

Littoral Meaning

The intertidal zone is a rich habitat for a wide diversity of living organisms, plants, invertebrates and vertebrates.

The animals here are periodically exposed by the receding tides that correspond with the full and new phases of the moon. The lowest (and highest) tides of the year occur in conjunction with the summer and winter solstices. Some of the places you will walk out to are only uncovered ten or twelve times a year. Walk lightly, but centered and attentive to your own balance and those around you. Respect the life around you. You may quite literally see a million animals today. You needn't count them, though you might think of ways you could estimate their actual numbers.

Intertidal Field Trip

Date of trip: _____

Time of low tide: _____

Time trip begins: _____

Time trip ends: _____

Approximate distance from CSM is 18 miles.

Dress warmly in layers. Wear clothes that could get wet without great harm. Wear covered shoes to protect your feet; rubber boots are a good idea, if you have them. Bring a change of dry clothes to wear home, just in case. If you must leave before the class is dismissed, make sure the teacher knows you are going.

