

Education Programs

Ranger-led programs, Teacher-led programs, Distance learning opportunities, and the “Reconstructing 1542 and its Legacy” partnership program with the Maritime Museum of San Diego are all free education programs offered through Cabrillo National Monument.

Your Field Trip Experience

Thank you for your interest in the many educational opportunities at Cabrillo National Monument. We’re glad that your class will soon experience one of our education programs.

Cabrillo National Monument contains a wide variety of natural and cultural resources, from the intertidal habitat to coastal chaparral, and from the statue of Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo and the Old Point Loma Lighthouse to the Coastal Defense exhibit. It is our mission to preserve these resources for the use and enjoyment of future generations. There is no better way to do this than to instill in the minds of children the value and importance of special places like our park.

The educational opportunities that the park offers are as varied as the resources that your students will learn about. For the up to date information about our education programs, or to schedule a program that interests you, please visit our website: www.nps.gov/CABR.

Thanks again for your interest in Cabrillo National Monument and we look forward to seeing you at the park!

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Education Department

For reservations, please visit our website:
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Click the “For Teachers” link on the left-hand side of the page.

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Reconstructing 1542 and its Legacy is a dynamic education program that takes place at Spanish Landing and Cabrillo National Monument.

Reconstructing 1542 and its Legacy A Third-Fifth Grade Education Program

In conjunction with the Maritime Museum of San Diego, Cabrillo National Monument is working on the project to build a full-sized, fully functional, and historically accurate replica of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo's flagship, *San Salvador*.

While the ship is under construction, students will have the unique opportunity to participate in a joint education program between Cabrillo National Monument and the Maritime Museum of San Diego. Beginning at the build site, students will learn about the historic meeting between the Kumeyaay Native Americans and the Spanish explorers who entered the bay of San Diego in 1542.

Following this tour of the build site, students will travel to the nearby Cabrillo National Monument, where they will learn more about Cabrillo's 16th century journey of exploration and reflect on its legacy today.

After construction, *San Salvador* will remain on exhibit at the Maritime Museum of San Diego and students will be able to participate in an array of exciting and dynamic education programs.

For more information, please visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/cabr or stop by the Maritime Museum's website at www.sdmaritime.org.

Ranger-led Programs

As an alternative to the Reconstructing 1542 and its Legacy program, teachers are invited to participate in one of four 2-5 grade programs. Programs are offered from 10AM - 11AM and 11:15AM - 12PM, Monday through Friday, for class-sizes of up to 35 students. The programs available include:

The Kumeyaay Supermarket (3-5 grade)

Walk along the Bayside Trail and explore the coastal sage scrub plant community. Students will explore the park's native southern California ecosystem and search for clues of how the Native Americans in the region used plants for medicines, food, clothing, and shelter.

Life in the Intertidal Zone (3-5 grade)

Discover the remarkable plants and animals that live in this intertidal environment. Students study intertidal plant and animal adaptations for survival in this harsh environment.

Growing up in the Old Point Loma Lighthouse (2 grade)

Visit the Old Point Loma Lighthouse and step back in time. Students imagine living the life of the light-keeper and his family in the 1880s.

Life in Coastal Sage Scrub (3-5 grade)

Hike through the native ecosystem of the San Diego area to learn about the local plants and animals and their relationships with each other.

For more information on any of these programs, including reservations, visit: www.nps.gov/CABR

Knobby sea stars are one of the many intertidal animals that students might see during the "Life in the Intertidal Zone" education program, which is offered from January-May.



Living History interpreters present LIVE (Live Interactive Virtual Experience) programs to classrooms across the country and world.

Distance Learning Education Programs

If you have a laptop computer, a projector, speakers, and internet connectivity, but are not able to visit Cabrillo National Monument, then our Distance Learning Programs are the perfect solution. Broadcast over Skype, rangers can explore the tidepools with your class, provide Living History programs about the Old Point Loma Lighthouse or Cabrillo's voyage.

Teacher-led Visits

If you'd rather lead your own class visit to Cabrillo National Monument, consider participating in one of the park's curriculum-based, teacher-led programs. The park will supply you with the materials needed to conduct activities in the park. Please contact Cabrillo National Monument about upcoming teacher workshops to prepare you for these visits.

If you are interested in bringing your class to Cabrillo National Monument without participating in one of the park's teacher-led programs, you are probably still eligible for a fee waiver (to waive the park's entrance fee). Check out the park's website for more information on fee waivers and more details on the rest of the park's education opportunities!

If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Educator at Cabrillo NM, please contact Rick Jenkins at (619)523-4573 or rick_jenkins@nps.gov.

We look forward to your upcoming visit!