

Tide Ticklers Preschool Program



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This preschool program will introduce young children to the wonder of nature and the joy in its exploration. Following an introduction to the seashore we will divide into two groups to explore the beach.

Through the use of puppets and story apron, a treasure circle and hands-on discovery, the children will learn that all living and non-living things are important. The emphasis will be on sensory exploration and discovery. They will be encouraged to protect and respect the seashore and its inhabitants and to think of them as a community with needs similar to our own.

To complete the program, the children will be brought together as a group to sing a song celebrating life at the beach.

The cost is \$70.00/program (non-taxable). Upon completion of the program, an invoice will be emailed to the contact provided on your registration form. Payment can be made by calling in a credit card to 250.360.3341 or by cheque (please include invoice number), payable to CRD. Please do not bring payment on the day of the program.

If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Long, Acting Coordinator of Environmental Interpretation at 250.360.3329.

Tide Ticklers (1 Hour Program) Island View Beach Regional Park

Arrival Time at Island View Beach

Please arrive at the park 10 minutes before your program is scheduled to begin. This allows time to organize the students without cutting into the actual program time.

How to Get There

Follow the Pat Bay Highway from Victoria. Turn right on Island View Road, then left on Homathko Road, which leads to the park entrance. Allow approximately 30 minutes driving time from Victoria. The naturalists will meet you at the picnic shelter.

Directional Map

For a detailed directional map please visit the following Google Map link:

<http://goo.gl/maps/iryyq>

Preparing the Students

1. **Name Tags:** Before arrival divide students into 2 groups. Each student should wear a large, waterproof name tag. Please make the group divisions before arrival, as you are best able to judge the appropriate group combinations.
2. **Clothing:** The group should be prepared to participate outdoors, rain or shine. Students can wear light summer clothing when appropriate, but they should also be prepared for colder and wetter weather. **For beach programs, please bring dry clothes, shoes and towels.**

Suggested Clothing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • long-sleeved shirt • sweater • shorts with longer pants over top – no jeans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • waterproof sandals or old running shoes that can get wet – no flip flops • coat • hat

3. **Guidelines:** Please review the following behaviour guidelines with your students. Be sure students are aware that this is an educational field trip in an “outdoor classroom.” Classroom manners are required.

General Behaviour Guidelines

- stay with the assigned naturalist and on the trail
- follow instructions
- listen to what is being said
- ask questions about the plant and animal life
- relax and learn

Beachcombers Behaviour Guidelines

- For your safety, move only rocks that are the size of your head or smaller. Always replace rocks and boulders in the exact positions you found them.
- On the shore; walk on bare rocks, on patches of sand and mud between rocks. Do not run.
- Do not move animals/organisms from one tidal zone or type of beach to another, or remove them from the park. Always return animals/organisms and plants to their natural habitat.
- Before leaving, make sure you have picked up all your equipment. Please help us by picking up any litter you find.

These guidelines are designed to keep both you and the inhabitants of the park safe. Please help to protect your regional parks.

Role of Parents/Chaperones and Teachers

- Please ensure that there are parents/chaperones accompanying the teacher to the program.
Suggested ratio: 1 chaperone per 6-7 students.
- Teachers are responsible for group management (e.g. discipline of students when necessary, control of group behaviour).
- Parents/chaperones can be helpful in taking smaller children to washrooms.