Recreational and Outdoor Educational Opportunities Available
at the National Estuarine Research Reserves

This information is intended for general members of the public as well as educators who might be interested in using a Reserve as an education resource. For more information on a Reserve in your area visit the links section of our website (www.nerera.org) or - click here.

Visitor Facilities Available

Reserve	Trails	Parking	Restrooms	Recreational beach	Lifeguard	Camping facilities	Picnic ground	Showers for public use	Outdoor handicap accessible areas	Boat launch/ramp	Dormitory/lodging
Apalachicola, Florida	x	x	x	x			x			x	
Chesapeake Bay Maryland	x	x	x				x			x	
Chesapeake Bay Virginia	x	x	x				x				
Delaware	x	x	x				x		x	x	x
Elkhorn Slough	x	x	x				x		x		
Grand Bay	x	x	x						x	x	
Great Bay	x	x	x	x			x		x	x	
GTM	x	x	x	x			x		x	x	
Hudson River	x	x	x			x	x			x	
Jacques Cousteau	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Kachemak Bay	x	x	x	x							x
Mission-Aransas, Texas	x	x	x								
Narragansett Bay	x	x	x	x			x		x		x
North Carolina	x	x		x					x		
North Inlet-Winyah Bay		x	x				x				
Old Woman Creek											
Padilla Bay	x	x	x	x					x	x	
Rookery Bay	x	x	x	x			x		x	x	x
San Francisco Bay	x	x	x	x		x	x		x		x
Sapelo Island	x	x	x	x			x		x		
St. Jones, Deleware	x	x									x
Tijuana River	x	x	x	x			x		x		
Waquoit Bay	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		
Weeks Bay	x	x	x				x		x	x	
Wells, Maine	x	x	x	x			x		x		x

Outdoor Activities Available

Reserve	Boating Facilities (docking area, marina, etc.)	Boat rental (canoe, kayak, other)	Canoeing/kayaking	Hiking	Birding	Biking	Hunting	Scenic vista	Fishing	Swimming	Equestrian trail	Dog walking	Photography
Apalachicola, Florida	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x			x
Chesapeake Bay Maryland	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Chesapeake Bay Virginia		x	x	x	x		x	x	x		x		x
Delaware			x	x	x		x	x	x			x	x
Elkhorn Slough				x	x			x					x
Grand Bay	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x
Great Bay	x		x	x	x		x	x	x	x			x
GTM			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Hudson River	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x			x	x
Jacques Cousteau	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Kachemak Bay	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x
Mission-Aransas, Texas			x	x	x			x					x
Narragansett Bay				x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
North Carolina			x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
North Inlet-Winyah Bay			x		x	x		x	x		x		x
Old Woman Creek													
Padilla Bay			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
Rookery Bay	x		x	x	x				x	x		x	x
San Francisco Bay				x	x	x		x			x	x	x
Sapelo Island			x		x		x	x	x				x
St. Jones, Deleware			x	x	x			x				x	x
Tijuana River				x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x
Waquoit Bay			x	x	x		x	x	x	x			x
Weeks Bay				x	x	x			x			x	x
Wells, Maine				x	x			x		x			x

Outdoor Educational/Interpretative Opportunities Available

Reserve	Nature walks/hikes	Guided canoe/kayak trips	Weekend - family oriented programs	Guided boat trips	Discovery Labs	Bike tours	Leave no Trace family workshop	Canoeing/Kayaking/Fishing skills	K-12 Field-trips	Kids in nature workshops and events	Annual events (National Estuaries Day & others)	Reserve events (festivals,bioblitz, etc.)	Volunteer Programs (training, volunteer opportunities)	Talks and presentations	Summer camps	"Explore Estuaries" programs (programs with specific estuary focus e.g. seining)	Self-guided trail experience	Other Opportunities:
Apalachicola, Florida	x				x				x		x	x		x			x	
Chesapeake Bay Maryland	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Chesapeake Bay Virginia		x			x				x		x	x		x	x		x	
Delaware	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Elkhorn Slough	x	x	x		x				x		x	x	x	x			x	
Grand Bay	x	x		x					x	x	x	x	x	x			x	Developing a monthly "Adventure Quencher" series of activities onsite and "My Coast" community presentations offsite quarterly. Also Art en plein aire events, training for environmental competitions, training opps for informal environmental educators.
Great Bay	x	x	x					x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
GTM	x	x	x		x		x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Some are available on request basis only.
Hudson River		x						x	x		x			x		x	x	College and graduate level field trips.
Jacques Cousteau	x	x	x	x	x			x			x	x	x	x	x	x		Senior Programs and Bus/Van Tours
Kachemak Bay	x		x		x				x	x	x	x	x	x			x	Teacher workshops.
Mission-Aransas, Texas	x	x		x					x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	NOAA's Science on a Sphere.
Narragansett Bay	x		x			x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
North Carolina	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
North Inlet-Winyah Bay	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Old Woman Creek																		
Padilla Bay	x		x						x		x		x	x		x	x	
Rookery Bay	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	
San Francisco Bay	x		x								x	x	x	x			x	
Sapelo Island	x				x				x		x	x	x	x		x		
St. Jones, Deleware	x	x		x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Tijuana River	x		x						x	x	x	x	x	x				
Waquoit Bay	x	x	x					x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	
Weeks Bay									x		x	x	x		x	x	x	Guided boat trips for groups of 10 or more (arrangements must be made several weeks in advance).
Wells, Maine	x		x						x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Discovery Program books and backpacks for use on trails

Fee for Services

Reserve	Entrance/Parking	Programs	Equipment Rental (canoes, kayaks, backpacks, binoculars, etc.)	Notes:
Apalachicola, Florida	No	No	No	
Chesapeake Bay Maryland	No	Yes	Yes	Four components - 1 entry fee, 3 no entry fee. Offering some free and some paid programs.
Chesapeake Bay Virginia	No	No	No	
Delaware	No	No	No	
Elkhorn Slough	Yes	No	No	$2.50 entrance fee for adults, children 16 and under free.
Grand Bay	No	No	No	
Great Bay	No	Yes	No	
GTM	Yes	Yes	No	Equipment rentals are offered at times when front desk staffing is available to support backpack check-out.
Hudson River	No	No	DK	A private vendor rents kayaks at our headquarters, but our own canoe programs are free. Many visitor facilities are offered at our headquarters site, which is a NYS park (not technically part of the Reserve).
Jacques Cousteau	No	Yes	No	A fee for a very small percentage of our programs (less then 10%). No fee charged by Reserve but some land management partners do (the NWR and State Parks).
Kachemak Bay				
Mission-Aransas, Texas	No	Yes	No	Many public guided walks and presentations are free.
Narragansett Bay	No	No	No	
North Carolina				
North Inlet-Winyah Bay	No	Yes	Yes	
Old Woman Creek				
Padilla Bay	No	Yes		Almost all programs are free, but a few have a fee.
Rookery Bay	Yes	Yes		
San Francisco Bay	No	No	No	Parking fee for some locations within China Camp SP.
Sapelo Island	No	Yes	No	If visitors are not on SINERR/Georgia DNR tour, there is a separate fee to travel on the ferry.
St. Jones, Deleware	No	No	No	
Tijuana River	No	No	No	
Waquoit Bay	DK	DK	No	Entrance/Parking- most components don't charge excecpt South cape Beach during the summer. Most programs are free but we do ask for a donation for some programs.
Weeks Bay	No	No	n/a	Fee for boat trips coming soon.
Wells, Maine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Facility rentals (e.g. other organizations hold camps in the auditorium).