There will be food, art, music, a raffle, sales and fun! The event benefits education and interpretation in our local State Parks. Pismo Butterfly Grove, Highway 1 (455 S. Dolliver, Pismo Beach).

Birding for Beginners - Part 2 (S.P. Marina)

In the field, practice using skills introduced in Birding for Beginners - Part 1. Review making quality observations, using binoculars and spotting scopes, and exploring resources available for ongoing skill building. Participation in Part 1 helpful but not required. Park close to east end of Morro Bay State Park Bayside marina parking lot. Family event, easy walk, 1 mile, 2 hours.

Birding the Boardwalk ☼

Enjoy a stroll while identifying shorebirds and more. Beginning birders welcome. Bring binoculars and field guide. Dress for wind/weather. Park close to east end of Morro Bay State Park Bayside marina parking lot. 1 mile, 1.5 hours.

Birds of Land and Sea at Morro Rock

Observe cormorants, pelicans, and various species and age classes of gulls. Watch for resident Peregrine falcons over the Rock and sea birds in the channel. Dress for wind/weather; bring binoculars and a field guide. Meet near the chain link fencing at the base of Morro Rock, in the northwest corner of the large parking lot.

Discover Estero Bluffs-Human History and Coastal Geology

Walk along the Bluffs to discover ancient proof of geologic forces that shaped our coastline. The Chumash culture and proof of their presence will be shown. Along the way we might observe marine mammals and birds. Meet at the Fig Tree Parking Lot. One mile north of Cayucos. Easy hike. Wear layers. 1-2 miles: 1 - 1 1/2 hours.

Discover Hidden Life in the Morro Bay Estuary ☼

Learn about some of our planet's most fascinating, seldom seen life-forms. A video-microscope will be used to look at the life that exists in a single drop of water. Meet at the Morro Bay Museum of Natural History. Talk, 1 hour.

Discover Treasures of Montaña de Oro - Reservoir Flats, Part 2

Pass through a variety of coastal ecosystems and enjoy ocean views and lush creek-side greenery, looking for wildflowers. Dress for wind/weather, wear sturdy shoes and bring water. Meet at the Spooner Ranch House in Montaña de Oro. Active hike, chance of poison oak, 1.7 miles, 2 hours.

Estero Bluff Rocks

See the mix of tortured rocks (sedimentary, metamorphic and volcanic) that tectonic forces spewed up along this scenic section of coastline. Bring binoculars and water; wear sturdy beach shoes and layered clothing. Meet in dirt parking lot one mile north of the end of divided section of Hwy 1, north of Cayucos. Moderate hike but short, steep path to beach. 2 miles. 2 hrs.

Explore the Tide Pools at Corallina Cove

Learn some local history while walking the bluffs looking for sea birds, whales, seals and otters. Explore the tide pools of Corallina Cove at low tide. Wear sturdy shoes, dress for wind/weather, and bring binoculars. Meet at Bluff Trailhead, about 100 yards south of Spooner Ranch House in Montaña de Oro. Active hike, chance of poison oak, 2 miles, 2 hours.

Hike the Coon Creek Loop

Hike up to the ridge and then down into Coon Creek. Bring water and wear sturdy walking shoes. Meet in Montaña de Oro State Park at the end of the Pecho Road in the Coon Creek parking lot. Moderate hike, chance of poison oak, 3 miles, 2 hours.

Hike the Reservoir Flat Trail

Walk through the chaparral into the riparian zone near Islay Creek. Enjoy the view back to Spooner's Cove and the ocean. Then stroll through the shady woods. Meet at the Visitor's Center, Montaña de Oro State Park. Moderate hike, 2.5 miles, 1.5 - 2 hours. Chance of poison oak.

Intertidal Life at Hazard Reef

Learn some geology while walking through coastal scrub and sand dunes to see seaweeds and marine animals. Dress in layers and wear non-skid shoes that can get wet. Meet in Hazard Canyon parking lot, on West side of road, 1.6 miles south of Montaña de Oro park entrance. Look for announcement board. Active hike, chance of poison oak, 1 mile, 3 hours.

