

Rock Pooling Code



Before you start

1. Identify a good rock pooling area and get permission from the landowners and from your teachers, parents or another responsible adult.
2. Check the tide times, it is best to go 1–2 hours before low tide.
3. Find out where the safest areas are. The landowners should know this.
4. Find your old clothes and suitable shoes.

At the beach

5. Find a good rock pool. The best one's are usually fairly close to the sea.
6. Stand still and have a look what creatures you can see. Are there any stuck to the rocks?
7. Try moving a few stones to see if there are things hiding underneath them, but always remember to put them back.
8. Use an identification key or book to identify your creatures.
9. Don't take the creatures away from the rockpool as they may not survive in a different part of the beach.
10. Never kick a limpet off a stone as you will damage the muscle holding it on and it will not survive.
11. When you move to another pool, always walk and find the best route. Always keep an eye on the tide and the other people in your group. You should always be able to see each other.

When you have finished

13. Leave the area, exactly how you found it.
14. Wash your hands

