

Tidepool Monitoring Volunteer

Cabrillo National Monument

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Since 1990, Cabrillo National Monument has been engaged in a long-term monitoring effort of the tidepools. Thirteen key species are being monitored using four types of study techniques during spring and fall - and volunteers are a key component of the research. The data is used to track and detect long-term changes in the ecosystem and species of our rocky intertidal zone.

Job Title	Tidepool Monitoring Volunteer
Location & Time	Cabrillo National Monument, Point Loma, San Diego, some adjacent Navy property and a location in La Jolla and Cardiff 3-5 consecutive days each spring and fall; 4-6 hours/day. Volunteers can come one or all of the days
Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Measure the size and frequency of key marine species, including setting up transects for algae (seaweeds), and taking photos in specifically sized plots of mussels, rockweed, and two types of barnacles.
Knowledge & Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Desire to understand and use scientific measuring and study techniques• Reliable and committed• Physically able to walk in tidepools and on uneven land terrain• Must be at least 18 years old
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spend time outside in beautiful places• Meet people from all around the world• Learn about intertidal ecosystems• Training provided• Learn about National Park Service careers• Opportunity to improve your community and your National Park
Contact	Find out more information at volunteer.gov . Use Cabrillo for a keyword search.

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