Living History: Pecho Ranch in 1919

Visit the Spooner Ranch House in 1919 with Katie Spooner leading the tour. Katie will talk about the making of The Pecho Ranch and Spooner family history. Meet in the Spooner Ranch House in Montaña de Oro. Easy, with chairs available for sitting. 1 hour.

Los Osos Oaks Reserve

Enjoy a shaded stroll through ancient forest. See native plants and evidence of Chumash habitation. Learn colorful historical background. Dress for wind/weather. Meet at Reserve entrance, 0.7 miles east of South Bay Blvd. on Los Osos Valley Road. Easy walk, chance of poison oak, 1 mile, 1.5 hours.

Montaña de Oro Bluff Nature Walk ☼

Take a pleasant hike along the bluffs for the magnificent views and look for wildlife. Dress for wind/weather and bring binoculars. Meet at Bluff Trailhead, about 100 yards south of Spooner Ranch House in Montaña de Oro. Active hike, chance of poison oak, 2 miles, 3 hours.

Oceano's Beavers: Adorable Wildlife or Destructive Pests? ☼

Discover the beaver's physical adaptations, their role in our country's westward expansion, why they were hunted, and their local history. Search for evidence of their activities during a short walk. Dress for wind/weather with comfortable shoes. Bring insect repellent and water: binoculars a plus. Meet at Oceano Dunes Visitor Center, Guiton Hall Meeting Rm, Oceano Campground, 555 Pier Avenue, Oceano.

Salt Marsh to Mudflats ☼

Walk the State Park Marina Peninsula boardwalk to learn the history of the salt marsh and the plants and animals living in this specialized environment. Dress for wind/weather and mud. Bring binoculars. Park close to east end of Bayside marina parking lot or across the street at MB campground restrooms. Easy walk, 0.5 miles, 2 hours.

Saturday Scientists: Microbiology - Everything You Ever Wanted to Know ☼

Do you think of bacteria as nothing but nasty diseases and bad smells? Be prepared to think again. Each one of us is a super-organism composed of both human and bacterial cells. Come meet some of your good bacteria, and learn how they keep you healthy and you can keep them healthy. We will talk about probiotics and prebiotics, the difference between bacteria, yeast and viruses, and the essential role they play in the environment. Meet at the Morro Bay Museum of Natural History auditorium, family event, 1 hour.

Songbirds in the Pines

Walk through pine woods and along the edges of Morro Bay State Park where it adjoins the golf course, the ends of streets, and private yards. Expect to see woodpeckers, songbirds, and birds of prey. Wear comfortable walking shoes and a hat. Bring binoculars and your bird guidebook, but leave spotting scopes at home. Moderate walking with some hills, at a slow pace. Expect some poison oak. No facilities nearby. Meet at the end of Laloma St., off Quintana Blvd. in Morro Bay. About 1.5 miles, 2 hours.

Treasuring Tide Pools

Gaze into a tide pool and view an entire working ecosystem while learning the rules of tide pool etiquette. Also learn about the coastal sage scrub community and geology of the area. Wear closed-toed shoes that one can get wet. Meet at the Bluff Trailhead, about 100 yards south of the Spooner Ranch House in Montaña de Oro State Park. Chance of poison oak. 2-2.5 hours.

White's Point Vistas

Enjoy a short, steep walk to view the estuary, home to hundreds of marine and terrestrial animals. Learn about the forces creating and changing this watery world. Dress for wind/weather. Meet at the Morro Bay Museum of Natural History. Moderate walk, 0.5 miles, 0.75 hours.

Windy Cove Mud and Tide Pools

Walk to Windy Cove below the Museum learning about the plants, the mud and the organisms that inhabit the mud and the rocks around the cove. Dress for the weather and wear shoes that can get muddy; no bare feet. Meet at the "Nature Walk" sign in front of the Morro Bay Museum of Natural History. Easy family walk, 1-2 hour.

Art in the Park-A Brush with the Butterflies
Saturday, November 4, 2017
10am - 4pm

