

Come and Share the Wonders Point Lobos Easy Access Adventure!



Visitors of all abilities are invited to experience the Easy Access Trails at Point Lobos. You are welcome to tour at your own pace, whether you walk fast or slowly, are pushing a stroller or walker, using a cane or wheelchair. Docents with scopes, binoculars, otter pelts, photos, and more will be stationed along the trails to make Point Lobos come alive!

We also have a presentation that we can bring to your group and/or staff. Be sure to see the information regarding applying for FREE entry, which is made possible by a generous grant from the Point Lobos Foundation.

Our events are usually on the 1st Wednesday and 3rd Thursday each month. Here is the schedule through March, but know that you can plan for later dates as well. **Please note that Sea Lion Point is undergoing renovation, and we are using Bird Island Trail for all of our events until June.**

All listed events are from 10am to noon, at Bird Island

Wednesday, March 4

Wednesday, April 1

Wednesday, May 6

Thursday, February 20

Thursday, March 19

Thursday, April 16

Thursday, May 21

Highlights at Sea Lion Point - California Sea Lions, Harbor Seals, Otters, Pelicans, Gulls and Cormorants - Whales in migration - ADA flat trail

Highlights at Bird Island - Nesting Brandt's & Pelagic Cormorants, Black-crowned Night Herons, Pelicans and Gulls, Harbor Seals (pups April & May), Otters, Whales in migration - ADA trail up a short hill and then level

For more information, see www.pointlobos.org - or contact Melissa Gobell, Docent Program Coordinator at melissa.gobell@parks.ca.gov or (831) 625-1470

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COME AND EXPLORE WITH US!

POINT LOBOS EASY ACCESS ADVENTURE!

Thanks to a generous grant by the Point Lobos Foundation, we are now offering free entry to many organizations! Please see the attached application form.

Since its founding in 1933, Point Lobos State Natural Reserve has been a favored destination for visitors from all over the world. Visitors with mobility issues can also come and share the wonders of Point Lobos with the help of our **Easy Access Adventure** program. All visitors are welcome including those using canes, wheelchairs or individuals with other challenges. On our Easy Access Adventure days, docents are stationed along designated trails with scopes, binoculars, otter pelts and more to make Point Lobos come alive!

The upper plateau **at Sea Lion Point** is flat and 90 feet above the water. **Headland Cove** and **Sand Hill Cove** are prominent and spectacular. There are two wheel chair accessible benches on the trail for relaxation and wildlife viewing. Look for otters and harbor seals.

The **Carmelo Meadow Trail** is flat and begins just past the Entrance Kiosk. The **Granite Point Trail** begins in front of the Whalers Cabin Museum. The two trails intersect at Whalers Cove and continue on to Coal Chute Point. The views of Whalers Cove and Carmel Bay are outstanding. During the nesting season great blue herons are seen at Coal Chute Point building their huge nests in the tops of the pine trees. In April, harbor seals give birth just below our Whalers Cabin Museum, and raise their pups there through May.

Our **Bird Island Trail** is a spectacular six-tenths of a mile round-trip trail, passing above gorgeous China Cove and Gibson Beach. A variety of birds are seen on Bird Island including cormorants and black-crowned night-herons. Many egrets and gulls forage in the cove. This path goes up an ADA approved short hill and is then level. The harbor seals also give birth at China Cove in April, and raise their pups there through May.

Three push-type wheelchairs are available for use. One is located at the Entrance Kiosk, one at the Information Station, and one is available by calling the Entrance Kiosk at (831) 624-4909. Point Lobos is located 2.2 miles south of Carmel on Highway 1.

Please contact us if you are planning to bring a group. Entry is \$10 (\$9 for seniors) for autos and vans up to 9 passengers, \$50 for small buses carrying from 10 - 24 passengers. Entrance fee discount cards for visitors with disabilities are available at the Monterey District Office (831) 649-2836, which allow a car to enter the Reserve for \$5.00. More information is available at www.pointlobos.org and <http://access.parks.ca.gov/parkininfo.asp?park=182>.

Hope you plan a visit to Point Lobos for our Easy Access Adventure days, and also please post the attached flyer at your facility. In addition, our docents can bring a video and a PowerPoint presentation to your facility.



**EASY ACCESS ADVENTURE
ENTRANCE FEE GRANT APPLICATION
2020**

The Point Lobos Foundation offers grants to cover the cost of entering Point Lobos for the Easy Access Adventures Program. If cost is a prohibitive factor for you, we encourage you to apply for one of these grants.

- **Need based.** Funds are limited and must be targeted to those who are most likely to benefit.
- Eligible for groups attending a weekday Easy Access Adventure Program.
- Maximum participants per visit is 30. Maximum number of vehicles/vans is five or one bus.
- Available to organizations in Monterey County only.
- **Applications must be received and approved at least one week prior to the visit date.**

AGENCY OR FACILITY INFORMATION:

Name _____

Phone Number: _____ Day of Cell # _____

Email _____

Street Address, City, Zip _____

Contact Name _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Requested visit Date _____ How many participants? _____

How many vehicles? _____ Private vehicles _____ Van (less than 10 people) _____ Small Bus (10-24 people) _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

REMINDER: Applications for entrance fee waiver must be received and approved one week in advance of the visit date.

Return application by fax to Melissa Gobell, Docent Coordinator, at (831) 624-9265 or scan and return to Melissa.gobell@parks.ca.gov

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Gobell by phone at (831) 625-1470.

STATE APPROVAL:

Signature _____ Date _____