



**FRIENDS OF
BALLONA
WETLANDS**

EXPLORE BALLONA!

Environmental Education Field Trips

Friends of Ballona Wetlands offers **Explore Ballona!** as a complete environmental education journey. From a pre-visit lesson, to a hands-on field trip, to post-visit concluding lesson, this experience will help students become environmental stewards. These programs have age appropriate activities that correlate to grade specific NGSS and History/Social Science Standards. Help your students grow their understanding of the natural world and their role in it through **Explore Ballona!**

Explore Ballona! FAQs

How long is the field trip?

Typical tours are 1.5-2.5 hours.

What is the cost?

We ask for an honorarium of \$5/person but inability to pay will NOT affect the tour.

How many students may I bring?

We can accommodate 60 people (students and adults) per field trip. Larger groups must schedule multiple days.

What should my students bring?

All tour participants need to wear close-toed shoes and should bring water and a jacket.

Can my tour include restoration?

Restoration projects can be included in tours but is recommended for 3rd grade and up.

How many chaperones?

For younger groups, we ask for at least 2 adults per class but no more than 4 per class.

Do you offer bus scholarships?

Friends of Ballona Wetlands is proud to provide a limited number of bus scholarships each year upon request.

Where can we eat lunch after the tour?

Local parks are within a 5 minute walk with restrooms and grass areas to play.

How do I get pre and post visit lessons?

Lessons may be scheduled at time of field trip confirmation and our staff will come to your classrooms to lead these 30-60 minute lessons.

K

Nature Neighborhoods

Discover what living things need to survive and where they find them at Ballona Wetlands.

Supports NGSS K-LS1-1, K-ESS3-1, K-ESS3-3.

1

Nature Superpowers

Explore plants and animals external structure adaptations and how they help them survive.

Supports NGSS 1-LS1-A, 1-LS1-1.

2

Plants Partners

Dig into how plants and animals help each other through pollination and seed dispersal.

Supports NGSS 2-LS2-A, 2-LS2-2, K-2 ETS1-1.

3

Life Long Ago

Travel through time to discover the historic lifeways of the Gabrielino-Tongva people.

Supports History/Social Science Standards 3.2.

3/4

Adaptations at Home

Uncover the variety of adaptations that help living things survive at Ballona Wetlands.

Supports NGSS 3-LS4-3, 3-LS2-1, 3-LS4-4, 4-LS1-1.

5/MS

Complex Connections

Discover the myriad of ways living and non-living factors interact in wetland ecosystems.

Supports NGSS 5-LS2-1, 5-PS3-1, 5-ESS3-1, MS-LS2-2, MS-LS2-5.

MS/HS

Nature's Power

Investigate how local waterways have impacted both humans and Ballona Wetlands.

Supports NGSS MS-ESS3-2, History/Social Science 4.2-4.4.

MS/HS

Nature's Patterns

Analyze how gravity and tides influence who lives at Ballona Wetlands and how.

Supports NGSS 5-PS2-1, MS ETS1-1

Registration: <https://www.ballonafriends.org/field-trips>

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