

Tide Pool Etiquette

1. If you pick up or turn over a rock, turn it back over! Gently!
2. Pick animals up with wet hands and be careful with them!
3. If you pick an animal up, put it back where you found it!
4. Don't keep animals out of the water for too long. Hold them under the water for people to look at or put them in a bowl filled with sea water.
5. Do not poke the animals (especially with a pen or pencil!)
6. We want to encourage you to explore and touch, but be respectful and aware – you're dealing with live creatures
7. Animals to watch out for (we will also review these when in Rocky Point)
 - a) Shuffle your feet to avoid **stingrays**
 - b) Don't touch **fire worms**! They are bright orange with white spicules. If they touch them, they will leave the spicules in your hand!
 - c) You can touch the **octopus**, but be aware that they can bite. Don't stick your hand under their mouth!
 - d) The **cone snail** is deadly – their radula is a modified harpoon filled with poison – you can find a picture in your packet
8. Have fun and be considerate!