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Tidepools - Rocky Reef - Marine Reserves

↓ Do you have proper tidepool etiquette? Start here to find out!

Do you step on things?



Acorn Barnacles

Yes: It is safest for you and marine organisms to walk on the sand or bare rock. Please do not use a walking stick, it applies immense pressure that can be deadly to fragile organisms.

No: Rolling, hovering, and crawling count too!

Do you do things quickly?



Purple Urchin

Yes: Slow down, enjoying nature is not a race!

No: Quietly observing tidepools is the best way to see things that would otherwise go unnoticed.

Do you like to be forcibly poked?



Giant Green Anemone

Yes: WHY???

No: Neither do marine organisms! Touch animals gently with one wet finger. No uncomfortable poking or prodding necessary.

Do you have bulging biceps?



Ochre Stars

Yes: Keep those in check! Prying organisms off rocks could be lethal. Please leave animals attached to their rocks.

No: Me neither!

Do you shoplift?



Hermit Crab

Yes: Don't take me!

No: Please do not remove anything from the beach or tidepool. It is hard to find an empty shell with no other living thing in it or on it. Shells are critical habitat for many organisms.

Do you leave messes?



Purple Shore Crab

Yes: WHY???

No: The rocks, shells, and seaweeds give protection to the animals living below; including the ones you don't see. Please return moved items back exactly the way you found them.

Have you ever been abducted?



Blue Top Snail

Yes: Congrats on your escape! Make sure marine organisms survive their encounter as well. If you must pick an animal up, keep your hands low to the ground so they don't have far to fall in an accident. Return inhabitants promptly to their home.

No: Stay safe! I hear it is not much fun.

Many tidepools are included in Oregon's Marine Reserves and are special places for people and animals alike! Marine Reserves are areas that have been set aside to protect animals and their homes.



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