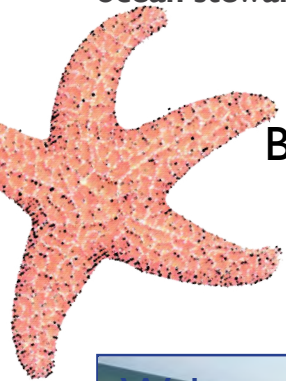




# Fort Ross Conservancy's Marine Ecology Program

Fort Ross State Historic Park, situated on a pristine stretch of Sonoma County coastline and protected as part of the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, provides a rich outdoor classroom from which to study **marine mammal identification** and behavior, or to learn about the abundant **ecosystems of the rocky intertidal**.

Fort Ross also has significant cultural history, with historic buildings and exhibits telling the story of 19th century seafaring and fur trading. At Fort Ross we can witness the human impact of resource exploitation and its subsequent but slow recovery. **This intersection of natural and cultural history helps to teach ocean stewardship and resource management through the long lens of history.**



**BOOK** your day or overnight program: <https://programs.fortross.org/mep-intro>

## Welcoming Audrey Deutsch, our new Marine Ecology instructor!



Audrey is a marine biologist at the Bodega Marine Laboratory working to help restore populations of critically endangered white abalone and understand how to prevent disease to abalone & other shellfish in captivity. From doing fieldwork in the mudflat or the rocky intertidal to analyzing ocean chemistry to better understand seagrass' response to climate change, the day in the life of a marine biologist is never dull. We are thrilled to welcome Audrey to the Fort Ross Conservancy team!

Interested in bringing your school, family, or group to Fort Ross for a marine ecology session with our spotting scopes and expert instructor? [Apply here!](#)



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