

The Discovery Series invites members to experience Crystal Cove State Park in a deeper, more intentional way. These beginner-friendly, educator-led “101” experiences are designed to help you slow down, look closer, and return with a growing sense of confidence and connection.

Through these small-group experiences, members don’t just explore the park—they become more connected to it, and to the work of protecting it.



Birding 101

Learn the basics of identifying birds and observing habitats at Crystal Cove State Park. Develop a sharper awareness of movement, sound, and seasonality, so each visit reveals more.



Tidepooling 101

Discover the rich life along the shoreline through guided, hands-on exploration. Learn to identify intertidal species while practicing responsible, low-impact exploration.



Nature Photography 101

Capture the landscape with intention. Learn foundational techniques that help you notice light, composition, and detail in new ways.



Hiking 101

Build confidence on the trails with guidance on pacing, navigation, and environmental awareness. Designed to help you explore Crystal Cove State Park more comfortably.



Backpacking 101

Get introduced to the essentials of backpacking—from gear basics to trip planning. A supportive starting point for taking your first overnight adventure.

The Discovery Series is offered exclusively for members, with advance email notifications and registration for each experience.