Nature Centers, Gardens, & Arboretums in SoCal

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Environmental Nature Center, Newport Beach
A 5-acre landscape for learning and a place of preservation and instruction. The ENC has 15 California native plant communities, fresh water marsh, wildlife habitats, walking trails and a sustainably-designed learning center. Visit their Butterfly House re-opening on May 19 at their Spring Faire.

School-break camps available as well as Little Naturalists Camp (ages 3-5), Summer Adventure Nature Camp (K – 3rd grades), and Science Explorers Camp (4th – 8th grades). Traveling Naturalist Program, Scout Programs and birthday parties also offered.

ENC Nature Preschool, a nature-based early learning center where students will spend the majority of the day outdoors is set to open in September.

Fullerton Arboretum, Fullerton
A 26-acre botanical garden with a collection of plants from around the world, located on the northeast corner of California State University, Fullerton. See the Victorian-style architecture of the Heritage House on site and visit the Heritage Museum. Special events and classes offered throughout the year. Open daily, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Admission, $5 suggested donation.

The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, San Marino