

Doheny State Beach Interpretive Program Pre-packet

We are looking forward to your visit to Doheny State Beach. The Park/Beach offers both recreational and educational opportunities for your students. Doheny State Beach is a **Marine Life Refuge** area. This means that nothing can be taken from the Beach (animals, kelp/algae, shells, and rocks) as they are protected under Marine Life Refuge guidelines. Also, there is no picking of flowers in the Butterfly Garden or general Park grounds. We are trying to preserve the habitats at the Park/Beach as part of an on-going effort to keep the environment as healthy as possible. We appreciate your support and cooperation in helping maintain Doheny State Beach's precious natural resources!

Rules for everyone in the Natural Tidepools (Outside):

- Please remember that Doheny State Beach is a Marine Life Refuge so once again, please leave everything in its natural place!

Low-tide visits:

1. Please watch your step when exploring the tidepools as chances are great you're stepping on some little creature or their home!
2. Please observe creatures where you find them as it is less invasive to their fragile lifestyle!
(Plus it's more fun to watch their natural movements)
3. Please gently lift rocks when exploring and please be sure to gently put rocks back where you found them!
(Rocks protect creatures from the sun and predators)
4. Please remember to leave kelp/algae where it is found as it is a valuable source of shelter and food for intertidal life!
5. Please do not run or move swiftly on the rocks as they are slippery and it is very easy to fall...ouch!
6. Lastly, always watch your back for "sneaker waves" so you don't get knocked over. Please note the time of high tide so the in-coming tide doesn't "sneak" up on you!

Group Leaders:

Please take the time to carefully review the above guidelines with your group before your visit to Doheny State Beach.

The children are your responsibility!

Please initial after reviewing guidelines_____

Group Leaders:

Thank you for taking the time to review the above guidelines
before your trip to our Visitor's Center.

Please initial after reviewing guidelines _____

Thank you very much!

One More Thing To Help Us Plan!

Will the children be allowed to spend time in the water (ocean)?

Please circle: Yes or No

Will the children be allowed to purchase items in the
Gift Shop/Visitor's Center?

Please circle: Yes or No

**Thank you very much for stressing the importance of packing
that trash so wildlife doesn't ingest it
and please be respectful of the restroom facilities.**