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Dear Field Trip Leader,

The Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve (BCER) is an extremely popular location for field trips for birders and nature lovers of all kinds. This 1,445-acre reserve features wetland and upland habitat rich in native plant and animal species. Coastal saltwater wetlands are among the most biologically productive ecosystems on the planet, a great resource for viewing wildlife and learning about local biology and history. As an increasingly high number of groups come here to visit overcrowding has become an issue. BCER has limited parking and multiple large groups can overwhelm the facilities at the reserve and negatively impact wildlife.

To promote a positive experience for all visitors and reduce impacts to BCER's wildlife, the California Department of Fish and Game requires all groups of 25 or more participants to schedule their visit on the **BCER Master Event Calendar** by calling 714-846-1001. This Master Calendar is maintained on behalf of the Department through coordination with the three Bolsa Chica non-profit organizations listed below.

In addition, if you wish to have a docent-led tour, contact one of the following:

Amigos de Bolsa Chica: info@amigosdebolsachica.org or 714-840-1575
Bolsa Chica Conservancy: molly@bolsachica.org or 714-846-1114
Bolsa Chica Land Trust: bclandtrust@verion.net or 714-846-1001

Please note that no pets or bicycles are allowed on the reserve. The Department appreciates your cooperation to help us balance public access and resource protection. Any questions can be directed to the Reserve Manager Carla Navarro Woods at cnavarro@dfg.ca.gov or by calling 949-640-9961. Thank you for your interest in the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Carla Navarro Woods