



Rosario Beach Natural Area Stewardship Agreement



The tide pool environment is fragile. Please observe the following guidelines to protect the creatures of the Rosario tide pools and to make your visit safe and enjoyable.

Please:

Stay on the Designated Trail. We are trying to help more plants and animals return to this area.

Wash your hands in salt water on the open beach before touching the tide pools. This reduces the contamination of the tide pools from everything we have on our hands.

Use 2 wet fingers to gently touch anything in the tide pools.

- Please do not pick up any animals; even a short, accidental drop can damage their delicate bodies.
- Use extra caution after touching anemones; stinging cells can be transferred on your fingers to your sensitive mucous membranes (eyes, nose, lips, etc.)



Avoid stepping on seaweed and plants. They are slippery and critters live underneath. Whenever possible, walk only on bare rocks or rocks with barnacles.

Plants and seaweeds prevent erosion, provide habitat and cover for Intertidal organisms, and are food for numerous animals and insects.

Walking in the tide pool water is not permitted. Since many rocks are not stable, please do not step onto rocks in the tide pools.

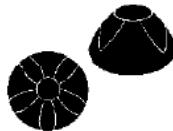
Rosario beach is a Natural Area: **Collecting, disturbing, or destroying organisms is prohibited by law.**



Please avoid lifting rocks, and return all disturbed rocks to their original position. Tide pool staff is happy to help you explore under the rocks appropriately. Many critters live and hide under rocks and are easily crushed or left exposed when rocks are disturbed.

Leave only footprints. Take only memories: do not take anything natural, and do not leave anything. Please help us keep our beaches clean, and pick up litter you may encounter.

Wash your hands after leaving the beach. This is especially important before eating or using the restroom.



Stewardship Pledge:

I pledge to be a good beach steward. I will protect myself and the environment by following the above guidelines. I will learn all I can about the beach, marine life, and what I can do to protect it.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

