

The following are just some of the Science and Nature field trips available around Orange County. We will update this page from time to time. If you stumble upon any cool field trips, please let us know and we'll add them to our list.

Note: Copy and paste the provided links in your browser to go to the desired site.

Santa Ana Zoo

1801 Chestnut, Santa Ana

Observe over 90 species of animals. Ride the Zoofari Express and elephants on weekends. Open daily from 10am to 4 pm during the summer. Free admission on the third Sunday of each month for Santa Ana residents.

Adults (age 13+): \$10.00

Seniors (age 60+) and Children (age 3-12): \$7.00

Under 3: Free

Group reservations: 714-647-6568.

General Information: 714-836-4000 <http://www.santaanazoo.org/>

Orange County Zoo

1 Irvine Park Road, Orange

Located in Santiago Canyon inside of the Irvine Regional Park, the OC Zoo offers 90 minute group tours. Although tours are not available on Sundays and Mondays, the park is open to the public from 10 am to 3:30 pm on weekdays and 10 am to 4:30 pm on weekends.

Tours: Everyone: \$3

General Admission: 3 and Up: \$2.00

2 years and under: Free For Tours: (714)973-6846 <http://www.ocparks.com/oczoo/>

Entry Fee for Irvine Regional Park:

\$3.00 per vehicle weekdays

\$5.00 per vehicle weekends

(Entry fees change during major holidays)

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Discovery Science Center

2500 North Main Street, Santa Ana

See a giant dinosaur, a delta rocket and 120 hands-on exhibits. Grade level specific programs available.

Print admission tickets from your own pc.

Adults: \$17.95

Children and seniors: \$12.95

10 am to 5 pm Mon-Sat, 11 am to 5 pm Sun

714-542-2823 <http://www.discoverycube.org/>

Environmental Nature Center

1601 Sixteenth Street, Newport Beach

Educational "habitat" for studying California's natural resources and wild places.

Many hands-on programs, including Nature Changes, Eco-Explorers, Nature Scene Investigators, Earth Connections, etc.

Programs for Scouts. Plus a summer nature camp. All sorts of exciting programs for all ages, including kindergarteners.

Prices and schedules vary with programs.

(949)-645-8489 <http://www.encenter.org/>

Bowers Museum/Kidseum

Bowers Museum: 2002 N.Main St., Santa Ana www.bowers.org/

Kidseum: 1802 N.Main St., Santa Ana

Explore art and cultural activities at the Bowers Museum.

The Kidseum encourages imagination and creativity. Programs for K through 12.

Excellent programs for K to 3 in particular.

10 am - 4 pm Tues - Sun

Adults: \$12

Seniors (62 +),

Students and Children 6-17: \$9

Children under 6: Free

Free to Santa Ana residents on the first Sunday and third Tuesday of every month.

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Starr Ranch Sanctuary

100 Bell Canyon Road, Trabuco Canyon

Starr Ranch Sanctuary is a 4,000 acre preserve that is operated by the National Audubon Society. It is located between Rancho Santa Margarita and San Juan Capistrano. Reserved tours only; make sure you call first. The Ranch offers ecology, biology and nature workshops for students.

(949) 858-0309.

Go to: www.starranch.org and click on "How to visit Starr ranch" for more information:

Irvine Wilderness Ranch

Many events, trails and programs are available at this immense 40,000 acre wilderness area.

For more information and a full list of programs, go to: www.irlandmarks.org/ and click on "Activities and Programs."

La Habra Children's Museum

The Children's Museum at La Habra was one of the first children's museum to open on the west coast. Dinosaurs, a 1942 caboose and lots of fun, hands-on exhibits.

Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

\$7.00 per person (\$6 dollars for La Habra residents).

90 minute guided tours.

Reservations are required for groups of 15 or more, and must be made at least two weeks in advance.

Call (562) 905-9793 for more information <http://www.lahabracity.com>

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Whale Watching

Dana Point

Blue Whale Watching Trips

Trips depart daily 5:00pm - 7:00pm

****Times may vary. Please call or look online to verify times.**

Adults - \$32

Kids (3-12) - \$19 <http://www.zerve.com/DanaWharf/Whales/Calendar>

Newport Beach

Newport Landing Sport fishing

309 Palm - Suite A - Newport Beach CA. 92661

Call (949) 675-0551 for reservations

Find out about OC Nature Preserves

<http://www.ocexplorer.com/ocexplorer-orange-county-wildlife-sanctuaries-preserves.htm>

Find out about OC Hiking Trails

http://www.hike-oc.com/orange_county_trails.html

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Tessmann Planetarium

17th St. & Bristol St., on the campus of Santa Ana College

We present stimulating and insightful trips through the universe during our summer and year-round shows.

Everyone: \$6 weekdays, \$7 Saturdays.

Can You See in the Dark? (Kindergarten and 1st Grade show) \$3

Call 714-564-6356 for reservations and show information