Take a look at the great programs we offer!

Coastal Floating Lab
The Coastal Floating Lab is a three-hour, station-based program held in May/June on boats in N.H. harbors. Docents lead students through hands-on activities and data collection at five stations: benthic life, plankton, currents, water characteristics and navigation. At each station students use marine biology and oceanography research tools to explore estuarine and open-ocean habitats. Teachers are sent curriculum and trip support documents prior to trip.

Program cost: $450/class of 25-30 students

Great Bay Connections
The Great Bay Connections program is a three-hour, land- and boat-based program that explores the relationship between the Adams Point, N.H. watershed and Great Bay Estuary. Docents lead students through hands-on stations that explore various aspects of the land and water habitats. The history of land use on Great Bay is compared to that of today, and connections are made to how we can impact the quality of the water that flows from our watersheds. A land-based-only version of the program is also available.

Program cost: $450/class of 25-30 students

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UNH Marine Docent SeaTrek Programs

Q: What are SeaTrek Programs?

A: SeaTrek Programs are in-school or boat-based programs in marine science provided by trained volunteers for grades pre-K through 12 and adults.

The in-school programs are designed for presentation in single classes of students for approximately 45 minutes, but the length can be altered to suit the teacher’s needs.

The boat-based programs are held on the NH coast, usually take half a day and give students the opportunity to interact with the marine environment first-hand.

SeaTrek Programs are aligned with the current N.H. Science Standards and involve visual presentation combined with real, often live, examples from the marine environment and hands-on activities.

Q: Why bring a program to my school?

A: Kids are naturally excited by the sea, and seeing and touching marine creatures can create an exciting and memorable connection to science. SeaTrek Programs help to engage students so that they are ready and willing to learn. Our volunteers are well-trained and are experts on the topics they present.

SeaTrek Programs integrate well into existing curricula and instruction, and can provide an interesting introduction or conclusion to a teaching unit. We are excited by the opportunity to work with teachers to adapt and blend the program into their objectives.

In-School SeaTrek Programs

Day of the Coast Event

Docs take over a school for a day to teach marine science programs. We meet with your staff weeks before the event to identity programs that best match your curricula, then we plan a day of programs and events to celebrate the coast. Each event is unique.

Cost: $450/Day of the Coast Event

Special N.H. Marine Places

- Great Bay
  Great Bay is one of N.H.’s most important water bodies, yet many people know very little about it. Learn about the bay’s importance.

- Isles of Shoals
  Like Great Bay, the Isles of Shoals played an important role in the development of New England. This program has a little of everything: geography, history, fisheries, pirates and mystery.

- Salt Marshes
  A salt marsh is one of the most ecologically important habitats along the N.H. coast. Explore the role a marsh plays in the marine environment.

- Watershed
  From the mountains to the sea, watersheds affect the quality of our water and lives. Hands-on activities introduce the concepts and functions of watersheds.

Coastal Community Programs

- Rocky Shore
  Explore the organisms of the rocky intertidal zone with an emphasis on how they adapt to the physical stresses found there.

- Sandy Beach
  The sandy beach program explores the relationship among the sea, the sand and the creatures that live there.

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Marine Organism Programs

- Lobsters
  Learn about the adaptations lobsters have to help them thrive in New England waters and how these creatures are caught by fishermen.

- Marine Mammals
  Whales, dolphins and seals of the Gulf of Maine are discussed. Visual aids and hands-on activities help students explore the adaptations that allow mammals to live in the sea.

- Seaweeds
  Explore the fascinating world of these photosynthesizers that aren’t plants. Live seaweeds from the Gulf of Maine are examined.

Programs cost $60/class of 25-30 students