



Tampa Bay Watch
Discovery Center
Eco-vessel Field Trips
2023-2024

Discover Tampa Bay Aboard Our Eco-Vessel!

Welcome to our floating classroom! Board our 45-foot eco-vessel, "The Discovery", for a unique, field-based learning experience. Our educators will lead your group through interactive marine science programs. Every trip includes the use of our trawl net to sample and count marine life in the seagrass. It's science in action!

All eco-vessel experiences can be combined with classroom labs at the Discovery Center!



Estuary Habitats

From seagrass beds to mangrove roots, there are habitats galore in Tampa Bay! Come find out who lives where, and what makes an animal and its habitat a perfect pair.

Best for K-5th



Invertebrates - Spineless but Special

Life without a backbone comes in many different forms. Learn about the common invertebrates we find in Tampa Bay and how they survive spinelessly.

Best for 4th-8th



Amazing Adaptations

It's an adaptation celebration! Discover how animals' unique bodies and behaviors help them stay comfortable in their environment.

Best for K-5th



Fintastic Fishes

Is a seahorse a fish? What about a shark? We'll tell you what makes a fish a fish, and go on a fish finding mission to show you some of our favorite local species.

Best for K-5th



Salty Science

What's in a drop of water? More than you might expect! Learn about water quality, harmful algal blooms, and how these things affect Tampa Bay wildlife.

Best for 8th-12th



All About the Bay

This tour is all about our favorite estuary: Tampa Bay! Learn about bay ecology and biology and observe wildlife such as birds and fishes.

Best for all ages and mixed grade groups



NEW! Sandbar Snorkeling

Splash around Tampa Bay with us! Offered seasonally, our sandbar snorkeling excursions are a great way to cool off while exploring the ecosystem. Ages 5 and up.



NEW! Fishing Workshop

Learn to fish with Tampa Bay Watch! Students will learn fish friendly practices, such as how to keep fish alive and well during catch and release, then practice casting a responsible line. We'll go over appropriate tackle, fish handling, how to help entangled wildlife, and how to protect your favorite fishing spots. Ages 8 and up.

Pricing

Eco Tour Field Trips

- 90 minutes
- ≤ 25 students, 2 chaperones: \$300
- 25-45 students and 4 chaperones: \$500
- The cost for two chaperones is included for every 25 students
- Groups must have at least 1 chaperone present for every 13 students

Snorkel Tour Field Trips

- 2 hours
- ≤ 25 people: \$400

Fishing Workshops

- 2 hours
- ≤ 15 people: \$350



Eco-vessel field trips include optional admission to the Discovery Center's exhibit gallery. 45 minute guided tours of the exhibit gallery can also be booked for \$100 per 25 students. Discovery Center admission and tours must be reserved at the time of booking.

Did you know? Tampa Bay Watch also offers field trips to our waterfront headquarters in Tierra Verde, FL

Contact tbwdcecotours@tampabaywatch.org to learn more and book your eco-vessel field trip today!



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