

# Nimbus Hatchery Tours

## Information for Fall 2017

For all organized groups wishing to visit the hatchery in **Nov. or Dec.**

### **RESERVATIONS MADE BY LOTTERY—HELD SEPT. 8, 2017 9:00 AM**

Please complete the Lottery/Reservation Form and submit by mail or fax.

Nimbus Hatchery Visitor Center asks that schools and other groups make reservations for field trips to the facility. The reservation system helps ensure safe and educational visitation for all. All **scheduled** groups, guided and self-guided, will receive food to feed the young fish if they are present in the raceways.

**Guided** tours last approximately 80 minutes (preschool and kinder 60 minutes); are aligned to the State Science and Environmental Education Standards; and address the natural history of salmon and/or steelhead, the reasons for the hatchery, hatchery operations, resource management, and individual stewardship. Tours include a ¼ - ½ mile guided walk along the river and observations of the spawning process or a 14 minute video about the hatchery on days when egg-taking is not occurring. **Self-guided** tours are scheduled for a 90 minute window and include access to all areas visited by guided tours.

A number of salmon-related classroom activities and information are available on the DFW website at <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/CAEP/Curriculum-Aids>

### **Fall 2017 Educational Opportunities at Nimbus Hatchery**

#### **1. Guided and Self-guided Tours – reservation required**

**\*November:** Salmon are in the river. The fish ladder usually starts running during the first week of November, **but this is dependent on river conditions**. Salmon may be viewed in the gathering pond once the ladder has opened. Egg-taking does not occur every day and is not on a pre-determined schedule but will be viewed if it is occurring. Please note that visitors do not usually see salmon jumping up the ladder. Young trout can be observed and fed in the raceways (dependent on water temperature).

**\*December:** Fewer salmon in the hatchery and river; fewer days of egg-taking. Ladder is still running, and steelhead may be present. Young trout can be observed and fed in the raceways.

#### **2. Public Visitation**

\*The Nimbus Hatchery Visitor Center is open to the public weekdays from 8-3 and weekends from 9-3 (closed Christmas Day). The raceways are open from 7:30-3 daily. The river trail is open from sunrise to sunset. **Casual visitors do not require a reservation.**

*\*Please note: There will be no American River Salmon Festival this year.*

#### **3. Tours During Other Times of Year and Preschool Tours**

\*For guided tours between January and October, please call 916.358.2884.

**For more information:** Find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/NimbusHatchery](http://www.facebook.com/NimbusHatchery)

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