



PORTS

Parks Online Resources for Teachers and Students



What is PORTS?

- ▶ A **FREE** distance learning program that uses live videoconferencing to help schools teach **academic content standards** in the context of California State Parks.

Why PORTS?

- ▶ Live, interactive presentations that include science, history, language arts and other academics.
- ▶ Fully developed units of study with lesson plans and digital media.
- ▶ Programs that allow students access to park experts regardless of their geographic location or economic status.
- ▶ Videoconferencing allows park staff to interact with students sitting miles away and engage them in meaningful conversation.

DISTANCE LEARNING WITH CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS—Año Nuevo State Park

With the power of videoconference technology, students can learn how evolution has molded the northern elephant seal to survive one of the most extreme lifecycles known. A state park interpreter will lead the students on an engaging, highly-interactive virtual tour featuring live and recorded footage of the elephant seals at Año Nuevo State Park.

How to get started:

Contact your IT staff to ensure the technological capability of your school. You will need a high speed internet connection and a standards-based videoconferencing unit or a camera-enabled computer or tablet. Contact us or visit our website at www.ports.parks.ca.gov to get more information.

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"PORTS is a perfect complement to a field trip. Students arrive excited to share their knowledge... and be experts, too! PORTS is a wonderful tool to help busy teachers."

-Tina C., Field Trip Foundation

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