

# Another Successful Summer Field Trip Season at the Rachel Carson Reserve Comes to a Close

---



The Reserve's summer public field trip series at the Rachel Carson Reserve located in Beaufort concluded last week with a circumnavigation cruise around the site, including a stop at Middle Marshes. Thanks to all of our volunteer guides who shared their love of estuaries and the Rachel Carson Reserve with field trip participants.

This field trip season included 13 trips with 165 participants total. Three types of field trips were offered, including nature hikes on the island, boat trips down Taylor's Creek to the Rachel Carson Reserve boardwalk, and circumnavigation cruises around the island.

The Reserve has received a great deal of positive feedback about these free field trips and their volunteer guides...

"Recently I had the wonderful opportunity to explore the Rachel Carson Reserve on a July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 summer field trip. (free!) It was the perfect summer morning. We were greeted by smiling interns, received excellent information about the reserve's ecology and conditions from the Site Manager and our boat Captain, Paula Gillikin. We had a good hike with a wonderful volunteer, Sue Suggs. It was our first visit and I cannot wait to return. Thank you for this chance to explore such a valuable asset to the North Carolina coast."

"Thank you very much for the lovely education tour you provided today... My friends and I found the tour very informative. The staff members were friendly and knowledgeable. They communicated safety and their love for their work and the environment. We were also fortunate to have a fair weather day. We left the tour feeling enlightened and inspired. We will definitely tell our friends and families of the work you conduct here, and we highly recommend your tour to all. Thank you for your dedication to public service and the environment."

Check back next spring for the 2015 summer field trip schedule. We hope to see you then!