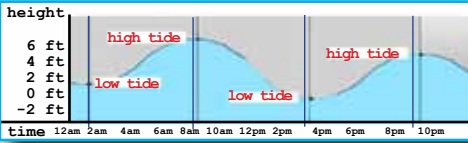


FIELD NOTES

TODAY'S DATE:

SEASON:

TEAM NAME:



Tides rise and fall twice daily. Learn to read a tide chart like this before visiting so you can see shorebirds feed at low tide!

The tide is: HIGH LOW

Spot these birds!



THE DOCK: Open the gate. Walk to the dock and look in the water for a bat ray or school of fish. Watch the shoreline for birds! Look for barnacles on the dock!

See a row of homes on the creek? Imagine yourself on a houseboat!

5. THE BIO-SWALE: Find a wood bridge that crosses a low planted area. These plants filter debris from the water and help keep the creek water healthy. Wetlands are important to protect. They are nature's way of treating water. Find a sign near the street to learn more about how San Francisco water is treated. Check the map and walk west on the sidewalk on Berry Street. Continue around the corner...

THIS WAY
For a longer adventure, discover where Mission Creek meets San Francisco Bay!

THE DRAWBRIDGE

MISSION CREEK

CLEAR WATER?

Nutrients flow from rivers and creeks.

'Murky' water has so much to eat!

Mission Creek babies such as hungry dungeness

find this water full of yumminess!

THE DOCK



WHAT IS LIVING IN THE WATER?



SENSORY TOOLBOX

FEEL THE WEATHER:

WINDY COOL WARM WET

LISTEN FOR NATURE:

COLLECT SOUNDS HERE:

3 THE DRAWBRIDGE: On your way, build a boat from fallen leaves and twigs. Pick only from the ground, please. From the bridge, Toss in your boat. Follow your boat!

- Rising Tide: West up the creek
- Outgoing Tide: East to SF Bay

7 THE HILL: Find the grassy hill at the east end of the park. Ask the tallest person to stand next to the hill.

How tall are they? ___ feet. Now estimate the height of the hill: ___ feet.

Climb above 'sea level' to the top! The tides rise about the same height as this hill!



START AT THE PAVILION: Walk to the edge of Mission Creek. Ohlone natives walked here long ago gathering food.

8 END AT THE BUTTERFLY ZONE: Way to Go! Be sure to find the hidden box. Your clue to its location is on your Bay Nature page!

1 BUTTERFLY ZONE: Find a bulletin board at the west end of Huffaker Park with wildlife pictures. Explore! Find at least three of the plants or creatures featured.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



6 SMELLVILLE: Walk along Berry Street until you find this spot. Close your eyes & sniff.

This reminds me of: _____
Vapors from treated water at the Channel Pump Station might smell, but the creek is much cleaner than in its past use as a dump!