

Using Resources to Teach, Inspire and Reconnect

In 2006, over 6,000 students used Point Reyes as an outdoor classroom through our curriculum-based interpretive programs. Additionally, over 34,000 people attended our ranger-led programs geared for all ages. When attendance at visitor centers and other outreach programs are included, over 650,000 visitor contacts were made by the interpretive staff.

One large project that was completed was the fabrication of the forest and grassland sections in the Bear Valley Visitor Center. Staff was able to contract out design and fabrication work of this section of the visitor center that was over 20 years old and included fabrication and cleaning of the Douglas fir, Bishop pine, and alder trees, as well as various taxidermy work.

Additionally, the interpretive panels for the Lighthouse Visitor Center and the courtyard at the Ken Patrick Visitor Center were redesigned.

With the assistance of Discovery Communications Inc. and Bay Nature Institute, the Seashore's Interpretive staff won two national awards from the National Association for Interpretation in the Media Awards competition. Those projects were *Point Reyes: The Point of Kings* DVD and the publication *Out of the Flames*.



Some of the new exhibits installed in the Bear Valley Visitor Center and the *Out of the Flames* publication

