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Rockpool Rambles



BE A BEACH DETECTIVE

Where to look and search.

The safest and best way to explore the seashore is to follow the tide as it goes out. Later, when the sun and wind have warmed the rocks and pools, many creatures will have hidden themselves or become inactive as the warmer water cannot hold so much oxygen.

- Turn over the line of weed and debris marking previous high tides. Many creatures will be hiding underneath.
- As more rocks and pools are uncovered look into cracks and holes in the rocks and under the seaweed. Empty shells may be occupied as well.
- Turn some of the rocks over carefully. Remember it is essential that you replace them exactly as you find them or the creatures that live on them will die.
- Dig into the sand where worm castings show there is life. Can you find the keyhole shaped hole that shows where a razor shell is buried?
- Compare the creatures that live on or under the rocks on one side of a bay with those on the other side for the conditions are probably very different as they face in opposite directions. Think of tide, sun, wind and waves.

CAREFUL

**ALWAYS TAKE CARE.
WEAR SHOES AND LEAVE
BEFORE THE TIDE TURNS.**

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