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"There was far less trash than in past years, but so many cast-away water bottles of all shapes and sizes, one even with a message inside."

-Toby Tyler Zone 1, 2001

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We are a non-profit education organization with a mission to foster responsible interactions with our natural surroundings and to generate knowledge of the marine and coastal ecosystems of Kachemak Bay through environmental education and research programs.

Programs

We offer a variety of education programs to a wide audience; programs range from school field trips to guided nature hikes to citizen monitoring programs.

Facilities

CACS Headquarters Office - hosts several annual events and is situated in downtown Homer with interpretive displays and giftshop.

Peterson Bay Field Station - located in a dynamic forest and beach environment across Kachemak Bay from Homer with lab, aquaria and overnight facilities.

Carl E. Wynn Nature Center - a cozy interpretive cabin, trail system and viewing platforms are set in wildflower meadows on the bluff overlooking Homer.

Kachemak Bay CoastWalk



CoastWalk is a unique community science and stewardship program with a three part mission to:

- build community awareness of the importance of our local marine habitats,
- gather data to detect long term trends in biodiversity
- observe effects of human impacts on our shore.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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What is CoastWalk?

The Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies (CACS) has coordinated an annual effort to monitor Kachemak Bay, located on the lower Cook Inlet, for over 20 years. Volunteers choose a section of beach to walk during the three weeks of CoastWalk and collect data on observations of marine, bird, and animal life, signs of human use and impacts and any noticeable changes to their stretch of beach. Active stewardship through the beach clean-ups has also been a feature that has resulted in the removal and disposal of tons of trash and marine debris.



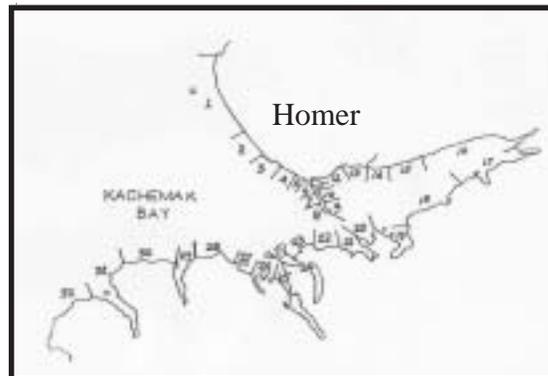
Special education programs are provided for local schools and youth groups to also encourage their participation in CoastWalk.

"I loved taking a more careful look at what surrounded me. It somehow brought me more closer to the beauty I never fail to notice."

-Roberta Highland, zone 7, 1988

Why is it needed?

This grassroots program came from our local citizens concerned about the changes that they were witnessing along our shorelines. The beaches of Alaska are some of the most dynamic on the earth and thus are excellent for the study of change, both in response to small and large-scale natural forces and the activities of people who are drawn in increasing numbers to our shoreline for recreation, residential, commercial, and industrial activities. CoastWalk is here to insure that our coasts are kept in a state that will benefit all of its residents.



When is the next CoastWalk?

This is one event in a series during the annual September CoastWeeks celebration of Kachemak Bay. A variety of organizations around Homer host events related to coastal issues.

This year's CoastWalk kick-off will be September 8, 7-9pm at the CACS Headquarters Office. The kick-off is a great opportunity to learn more about the program, hear some of the latest research, and meet other CoastWalkers. The 2006 CoastWalk will extend through September 30



Who are CoastWalk partners?

CoastWalk, like many other community programs, as draw a variety of partners including: Cook Inletkeeper, Kachemak Bay Research Reserve, Alaska Maritime NWR, Ocean Conservancy, Pratt Museum, and many local schools. In addition, many local businesses have sponsored a CoastWalk Zone in their support of the program.