

Natural Bridges State Beach



How interns fit in

Interns at Natural Bridges State Beach will help as needed with the management of invasive species populations at the park. This involves not just the pulling of invasives but the promotion of new native growth by restoration planting and monitoring. Interns are also encouraged to take a part in the education program offered by the State Parks department. This involves attending training sessions where information about the Monarchs, tidepools, plant/animal life, etc. is taught to the Interns. After some training, interns can then lead school field trips and guided tours at the beach. This is an excellent opportunity for those interested in environmental education and working with children.

About the program

Santa Cruz State Parks is a nonprofit organization run by the state which manages recreational opportunities and the conservation of Natural Bridges State Beach. The park is home to a variety of ecosystems including salt and freshwater marshes, sand dunes, coastal grass and scrublands, and a large grove of eucalyptus trees. Monarch butterflies migrating south for winter stop every year at Natural Bridges, finding shelter from harsh winds among the nonnative eucalyptus trees. Natural Bridges is renowned both for the Monarchs and as an excellent place to view tidal life, and schoolchildren from all over the South Bay area commute to Santa Cruz for field trips to Natural Bridges to see both.



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