



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area
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Dear Teacher,

You are receiving this letter because we would like for you to complete a survey about your most recent field trip and participation in the **EcoHelpers** program at the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

You may respond to the survey either online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QTTLWDK> or on paper. If you prefer a paper version of the survey, please contact Jack Gillooly, **EcoHelpers** program manager at (805)370-2312 or: jack_gillooly@nps.gov (e-mail); and one will be mailed to you with a pre-addressed return envelope.

It should take about 20 minutes to complete the survey. We will use the responses to improve our educational programs.

All information collected will be securely stored. Only researchers working with the study will review the data. This research is conducted under stringent university and U.S. government regulations governing the collection of information.

If you have any questions regarding the administration or content of the surveys, please contact: Jack Gillooly at (805)370-2312 (phone) or jack_gillooly@nps.gov (e-mail).

Sincerely,

Jack Gillooly

OMB Control Number 1024-XXXX
Current Expiration Date: XX/XX/XXXX

EcoHelpers Teacher Survey

Name: _____ School Name: _____

Dear Teacher,

Thank you for answering these questions about your experience during your most recent EcoHelpers field trip to Santa Monica Mountain Recreation Area. We would like to get your feedback about the EcoHelpers program. This survey should take about 20 minutes to complete.

1. How many years have you participated in the EcoHelpers program?

- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 or more years

2. Did you use the EcoHelpers Teacher's Manual?

- Yes
- No

2a. If so, which part(s) of the Teacher's Manual did you find helpful?

- Field Trip Preparation
- Background
- Pre-trip Lesson
- Post-trip Lesson
- Field-trip Reviews

3. Based on your field trip experience, do you plan on continuing with the EcoHelpers program?

- Yes
- No

4. How many times have you visited parks in the Santa Monica Mountains prior to this field trip?

- Never
- 1 time
- 2 – 4 times
- 5 or more times

5. My family and I have visited national parks for vacation or recreation:

- Never
- 1-5 times
- 6-10 times
- Over 10 times

Please tell us the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. The EcoHelpers program reinforces what I teach in the classroom and covers education materials in a fun way.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. I would recommend this program to other high school science teachers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. I want to return and explore this park site and/or others in the Santa Monica Mountains.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. As a result of this field trip I would like to visit other national parks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

As a result of participating in the EcoHelpers field trip, many of my students:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. Now have a better understanding of how restoration helps the ecosystem.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Are more interested in learning about native plants, birds, mammals, insects, and other wildlife.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. Understand the importance of preserving native plants in the region.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Have developed an understanding of habitats.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Understand the importance of staying on trails or paths.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. Want to participate in the community on projects that help preserve or enhance the cultural or natural integrity of an area.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please tell us the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements

The EcoHelpers program has helped my students:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
7. Increase their interest in learning about national parks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. Become more interested in volunteering.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. Gain a sense of stewardship of a national park.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. Understand the importance of following park rules and regulations.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. Increase their proficiency in environmental and/or ecological science.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. Make progress towards achieving specific learning goals and content standards.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13. Become knowledgeable about the variety of parks throughout the USA.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

EcoHelpers – Teacher Feedback

1. What do you like best about the EcoHelpers program?
2. What do you like least about the EcoHelpers program?
3. How would you change or improve the EcoHelpers field trip or curriculum?
4. Is there anything that makes it difficult for you to participate in the EcoHelpers program (e.g., distance, lack of transportation, traffic, limited time, school priorities, cost, etc.)? If so, please explain.
5. What did you find educationally valuable about the EcoHelpers field trip?

6. How would you rate the educational value of the EcoHelpers Field Trip?

- Extremely valuable
- Somewhat valuable
- Not very valuable
- Not at all valuable

7. How would you rate the experiential value (being outdoors in the natural setting) of the EcoHelpers Field Trip?

- Extremely valuable
- Somewhat valuable
- Not very valuable
- Not at all valuable

Thank you for completing the survey!

The National Park Service - Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area greatly appreciates your feedback, which will help to improve the EcoHelpers program.

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