



Overview

The North Inlet - Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, located on Hobcaw Barony, consists of 18,916 acres of tidal marshes and wetlands. It is one of 28 protected areas in the National Estuarine Reserve System created to promote informed management of our Nation's estuaries. The North Inlet - Winyah Bay Reserve is jointly supported by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the University of South Carolina.

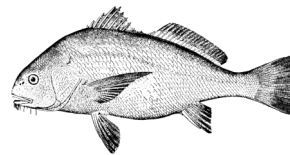
Hobcaw Barony, privately owned and operated by the Belle W. Baruch Foundation, is a 16,000 acre research reserve that protects one of the few remaining undeveloped tracts of land on the Waccamaw Neck. In addition to the Reserve, Hobcaw Barony is home to Clemson University's Baruch Institute of Coastal Ecology and Forest Science and the University of South Carolina's Baruch Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences.



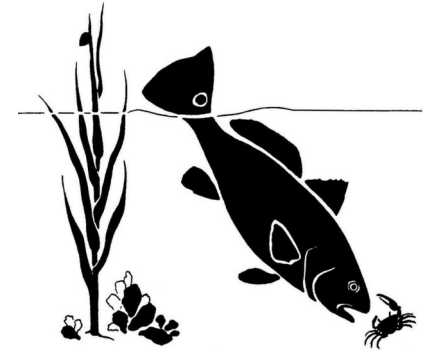
Access to the property is only granted during guided field studies, tours, and special programs.

Come Visit Us!

Hobcaw Barony is located on Highway 17, one mile north of Georgetown. The Hobcaw Barony Discovery Center, a joint use education facility of the Belle W. Baruch Foundation and North Inlet - Winyah Bay Reserve, is located at the entrance to Hobcaw. The Discovery Center houses exciting research and education exhibits, a 1200 gallon saltwater aquarium, dedicated audiovisual classroom, smart classroom, gift shop, and live animal exhibits- including alligator, snake, turtles and other salt marsh critters!



For more information or to make Reservations for our field studies, please call 843-904-9016.



North Inlet - Winyah Bay
National Estuarine
Research Reserve

Field Study & Outreach Information for Teachers

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Hobcaw Barony
Discovery Center





Experience your coastal habitats and estuaries...

Field Trip Studies

*All field studies are recommended for 5th - 12th grades, but younger students will gladly be accommodated upon request.

Salt Marsh Ecology

Students visit a salt marsh, explore plant and animal species, and engage in hands-on sampling activities via a nature trail and/or marsh boardwalk.



Freshwater Pond Studies

Students explore a pond/swamp ecosystem, sample for pond life using dip nets, study aquatic plants and animals with microscopes, analyze water samples, and learn about water quality.

North Inlet Fish Sample

Students assist researchers in a biological survey of fish, crabs, and shrimp of North Inlet estuary. This program is scheduled around actual bi-monthly field sampling so dates and times are limited. (9th - 12th grade only)

Hobcaw Barony Discovery Center

Students tour the inside of the Discovery Center with special focus on native species, such as snakes, alligators, turtles,

In-School Programs

*Special in-school programs are offered upon request by Reserve educators. These may include formal presentations, "show and tell", and hands on activities.

Research on the Reserve

Overview of the research and monitoring activities happening at the Reserve. Can be formal and/or hands-on with sampling equipment.

Career Day/Fair

Researchers/educators share information on science and marine biology careers.

Coastal Waterways

Presentations on estuaries, watersheds, and water quality. These subjects integrate well with biology, chemistry, environmental studies, and marine science classes.



Special topics

Presentations on topics such as storm-water, invasive species, sea level rise, marine debris and other coastal topics may be available.

Planning Your Visit

- ◆ The fee for all programs is \$5.00 per student, per program. No charge for teachers/chaperones. Payment due on day of the program.
- ◆ Minimum of 10 students required to reserve a program. One teacher/chaperone for every 10 students preferred.
- ◆ Field trips are first request, first served and must be booked in advance.
- ◆ Most field trips are 2-4 hours in length, but education staff is flexible and programs can be customized to fit your schedule.
- ◆ No food service or trash removal on-site. Arrangements can be made for on-site picnicking with participants bringing their own food/beverage. Groups are responsible for all trash disposal.
- ◆ No overnight accommodations available.
- ◆ Programs conducted rain or shine unless weather is too severe.
- ◆ Cancellations must be called in to the Education Coordinator at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled program.



****All programs can be customized to fit the needs of your group.****