

ROCKPOOL SAFARI

CHECKLIST



Sea Lettuce



Bladder Wrack

Seaweeds are very common in rockpools, there is often other critters hiding underneath it.



Beadlet Anemone



Snakelocks Anemone

You can find Anemones open if they are underwater, but when the tide goes out you can see them closed.



Spiny Starfish



Cushion Star

Be careful when handling starfish, they can stick strongly to rocks, make sure you don't damage them if you try to pick them up.



Scorpionfish



Blenny

Rockpool fish are covered in a layer of slime that allows them to stay out of water for longer amounts of time.



Shore Crab



Velvet swimming crab

Crabs are very common in the rockpools. They have a hard shell, if you're lucky you may find an old shell that a crab has left behind as it has grown too large.

THE SEASHORE CODE

1. **Handle creatures with care** - Make sure all creatures are treated with respect and returned back to where they are found.
2. **Be careful where you step!** - Make sure you're not standing on any shoreline creatures.
3. **Use hands only** - When rock pooling, we need to make sure we are gentle and considerate to the organisms. We must only use our hands (make sure they're wet before you touch anything) and not use tools like nets.
4. **Don't evict any Rockpool residents** - Any animals that are removed from rock pools to be examined must be returned safely to where they were found.
5. **Leave the beach clean** - It is important that you leave the beach in the same, or better condition as when you arrived. If you bring any rubbish, make sure you dispose of it responsibly.
6. **Stay safe, danger never takes a day off!** - Make sure that you use safe techniques to move across slippery wet rocks and when handling animals. Also, keep an eye on the tide so you don't get swept away.