

WHAT IS A RESERVE?

The basic definition of a Reserve is outlined below. Point Lobos docents are encouraged to adapt this definition to their own styles. Several ideas for personalizing it are also provided below.

BASIC DEFINITION (synthesized from the California State code).

Point Lobos State Natural Reserve protects environmentally significant living and non-living resources for use by future generations:

- native ecosystems
- unique animals and plants
- geological features
- cultural and historical resources
- natural beauty.

Of 280 California State Parks, Point Lobos is one of only 16 designated State Natural Reserves, affording it a much higher level of statewide protection.

In order to minimize negative human influences and leave Point Lobos as natural as possible, rules allow the public to use the Reserve for enjoyment and education:

- only for day use
- by eating only in designated picnic areas
- by remaining on marked trails
- by removing none of its precious resources and leaving it undisturbed.

SOME IDEAS FOR PERSONALIZING THE MESSAGE

- Discover, Wonder, Connect, Protect.
- Everything is protected because it is all connected.
- Nature's gifts are priceless.
- Allow future generations the same thrill of discovery that you will experience here today.
- Protect our precious open spaces for perpetuity. Protect our environmental legacy.
- Access to nature is a privilege.
- Someone, like you, who came before us, connected with this natural area and protected it. It all started with a special tree; now it is all protected.
- People are just visiting this special place and must be careful to follow all the rules.
- Please do your part to protect every plant, every animal that resides here.
- Leave only footprints; take only memories.

Now create your own:

EXAMPLE 1: Point Lobos SNR protects and preserves this area's unique plant and animal life and geologic features for all of us and for future generations.

EXAMPLE 2 For children: Every single thing we discover here at Point Lobos SNR, from the tallest tree to the tiniest critter is precious, wondrous, connected and protected. *I am part of this Reserve...I promise to protect it.*

Create your own: