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**Oceano Dunes Visitor Center**  
**Feathers: What Plumage Tells us about the Lives of Birds.**  
Highway 1. Free event, parking is limited.  
Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year. $3 admission, CCSPA members and under 17 are free. Special exhibit–

Join us on Sat, Feb 1 from 11 am - 2 pm as we celebrate the Monarch Butterfly. The event will include holiday talks from 10 am - 4 pm, with talks at 11 am and 2 pm.

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*LOCation Codes: AG-Arroyo Grande, CDC-Coastal Discovery Center, EB-Estero Bluffs, GB-Grover Beach, HH-Harmony Headlands, LO-Los Osos, MB-Morro Bay, MdO-Montañoa de Oro, MS-Morro Strand, NC-North Coast, OC-Oceanos, OF-Oso Flaco, PB-Pismo Beach, SLO- San Luis Obispo

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Monarch Butterfly Grove: The Monarch Butterflies are overwintering in the Monarch Butterfly Grove in Pismo Beach. The Monarch Butterfly Grove is staffed Monday through Friday from 11 am - 2 pm, with a talk at noon each day. Weekends and holidays from 10 am - 4 pm, with talks at 11 am and 2 pm.

Western Monarch Day: Join us on Sat, Feb 1 from 11 am - 2 pm as we celebrate the Monarch Butterfly. The event will include crafts and activities for all ages. Rain will cancel the event. Meet at the Pismo Monarch Grove, 1 mile south of Pismo Beach on Highway 1. Free event, parking is limited.

Morro Bay Museum of Natural History: 20 State Park Road, Morro Bay 93442. Open every day, 10 am to 5 pm, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year. $3 admission, CCSPA members and under 17 are free. Special exhibit–Fantastic Feathers: What Plumage Tells us about the Lives of Birds. More info: call 805-772-2694.

Mind Walk Series: Every Monday morning from January to the end of March, a presentation of local interest is given at the Inn at Morro Bay from 10:15 am to approximately 11:30. CCSPA members at Otter level and above are free, all others $3. 1.5 hours.

Ocean Dunes Visitor Center: Open daily. Noon to 4 pm. The exhibits highlight the Oceano Dunes District’s natural and cultural resources; visitors learn about Chumash culture, the famous Pismo clams, dune habitat, shorebirds, the history of off-highway vehicles and the Dunites. Located at 555 Pier Ave, Oceano 93445 (in the Oceano Campground). For more information, please call 805-474-2664.

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

Coastal Discovery Center: Hours are 11 am to 5 pm, Fri, Sat and Sun. San Simeon State Park, Hwy 1, San Simeon.
BIRDING ADVENTURES – Estero Bluffs: Explore the habitats of Estero Bluffs to observe the variety of bird species in the area; habitats include grasslands, rocky outcrops, and open ocean. Bring binoculars, water, hat and sunscreen. Dress for wind/weather. On Hwy 1 north of Cayucos, meet and park 0.8 miles after road goes from 4 lanes to 2 lanes; parking lot is at the top of the hill after passing the windmill on ocean side of Hwy 1. Hike is 1.5 miles, 2 hours.

Birding for Beginners - Part 1: Learn about the skills needed to master birding as a hobby. Practice making observations, learn to use binoculars and spotting scopes, ask questions about resources available for ongoing skill building. Binoculars helpful but not necessary. An outdoor walk will follow a discussion in the Museum’s Learning Center. Meet at the Morro Bay Museum of Natural History, 1-2 hours

Birding the Boardwalk: Enjoy a stroll while identifying shorebirds and more. Beginning birders welcome. Bring binoculars and field guide. Park close to east end of Morro Bay State Park Bayside marina parking lot. 1 mile, 1.5 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 auditorium, 1 hour

Drawn to Nature: Watch a “how to” demo on nature journaling—then try your hand at sketching either indoors or outdoors (weather dependent). Bring a pencil, eraser, sketchbook, and layered clothing. No experience required. Ages 7 and up. Meet at the Museum of Natural History, 20 State Park Rd., Morro Bay. Bring binoculars. Free parking is available. Moderate walk, 2 miles, 2 hours.

Eucalyptus – Beauty or Beast?: Love it or hate it? Can’t decide? Walk through a grove in Montaña de Oro (MDO) and learn the history, biology, pros and cons, and uses of these trees. Then decide for yourself! Enjoy the drive with the light filtering through the groves, trees and bark, to meet at the Hazard Canyon parking lot, on west side, 1.6 miles from the MDO park entrance. Easy walk, 0.5 miles, 2 hours.

History of the Oceano Dunes: Geology, History and People: The Oceano Dunes have been used by people for thousands of years. Learn about dune formation, the Chumash, Spanish Explorers, early settlers and the Dunesites. Drive south on Hwy 1 toward Guadalupe. After passing Trilogy turn right on Oso Flaco Road. Drive to the end and park in the parking lot. Parking passes will be provided. An easy, mostly wheelchair accessible, 2.5 mile round trip walk. 2 – 3 hours.

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. 2-3 hours.

Mind Walks – The Coastal Discovery Center at San Simeon Cove for the following field trips and presentations, free to the public. Call or text 805-801-0773 to reserve a space and leave a call-back number.

Mind Walk – Great White Sharks: Chris Lowe will talk about the myths, misconceptions and realities of great white sharks off the Central and Southern California coasts. Meet at the Coastal Discovery Center at San Simeon Cove for the following field trips and presentations, free to the public. Call or text 805-801-0773 to reserve a space and leave a call-back number.

Mind Walk – A Tour of the Cactus of the Colorado Plateau: Rob Skillin will discuss two little-known genera of American cacti found on the Colorado Plateau: Pedocactus and Schielerocactus. Learn about the plants that these are, where they are found and their adaptations for survival. Meet at the Coastal Discovery Center at San Simeon Cove for the following field trips and presentations, free to the public. Call or text 805-801-0773 to reserve a space and leave a call-back number.

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Mind Walk – Ignace Jan Paderewski on the Central Coast:

Marjorie Harmon and Melody Mullis give a brief overview of the life of Paderewski, focusing on the impacts of this pianist, performer, statesman and ambassador. His influence on agriculture and local legend will be discussed. Meet at the Coastal Discovery Center at San Simeon Cove for the following field trips and presentations, free to the public. Call or text 805-801-0773 to reserve a space and leave a call-back number.

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