

University of California – Master Gardener Program

Ormond Beach Wetlands in Oxnard

Fact Sheet

Ormond Beach is a well known and large wetlands undergoing a restoration effort supported by local and state agencies. The site provides specialized learning opportunities in native plants, the wetland environment and outdoor opportunities for people. Since native areas have a seasonal cycle of activity and dormancy, volunteers support this site from September to November and again from February to May.

Master Gardeners are involved in propagation and transplanting of the native plants specific to this location, some of which can be nurtured in home gardens. Projects include plant identification, signage, and photography projects and facilitating self-guided walking tours of the wetlands area. School tours are being conducted, and Master Gardeners are needed to support this effort. This is the only approved site in Oxnard/Port Hueneme.

Youth groups and students from CSUCI provide maintenance and organize public work days. There are also current grants at work at Ormond Beach that support maintenance as well as learning opportunities.

Objectives:

- To provide and support educational opportunities related to gardening.
- To provide a comfortable and engaging setting for training and educating Master Gardeners.
- To promote and demonstrate UC science-based gardening practices.

Activities:

- Practice and maintain regular gardening practices, including weeding, cleaning, deadheading, planting as needed.
- Garden design, site preparation and layout, irrigation installation and repairs as needed.
- Have fun with gardening friends.

Volunteer Workdays:

- Thursdays – 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.