## **Ernest F. Coe Sidewalk**

Scientific research and the management of our wild places are vital to the air we breathe, our food web, and our water supply. National Parks and Field Stations are often strategically placed in active migratory corridors, called flyways, where constant change is especially evident. Field station and Park researchers often seek to identify changes in biodiversity in these regions, which continuously demonstrate that all of life is connected.

What is our role in conserving these special places? We know that humans benefit from careful land, water, and species management. On a smaller scale, we understand that water flows from upland areas through wetlands and coastal estuaries, affecting our food supply. We need to support environmental conservation, which addresses the ecology of fire, water, endangered species, and human settlement while strategically planning for a healthier future. This exhibition seeks to demonstrate the connections between living things and why they matter to our survival.