



Checking for pond life; Exploring woodland habitat



Butterfly House, Marin Art & Garden Center

Reservations for Habitat Field Trips

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Fees and Billing: \$120 per field trip per class, \$60 non-refundable deposit paid in advance

Scholarships: Limited scholarships are available that include transportation. Please contact Charlotte Torgovitsky for more information.

Dates and Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays
10:30 – 1:00 pm
October 2007
March, April and May 2008

Trip Details: Sent with billing advice information packet, including suggested classroom activities for before and after the field trip.

MARIN ART & GARDEN CENTER
MAGiC Garden Education Program
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About the MAGiC Site

Saved from development in 1943, the 11-acre community center is a Certified Wildlife Habitat approved by the National Wildlife Federation. Graced with ancient trees and plantings of California



natives the gardens are a Pesticide Free Zone where organic sustainable gardening methods are used. The Habitat Garden features a woodland, butterfly garden, habitat pond and seep.

What School Teachers Think

"Thank you for a fantastic field trip! The kids learned so much and really enjoyed themselves too. It's so helpful for Teachers to have a field trip that is aligned with our curriculum."

"We benefited from the connection to our 2nd grade curriculum and the emphasis of caring for nature and the creatures on our earth."

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- **Habitat Field Trips for First and Second Graders**
- **Beneficial Predators Field Trips for First through Fifth Grades**

Hands-on inquiry assisted by the U.C.C.E. Marin Master Gardeners and the Hungry Owl Project



Kids discover pond life.



Digging through a compost pile; MAGiC docent with child



Alex Godbe and Wookie

Habitat Field Trips

Held at the MAGiC Habitat Garden and Butterfly Cottage

Scheduled Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 am-1:00 pm during October 2007 and March, April and May 2008

Explore the garden with docents who teach at four stations:

- **Compost** – While digging through the worm compost bin, reflect on the complete food cycle and how to build healthy soil, and understand decomposers and the soil food web.
- **Woodland** – Identify the trees in the garden and learn about the animals that live in the California native woodland even though we may not see them.
- **Pond** – Besides frogs and turtles, who else lives here? Learn how to use a loupe and discover the unseen wonders of pond life.



- **Butterfly Garden** – Look at the butterflies, birds and flowers and in the quiet of the garden pretend you are the scientist. You have just discovered this fauna or flora. What are its characteristics and what would you name it? Watch the bird feeders and see our local feathered friends.

Nurture children's natural curiosity by involving them in hands-on processes such as:

- turning over a stone to find pill bugs
- digging through the worm bins
- collecting seeds, flowers and leaves
- discovering an egg or pupa of a butterfly
- dipping in the pond for creatures in the water

We provide a wealth of academic and practical knowledge based on years of experience. The curriculum, taught by the University of California Marin Master Gardeners and environmental educators, is aligned with the California State Board of Education Science Content Standards for Grades First and Second.



Correlation with California State Science Standards

	First Grade	Second Grade
Physical Sciences	1.b	1.a, 1.d
Life Sciences	2.a, 2.b, 2.c	2.a, 2.b, 2.c, 2.d
Earth Sciences		3.e
Investigation & Experimentation		4.f

Beneficial Predator Field Trips

The Hungry Owl Project, based in Marin County, operates under the non-profit WildCare and offers educational presentations on Beneficial Predators such as Barn Owls as an alternative method of pest control, helping to eliminate the use of harmful and dangerous pesticides and rodenticides.

Presentations include special live animal guests and hands-on activities such as dissecting owl pellets and painting an owl box.

Held at the outdoor MAGiC Redwood Amphitheater. First through fifth grades.

Scheduled Fridays from 10:30 am-1:00 pm during September and October 2007, and March, April and May 2008.

The amphitheater can accommodate up to 100 students. There is a \$75.00 fee for each class. For available dates and to reserve space for your class, please contact:

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For more information, visit their website at www.hungryowl.org

