

# UCSC Campus Natural Reserve

## About the program

In 1988 the Long Range Development Plan created an on-campus Natural Reserve at UCSC. After a few revisions, the Natural Reserve is 409 acres of noncontiguous land that includes a variety of biomes such as coastal grasslands and Redwood forests. Interns will learn about the management of the UCSC Campus Natural Reserve and the many Stewardship responsibilities that the program undertakes.



## How interns fit in

Interns take an active role in the stewardship of the Campus Natural Reserve, which involves hands-on work in rough terrain and dense vegetation. Students work to implement the Invasive Species Management Plan laid out by the department by surveilling for and removing invasive plant species that are prioritized for removal. Trail maintenance is also a major part of the stewardship of the Natural Reserve, and interns will work together to block unwanted trails, manage erosion, and put up fences and signs to prevent trails from forming in certain areas. Interns are also responsible for removing trash from the various forest and meadow areas that see a lot of human traffic.

## Quotes

"For every non-native plant we teach we have to teach a native plant, so that it doesn't seem like there's just bad plants everywhere"

"We want students to walk away with an understanding of what this place is... there's a lot going on here in terms of diversity"

