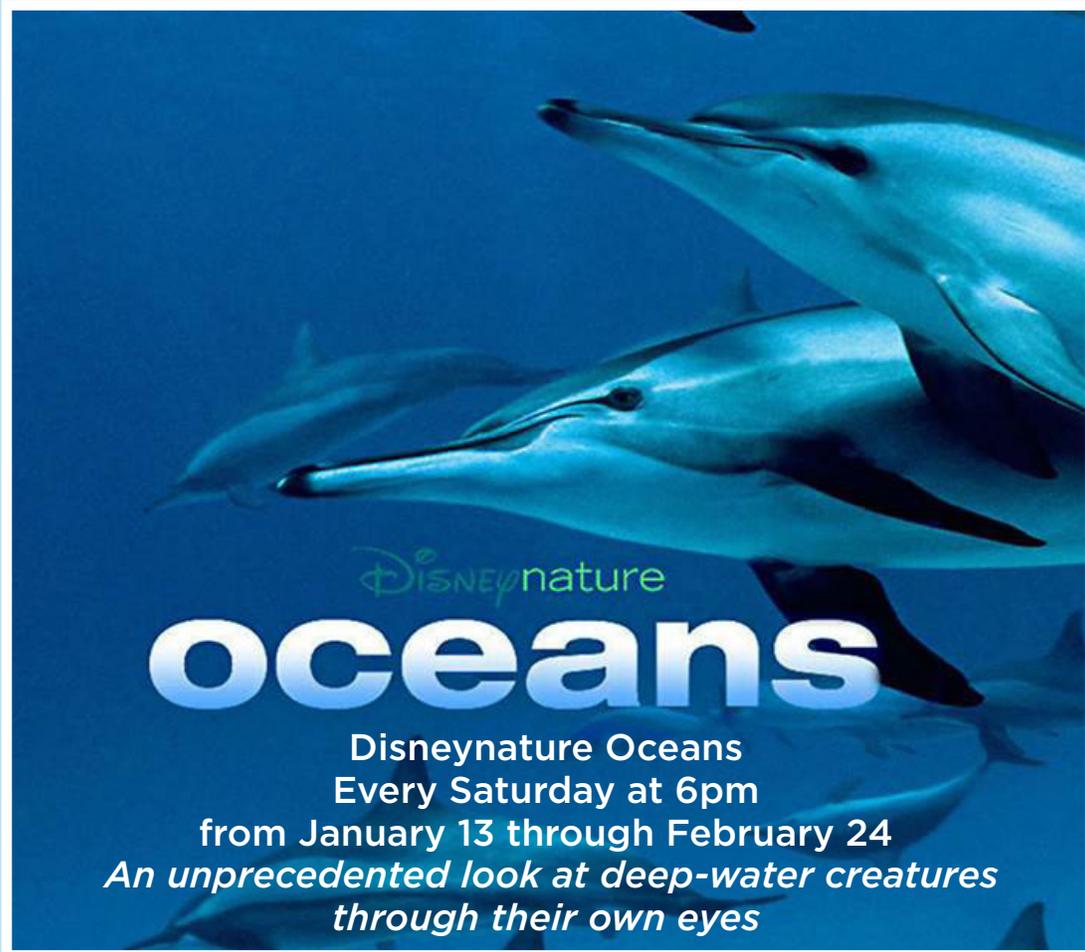


# 5th Annual Coastal Discovery & Stewardship Celebration

January 13 through February 28, 2018

## **FREE** movie at Hearst Castle Theater



### **Almost 40 Special Celebration Activities & Events**

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- 4th Annual Blendfest on the Coast Wine Event (February 9-11)
- Central Coast Aquarium Shark After Dark Wine & Science Mixer (January 18 and February 16)
- Elephant Seal Docent Lead & Educational Walks (Daily)
- Montaña de Oro Trail Restoration Days (February 4)
- Monarch Butterfly Migration (Daily)
- Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Natural History Center (Daily)



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# Wildlife Viewing and Stewardship Travel Tips

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Great wildlife viewing encounters involve good timing, observation skills, and a little luck! California's Highway 1 Discovery Route offers some of the best wildlife viewing opportunities anywhere. Use these tips to improve your chances for a memorable wildlife experience!

**Be outside during dawn, dusk, and incoming tides.** Birds, fish, and mammals are active during these times. Look for churning water surfaces, diving birds, shiny dolphin backs, seals and otters in bays and on open water. Listen for songbirds singing in bushes and trees, especially during spring and early summer.

**Look and listen for signs of wildlife.** Look for animal tracks and droppings (called scat). Large birds like ospreys, hawks, vultures, and cormorants leave noticeable white droppings (whitewash) on bushes, trees, sea cliffs and rocks. When you see this, look up to find where birds roost or nest.

**Low tide exposes fascinating and fragile life on the rocks.**

Venture carefully on rocks for a close-up peek into the exciting tidal world of animals feeding, interacting or waiting for the incoming tide.



**Look for whales when seas are calm.** Look for whale spouts or blows, tail flukes, and dorsal fins. Big splashes may indicate a whale has just breached. Look for The Whale Trail viewing sites along the Highway 1 Discovery Route at: [TheWhaleTrail.org](http://TheWhaleTrail.org).

**Stay at a distance, including drones.** If birds and animals get nervous, they show it by looking at you, raising their heads and stopping what they were doing. Any change of an animal's natural behavior is a disturbance.

**Stay away from animals that appear sick or abandoned.** If you find an injured bird or land animal, you can help by calling Pacific Wildlife Care; 805-543-9453. If you suspect a marine animal is injured or in danger, call the Marine Mammal Center; 415-289-7325.



**Must-See Spots:** Monarch Butterfly Grove, Central Coast Aquarium, Oso Flaco Natural Area, NOAA's Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Coastal Discovery Center, Morro Bay National Estuary, Sea Otter Preserve, Piedras Blancas Elephant Seal Rookery, Fiscalini Ranch Preserve



## The Whale Trail

The CA Highway 1 Discovery Route (H1DR) recently announced six new Whale Trail sites as part of its award winning Stewardship Travel Program to help visitors capture a memorable view of the giant mammals as they migrate down the Pacific Ocean, along the California shoreline.

Visit [www.TheWhaleTrail.org](http://www.TheWhaleTrail.org) for more details on specific viewing locations for whale watching in California and coastal San Luis Obispo County (SLO CAL).