



Marsh Trip: Grades 5 and up

Students are introduced to estuaries and the important role they play in the food webs. The salt marsh, an important wetland habitat associated with the estuary, is full of both plants and animals...After an introduction to the salt marsh students will be transported via Discovery Hall's bus to the salt marsh...They will have the opportunity to "sink into their studies" by dragging seine nets, sieving mud and scooping up animals. Identification and interesting facts about their catch are discussed.

What to expect:

- Students will explore the salt marsh using seine nets, shovels, sieves, and dip nets. .Students will get wet and muddy. !
- All specimens will be discussed and observed by students. in collection containers.

What to wear and bring:

- Old clothes and **old tennis shoes** that you do not mind getting wet and muddy. Tennis shoes should lace tightly for walking in mud.
- Sun protection - sunscreen, hats, etc.
- Water bottle (especially important for warm weather trips)

Key Words to Review with Your Students:

- Estuary
- Food web
- Detritus

For more information on salt marsh and estuaries visit www.marine-ed.org

