

Field Trip Destinations In the San Francisco Bay Area

Amador County Museum – www.amadorarchives.org/museum.html (925) 223.6386, Pleasanton. The old town hall is refurbished as a museum of the Tri-valley area. Tour appointment needed.

Ano Nuevo State Reserve – www.anonuevo.org (650) 879-0227. Explorer Vizcaino sailed by the point in 1603. Today the area is the site of the largest mainland breeding colony in the world for the northern elephant seal.

Ardenwood Historic Farms – www.ebparks.org/parks/arden.htm (510) 562-PARK, Fremont. Restored 19th-century country estate and working farm.

Asian Art Museum – www.asianart.org (415) 581-3500, San Francisco. In its new location in Civic Center, the museum highlights art and antiquity from Asia.

Audubon Canyon Ranch – www.egret.org (415) 868-9244, Bolinas. Located 3 min. north of Stinson Beach. Self – guided trails and exhibits, group tours available. Visit in spring.

Bay Area Discovery Museum – www.badm.org (415) 487-4398. Indoor and outdoor kinesthetic activities for children.

Bay Model Visitor Center – www.spn.usace.army.mil/bmvc (415) 332-3871, Sausalito. Three-dimensional hydraulic model of the bay and delta.

Benicia Capitol State Building – www.parks.ca.gov (707) 745-3385, Benicia. Built in 1852, the building was served as third state capitol from 1853 to 1854. Restored and furnished in that period.

Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archives – www.bampfa.berkeley.edu (510) 642-0808 Berkeley. Art exhibits and film programs.

Black Diamond Mine Regional Park – www.ebparks.org (925) 757-2620, Antioch. An old coal mine now a mining museum and interpretive site.

Blackhawk Automotive Museum – www.blackhawkmuseum.org (925) 736-2277, Danville. Exhibits of rare and classic autos and a temporary gallery with exhibits of various topics.

Bolinas Museum – www.bolinasmuseum.org (415) 868-0330, Bolinas. Features historic artifacts and contemporary art of Coastal Marin County.

California Academy of Science and Morrison Planetarium – <http://www.calacademy.org> (415) 750.7145. Located in Golden Gate Park. Exhibits on many disciplines of natural history and science. Planetarium features exhibitions of astronomy, and offers space and comic laser concerts.

California State Capitol Museum – www.capitolmuseum.ca.gov (916) 324-0333, Sacramento. The California state capital was built in 1869 and restored in 1976-82.

Cartoon Art Museum – www.cartoonart.org (415) CAR-TOON, San Francisco. Changing exhibitions featuring cartoons and comics.

Chabot Space and Science Center – www.chabotspace.org (510) 336-7300, Oakland. Its new facility, includes a planetarium, telescopes, IMAX theater, and space exhibits.

Children Discovery Museum – www.cdm.org (408)-298-5437, San Jose. Exhibits that help children learn through concrete interactions – touching, exploring, manipulating, and experimenting.

Coit Tower – (415) 362-0808, San Francisco. This memorial to the city's firefighters has WPA murals and a spectacular view.

Coyote Point Museum – www.coyoteptmuseum.org. (650) 342-7755, San Mateo. This museum focuses on environmental education in exhibit and programming.

Coyote Hills Regional Park – www.ebparks.org/parks/coyote.htm (510) 795-9385, Fremont. Explore both natural and cultural history of the East Bay at this regional park.

Crab Cove Visitor Center – www.ebparks.org/parks/crab.htm (510) 521-6887. Crab Cove's exhibit area is closed for renovation, but naturalist programs continue for both school groups and the public.

Crissy Field Center – www.crissyfield.org/html/cfc-prog/index.html (415) 561-7752, San Francisco. Restored shoreline, trails, and education center focusing on the natural and built environments.

Crocker Art Museum – www.crockerartmuseum.org (916) 264-5423, Sacramento. An historic house with art collection from the 18th century to modern times.

Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge – <http://desfbay.fws.gov/> (510) 792-0222, Newark. The first urban National Wildlife Refuge established in the United States. Offers environmental education for teachers and students.

Empire Mine State Historic Park – www.empiremine.org (530) 273-8522, Grass Valley. Relive the gold rush at this historic mine.

Effie Yeaw Nature Center – www.effieyeaw.org (916) 489-4918, Carmichael. An environmental and cultural education center along the American River.

Exploratorium – www.exploratorium.edu (415) 561-0317, San Francisco. The museum of art, science and human perception.

Garin/Dry Creek Pioneer Park – www.ebparks.org/parks/garin.htm (510) 562-PARK, Hayward. Nature area, farm, blacksmith shop, and other historical displays.

Golden Gate National Recreation Area – www.nps.gov/goga San Francisco. Features Alcatraz, Crissy Field, Fort Point, Muir Woods, Point Bonita Lighthouse, and the Presidio.

Grizzly Island Wildlife Area – <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/lands/newsites/wa/region3/grizzlyisland.html> (707) 425-3828, Suisun. Wildlife area with 75 miles of roads and trails and the largest continuous estuarine marsh in the lower forty-eight states.

Hall of Health – www.hallofhealth.org (510) 549-1564, Berkeley. A community health-education museum and science center dedicated to promoting wellness and individual responsibility for health.

Hayward Area Historical Society and Museum – www.haywardareahistory.org (510) 581-0223, Hayward. Permanent local history display, changing exhibits, and research library.

Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center – www.ebparks.org/parks/hayward.htm (510) 652-PARK, Hayward. Miles of shoreline trails and nature center.

Hearst Museum of Anthropology – hearstmuseum.berkeley.edu/ (510) 642-3682, Berkeley. Displays UC Berkeley's anthropological collections.

Jack London State Historic Park – www.parks.sonoma.net/JLPark.html (707) 938-5216, Glen Ellen. Part of the original London estate, this park includes London's grave, the ruins of Wolf House, and Charmian London's House of Happy Walls.

James Fitzgerald Marine Reserve – www.eparks.net/Parks/Fitzgerald (650) 728-3584, San Mateo. This rocky seashore hosts a living community of marine life that is of great interest to visitor and naturalist alike.

Jelly Belly Factory – www.JellyBelly.com (800) 522-3267, Fairfield. Tour the factory where Jelly Bellies are made and get tasty samples.

John Muir National Historic Site – www.nps.gov/jomu/home.html (925) 228-8860, Martinez. Historic site preserves the 14-room mansion where the naturalist John Muir lived from 1890 to his death in 1914.

Lawrence Hall of Science – www.lawrencehallofscience.org (510) 642-5132, Berkeley. Hands on science exhibits and events.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum – www.wildlife-museum.org, (925) 935-1978, Walnut Creek. Connects people with wildlife to inspire responsibility and respect for the world we share. Animals that cannot be released back in to the wild are on display.

Livermore Heritage Guild History Society – www.Lhg.org (925) 449-9927, Livermore. Houses a local history collection in the historic Carnegie Library Building in downtown Livermore.

Los Banos Wildlife Area – www.dfg.ca.gov/lands (209) 704-4772, Los Banos.

Marin Headlands Visitors Center – <http://www.nps.gov/goga/mahe/> (415) 331-1540, Marin Headlands. History from the Miwok Indians to the Military establishments of the seacoast fortifications on the West Coast and much more.

Marine Mammal Center – www.tmmc.org (415) 289.7338, Marine Headlands. Within National Golden Gate Recreation Area, the center provides rehabilitation for rescued marine mammals.

Martinez Museum – www.martinezhistory.org (925) 228-8160, Martinez. Home of the Martinez Historical Society and its collection of local History.

McConaghy Estate – www.haywardareahistory.org (510) 581-0223, Hayward. Restored farmhouse and carriage house from 1886.

Mission Dolores – www.missiondolores.citysearch.com/ (415) 621-8203, San Francisco.

Mission San Jose – (510) 657-1797, Fremont. East bay mission restored. The church is still in service.

Mission San Rafael Archangel – www.californiamissions.com/cahistory/sanrafael.html (415) 456-3016, San Rafael.

Mission Santa Clara – www.scu.edu/visitors/mission/history.html (408) 554-4023, Santa Clara.

Muir Woods National Monument – www.nps.gov/muwo (415) 388-2596, Western Marin County. Redwood groves and beaches.

Museum of Children Art (MOCHA) – www.mocha.org (510) 465-8770, Oakland. Museum of children's art includes studio activities, workshops, and exhibits.

Museum of Paleontology – www.ucmp.berkeley.edu (510) 642-4877, Berkeley. Exhibits and programs about geologic time, diversity of life over time, and evolution.

Oakland Museum Of California – www.museumca.org (510) 238-2200, Oakland. Permanent exhibits in history, art, and natural science, as well as temporary exhibits.

Old Faithful Geysers of California – www.oldfaithfulgeysers.com (707) 942-6463, Calistoga. California's own geyser.

Petrified Forest – www.petrifiedforest.org (707) 942-6667, Calistoga. Trails through groves of petrified redwood trees and meadows.

Randall Junior – www.randallmuseum.org (415) 554-9600, San Francisco. Focusing on the cultures and environments of San Francisco through art and science.

Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum – www.egyptianmuseum.org (408) 947-3635, San Jose. Houses the largest collection of artifacts from Egypt in the western US.

Rotary Natural Science Center – www.oaklandnet.com/parks/facilities/centers_rnc.asp (510) 238-3739, Oakland. The oldest wildlife refuge in the nation, featuring programming about the local environment.

San Francisco Maritime National Park Association and Hyde Street Pier – www.maritime.org/index.htm (415) 561-7100, San Francisco. Ships and subs for tour, and a maritime museum.

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art – www.sfmoma.org (415) 561-7100, San Francisco. Featuring contemporary art – sculpture, painting, photography, media, and mixed media.

Sonoma State Historic Park – www.napanet.net/~sshpa/ (707) 938-1519, Sonoma. This park includes the northern-most Spanish mission, General Vallejo's adobe, and the site of the Bear Flag Revolt.

Steinhart Aquarium – www.calacademy.org/aquarium (415) 750-7145, San Francisco. Aquarium at the California Academy of Sciences.

Sulphur Creek Nature Center – www.hard.dst.ca.us/sulphur_creek.html (510) 881-6747, Hayward. Aviary, nature center, and pet lending library.

Sutter's Fort State Historic Park – www.parks.ca.gov (886) 240-4655, Sacramento. Fort has been restored to reflect 1847.

Tilden Regional Park – www.ebparks.org (510) 562-PARK, Berkeley. Nature area and visitor center, farm, trails, water recreation, botanical gardens and more.

USS Hornet – www.USS-hornet.org (510) 521-8448, Alameda. World War II aircraft carrier and astronaut recovery program for the Apollo 11.

Wells Fargo History Museum – www.wellsfargo.com. (415) 396-2619, San Francisco. Exhibits relating to early San Francisco and the Gold Rush.

Western Aerospace Museum – www.westernaerospacemuseum.org (510) 638-7100, Oakland. An authentic airplane hanger with displays of airplanes and an aviation library.

Western Railway Museum – www.wrm.org (707) 374 – 2978, Rio Vista. Formed by the Bay Area Electric Railroad Association to foster interest in streetcar, interurban, and mainline electric railroad operations.

Winchester Mystery House – www.winchestermysteryhouse.com (408) 247-2000, San Jose. A mysterious 160-room house built by the heiress to the Winchester fortune.

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts – www.yerbabuenaarts.org (415) 978-2710, San Francisco. An eclectic and wide-ranging slate of exciting exhibitions, performances, films and educational programs.

Youth Science Institute – www.ysi-ca.org (408) 356-4945, San Jose. Focuses on nature and the interrelationship with people.