The interface of land and sea is unique, drawing people for its rich bounty, economic opportunity, recreation and inspiration. Protection of these special places preserves them for use and enjoyment for generations to come.
Services offered …

**Education**
- School groups – over 1,200 students
- Public programs (Science Sats, lec series)
- Docent training/enrichments
- Jr Ranger Guide program (over 2,000)
- Interpretive signage (20)
- Reach 18,000 visitors annually
- Center mural/ interp signage
- 18 MBNMS signs
- Elephant seal interp program
- Update information kiosks

**Wildlife Protection**
- Assist TMMC with animals on beach
- Assist PWC with birds on beach
- Assist partnering researchers
- Teach public MMPA regulations

**Park Safety/ Enhancement**
- Liaison for agencies and NGOs
- Address visitor concerns and emergencies
- Alert CSP to potential public hazards
- Report lost and found items
- Coastal Cleanup events
- CSP Foundation Earth Day Grant projects
- Shore whaling outdoor exhibit
- Native gardens and back education area

**Citizen Science Monitoring**
- CDHS Harmful Algal Bloom
- BeachCOMBERS marine bird and mammal
- LiMPETS Rocky Intertidal
- Beach Cleanups
Operations

½ -time prog. assistant

25 docents

2-5 interns/yr

Park aide 1 day/week

CSP – facilities, admin

10-yr lease renewal
Volunteer of the Year
Discovery Saturdays
Over 6,000 students!
Elephant Seal Ambassador Program
Monitoring - Citizen Science
Docent Enrichments and Trainings
Visitors from OCNMS
Special Events
Movie Night at Hearst Theater
FRIDAY MAY 8TH
California’s Coastal Bottlenose Dolphins
Holly Fearnbach - NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center
Bottlenose dolphins are the most common cetacean in nearshore waters off California. These dolphins have been under continuous study by researchers at NOAA’s Southwest Fisheries Science Center in San Diego since the early 1980s. Come join Holly Fearnbach as she provides the most current information on the life history, population status and human threats to these nomadic dolphins that travel between Baja California and San Francisco Bay.

FRIDAY MAY 15TH
California Condors – the Cambria Connection
Joe Burnett - Ventana Wildlife Society
The California Condor population historically experienced severe losses, prompting the complete removal of the species from the wild in 1987. Come join Joe Burnett as he provides the most current information on the status and health of our central CA condor flock and the important role the coastal environment plays in sustaining our local population. Joe will also provide an update about the upcoming condor releases planned for this summer in the San Simeon region!

FRIDAY MAY 22ND
What Happened to the Pismo Clam?
Grant Waltz - California Polytechnic State University
Populations of Pismo clams have declined since the 1940’s and there has not been a sustainable clam fishery for decades. Come join Grant Waltz as he provides information on the factors leading to this decline, how natural and human factors affect the Pismo clam population and how California Polytechnic State University researchers and California Department of Fish and Wildlife are working together to help inform management decisions that could help to recover Pismo clam populations.

All lectures take place:
Rabobank Cambria
1070 Main Street, Cambria, CA
6:30pm-7:30pm
For more information: (805)-927-2145

http://montereybay.noaa.gov
VIP Visitors

Congressman Lowenthall

Coral Triangle Initiative
Coastal Discovery Center at San Simeon Bay (Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary)

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21 reviews

“Great stop” 09/22/2015
“Beautiful Area” 09/01/2015

Specialty Museums

Stewardship through Citizen Science at the Coastal Discovery Center

Ocean Exploration

Carolyn Skinder
Program Coordinator, Coastal Discovery Center

The Coastal Discovery Center in San Simeon Bay is an interpretive center run by the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) in collaboration with California State Parks. The Center offers interactive exhibits and education programs that highlight the natural and cultural history of the area while promoting stewardship through hands-on experiences such as the citizen science programs. Here, participants help MBNMS staff collect water samples off of San Simeon Pier, along with chemical and physical measurements, then go back to the Center to examine life in a drop of water using a video microscope. Once magnified, tiny algae and animals come to life, and the beginning of the ocean food chain is revealed for the first time.

In addition to their important role in the food chain and as producers throughout the world, some plankton can produce a toxin harmful to wildlife and humans. For this reason the California Department of Public Health is interested in the fate of our citizen scientists collect, and results and samples are sent to a laboratory to be further analyzed.
MBNMS Store at San Simeon
Warming water effects
Future Projects
DON'T BE THAT GUY.

WARNING
HELP PROTECT OUR WILDLIFE
DON'T FEED, TOUCH, OR DISTURB MARINE MAMMALS
IT'S HARMFUL AND ILLEGAL
PERSONS FEEDING, TOUCHING OR DISTURBING MARINE MAMMALS IN THE WILD COULD BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL OR CRIMINAL PENALTY
2016 wish list...

- double visitorship numbers
- 90% teacher-led programs
- climate change and OA
- weather station and hydrophone (at pier)
A full-time docent coordinator
It takes a community to make change

*Bruce Gibson’s office * CA State Parks and Recreation * State Water Resources Control Board * California Department of Fish & Game * National Marine Fisheries Service * U.S. Geological Survey * U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service *BLM/PBLS *CA Coastal National Monument * California Coastal Commission * OSPR * Morro Bay NEP

* California State University, Santa Barbara * Cal Poly *UC System * CREEC network * Camp Ocean Pines * Central Coast Aquarium * Cambria Education Foundation * Cuesta College * Leffingwell HS * Coast HS * Paso Robles Library * Cambria Public Library *Cayucos Public Library

* Marine Mammal Center * Pacific Wildlife Care * Friends of the Elephant Seal * SLO County Partners for Water Quality * Coastal Salmon Enhancement * Seabird Protection Network * Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Reserve * Seaforyourself Kayaks Hearst Corporation

* CA Marine Sanctuary Foundation * Friends of Hearst Castle * San Simeon Tourism Association * County Business Improvement District (SLO County) * Cambria Tourism Board * Hearst Theater * The Cambrian/SLO Tribune
A special steward
Volunteer of the Year