

## Please observe the following to help protect the Sanctuary and all of its inhabitants.

- Respect all plants & animals you encounter during your visit.
  - Please do not pick plants, leaves, flowers, grasses, or collect seeds.
  - Leave invertebrates alive and where you found them (attached to rocks, under logs or rocks...).
- Explore quietly so wildlife is not startled or scared off.
  - Please do not chase the birds! Flying requires a lot of energy.
  - If you spot snakes sunning in the paths, give them space. They are not aggressive and this is their home.
- Leave all nature artifacts at the sanctuary (includes feathers, leaves, flowers, shells, rocks, sticks, bones).
  - Artifacts provide basic habitat needs for wildlife; rocks eventually erode to create more sand, feathers provide nesting material, dead plant or animal material breaks down and provides nutrients for the soil.
- Be sure to replace all rocks, logs or other items the way you found them since they are home to many sanctuary animals
- Respect others while exploring the Sanctuary. We have school groups that visit regularly and pay for Teacher Naturalist led programming. These groups have priority usage of all areas of the Sanctuary.
- Do not disturb Sanctuary education or other materials you encounter while exploring our site.
- Pack out **ALL** of your trash and recycling.
- Stay on designated paths.
  - This protects you as well! We do have poison oak on site. It is a California native plant and wildlife does use it. Familiarize yourself with what it looks like so you can avoid contact.

## Thank you for visiting!

Please visit us on the web for information on upcoming programs and events

<http://www.richardsonbay.audubon.org>