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DURHAM, N.H. -- University of New Hampshire's Sea Grant and Cooperative Extension programs are offering public tours of the university's Jackson Estuarine Laboratory on Fridays to groups of five or more adults and children, 10 years and older.

Located on Adams Point in Durham, the laboratory was built in the early 1970s and continues to be one of the outstanding estuarine research facilities in the country. Six resident researchers work on projects ranging from discovering the cause of eelgrass beds periodic die-offs to the intricacies of oyster and clam aquaculture. Campus-based faculty members from the earth sciences, natural history, zoology and plant biology departments, as well as others, are also doing research projects at the lab.

Perched on the shores of the Great Bay, Jackson Estuarine Laboratory is the perfect place to conduct estuarine research and education. The resident staff has collaborative relationships with faculty members from other universities, with state and federal agencies, and with marine-related industries. While basic scientific research is part of the lab's mission, there is also a focus on applying expertise to local and regional environmental issues.

Educating students, teachers and the public is also an important focus. Each year more than 500 visitors visit the lab through programs such as tours given by UNH Marine Docent volunteers, the UNH Discovery Cruises and the educational Great Bay Living Lab. People can also tune their AM radios to 1610, Great Bay Area Radio, when they are near the estuary to hear commentary and announcements pertaining to the bay.
Please contact Sharon Meeker at 749-1565 in the Sea Grant Extension office for additional information.

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