Real Sandpiper Point: tidepools



Sandpiper Point is made up. The animals and plants on this page are real, and so are the facts. Each one comes from the source named beneath it.

- Tide pools are pools of seawater left behind when the tide goes out.
  Source: California Academy of Sciences. www.calacademy.org/community-science/californias-tidepools/tidepooling-101
- At Cabrillo in San Diego, the high zone gets only occasional splashes, the middle zone has anemones, and the low zone, reached only at the lowest tides, has sea stars.
  Source: National Park Service (Cabrillo). www.nps.gov/cabr/learn/nature/tidepools.htm
- The best tide pooling is at the lowest tides, because the low zone is only visible then.
  Source: Monterey Bay Aquarium. www.montereybayaquarium.org/about-us/stories/tide-pooling-tips
- The US West Coast tends to have two high and two low tides a day, of different sizes (mixed semidiurnal tides).
  Source: NOAA Ocean Service. oceanservice.noaa.gov/education/tutorial_tides/tides07_cycles.html
- Spring tides come at the full and new moon; neap tides come at the first and third quarter moon.
  Source: NOAA Ocean Service. oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/springtide.html
- "King tide" is a popular, non-scientific name for exceptionally high tides, which often happen at a new or full moon.
  Source: NOAA Ocean Service. oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/kingtide.html

Where they live

These facts come from the Southern California and West Coast shore. Check a tide table for the shore you visit, and never turn your back on the waves.

In the stories

Snip Gets Stuck runs on a real tidal clock. In every book the tide is named in plain words and pictures before anyone goes onto the Ledges.

Stories: Tully and the New Baby, Tully's First Day, Plan First!, Snip Gets Stuck.

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