



## Sea Trek School Program

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### *Kayak the Sausalito Waterfront with Sea Trek*



Suitable for all levels, our guided kayaking excursions in Sausalito offer your students a wonderful and unique experience. Lock eyes with curious harbor seals as you paddle along Richardson Bay's historic waterfront, with the stunning backdrop of Angel Island and the San Francisco Bay.

Sea Trek's [Bay Model](#) location is conveniently located just 15 minutes north of the Golden Gate Bridge. Richardson Bay is a great destination for first time paddlers as it's a relatively calm body of water sheltered by the hills of Sausalito. The Mediterranean charm of Sausalito and the surrounding areas are best viewed from the water. Abundant marine and bird life, historic ships, and breathtaking vistas are part of your kayaking experience for your group. After your time on the water, you can enjoy a picnic lunch at the tables and on the lawn with a view of the docks.

Sea Trek is California's oldest kayaking outfitter in its 40th year of business. We paddle in stable double kayaks and guides are with you on the water at all times. All essential gear and

water/wind resistant paddling jackets are included. Our youth trips offer a relaxed and fun paddling experience while providing an educational experience about the Bay.

Schools often pair a kayaking trip with a visit to the Bay Model Visitor Center. The model provides scientists, educators and visitors interested in San Francisco Bay and the Bay - Delta Model a unique opportunity to view the complete bay-delta system at a glance. Group tours are available and can be tailored to various technical levels. Quite often, larger groups may divide their students in groups--while some students paddle, others go to the Bay Model; after lunch the groups swap locations. Learn more about visiting the [Bay Model Visitor Center](#) at their website.

## Excursion Details

Our classic Scenic Sausalito Journey is our most popular group tour for youths:

### Scenic Sausalito Journey | 2 hours | \$60/person (special Mon-Fri pricing)

- Explore the coastline of Sausalito
- Use teamwork to maneuver two-person stable sit-on-top kayaks
- Learn about the natural and cultural history of Sausalito
- Bond over a memorable experience
- Celebrate accomplishments with an adventure

The trip includes a half-hour orientation to teach students the basics of safety and kayak use. We'll view the local wildlife, including harbor seals and waterfowl, and learn the history of the nearby floating homes community. We can accommodate a minimum group of six to a maximum group of 100 (for groups over 40, please call for details).



## Making Reservations

Reservations are made by contacting Sea Trek Monday through Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm at 415.332.8494. We require a 25% non-refundable deposit. Final payment is due seven days prior to the event. Sea Trek will send a confirmation email, including a link to manage your reservation so parents can sign online waivers for their children. We'll also send a clothing list, directions to our Sausalito location at the Bay Model, and details on where to park.

*\*Many of our youth group leaders have asked us about tipping guidelines and generally request that tips are included in the price. Typically, they round up the per person cost to \$65 with \$5 of that going to the guides (evenly distributed) running the trip.*

## Richardson Bay Fascinating Facts:

- Coastal Miwok people lived in a village known as Liwanelowa along the southern portion of Sausalito's waterfront
- The average depth of Richardson Bay is 5 feet at mean high low tide
- The bay was named for William Richardson, a British sailor who jumped ship to marry the daughter of the commandant of the Presidio of San Francisco
- Sausalito's houseboat community was originally established by artists, philosophers, and musicians such as Alan Watts, Jean Varda, Aldous Huxley, Allen Ginsberg, Duke Ellington, and Shel Silverstein
- At one time, developers toyed with the idea of filling in Richardson Bay to create a Coney Island-style amusement park and an airport.

## Excursion FAQ

**Why kayaking?** Kayaking is a means to explore and enjoy the outdoors on an intimate level. There's a surprising amount of wildlife to be seen on the Bay. Kayaking also provides great exercise, gentle or energetic, at your own pace.

**Is kayaking difficult?** Kayaking is highly accessible. Our friendly, supportive staff will teach you the simple, necessary skills you need in order to enjoy your time on the water.

**Will I get wet?** There is often a certain amount of splash-and-drip associated with kayaking, but we provide water-repellent jackets to keep you as dry as possible. Our guides do their best to keep you comfortable.

**What about capsizing the kayak?** Capsizes are extremely rare. All of our trips take place in stable, two-person kayaks (larger and steadier than river kayaks). The popular image of kayaks bobbing through rapids and flipping upside-down is common to river kayaking, but not here in the protected waters along the Sausalito shoreline.

**Is it strenuous?** Only if you so choose. Kayaks glide easily with little physical effort. Sea Trek trips are designed for all experience levels, and so participants don't overexert themselves; travel is at a leisurely pace.

**Will I be safe?** Yes! For precautionary purposes, all our clients wear a life jacket (personal floatation device, or PFD). All group trips are accompanied by guides. Sea Trek has an unblemished safety record.

**Will I need any special gear or equipment?** No. Sea Trek provides all the gear you need to keep comfortable, warm, and dry. We provide a list of clothing suggestions.

**What's the best time of year to paddle?** Luckily, Richardson Bay provides year-round paddling enjoyment. Whether it's during the warm spring and summer months or during the calm stillness of fall and winter, our corner of the Bay allows for consistent wildlife viewing and fun paddling opportunities. Our staff monitors the weather constantly and will keep your group updated prior to the trip of any conditions that could impact your trip. We'll provide a week's notice if it appears weather will cause cancellations.

**Is parking available?** Yes, and it's free! There is a large parking lot we share with the Bay Model Visitor Center and US Army Corps of Engineers. Room for buses is available. The directions to Sea Trek provided on our website will guide you to the parking lot.