

All About the Rocky Shore



Did you know each year thousands of students come to experience the natural wonders at Cabrillo Beach Coastal Park!

One of the most dynamic *ecosystems* along the California coastline is the rocky shore. This unique *habitat* supports an amazing array of ocean life.

The abundant collection of marine *organisms* that inhabits the rocky shore includes: algae, seaweeds, barnacles, snails, mussels, anemones, sea slugs, crabs, sea stars, urchins, fish, and many others.

Like organisms in other habitats, rocky shore organisms rely on a combination of adaptations to ensure their survival. An *adaptation* is a body part or a behavior that helps a living thing survive in its environment. These adaptations include shape, function, size, and coloration, as well as defensive behaviors and feeding strategies.

So let's discover the unique creatures that live in this very unique habitat.

You have all the tools you need to begin discovering at the touch of your keypad. Here's what you'll need to do to get started. It's super easy!

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Browse, checkout and borrow some of these ocean-themed books and learn about the incredible adaptations that the extraordinary plants and animals of the rocky shore have evolved to overcome their challenges and thrive in an

ever-changing environment!

All About the Rocky Shore Book List by Grade

Preschool & Kindergarten

Commotion in the Ocean by Andreae Giles

Star of the Sea by Janet Halfmann

First & Second

Creature Features: 25 Animals Explain Why they Look the Way they Do by Steve Jenkins

Fake Out! Animals that Play Tricks by Ginger L. Clark

Third & Fourth

Kids Unplugged: Ocean Quest Activity Book by Felicity French

The Big Book of Blue by Yuval Zommer

Fifth & Sixth

The Amazing Octopus by Bobbie Kalman

Virtual Field Trip 3: Wading in Marine Biology by Susan F. Goodman

Seventh & Eighth

Bill Nye the Science Guy's Big Blue Ocean by Bill Nye

Fylling's Illustrated Guide to Pacific Coast Tide Pools by Marni Fylling

Ninth & UP

The Log from the Sea of Cortez / The Pearl by John Steinbeck

Blue Hope: Exploring and Caring for Earth's Magnificent Ocean by Sylvia Earle

***"What draws me to the sea is the changing
light, the changing temperatures, the
different conditions, It's just beautiful."***

***~ John M. Olguin
Beloved Father of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium***