

Heading to the beach?



You're not alone. Close to one million people a year visit local beaches. Imagine if each person took a seastar or shell home.

Here's how you can help the beach survive as a rich habitat for marine life.

Leave Cling-ons Clinging

Seastars, limpets and many other creatures survive pounding waves and predators by clinging to the rocks. Touch gently but do not remove animals from their home.



Peek & Put Back

Rocks and shells provide homes for crabs, snails, and other seashore life. All things on the beach, dead or alive, have a role to play. Please take only pictures.



Watch Your Step

Even though some animals look as solid as rock, barnacles, mussels, and sea anemones can be easily crushed. Step carefully!



Give Shorebirds Space

Migrating birds depend on local beaches and mudflats to rest and feed before they continue their journey. Disturbance by dogs and people can threaten their survival. Give shorebirds a wide berth, and keep pets on a leash or under control.



Spread the word.

Tell others about good beach etiquette.

Wolves in Claycoquot Sound.
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We are lucky to live so close to wildlife.

Living with Wildlife

Here are some tips to help you coexist with these natural neighbours.

Keep pets on a leash or under control

Free roaming pets can frighten wildlife and may also attract predators or be attacked themselves.

Don't feed wildlife

Feeding wild animals interferes with their natural diet and behaviour. Animals searching for handouts can become aggressive or dependent and when attracted to roads are often killed by cars.

Be Bear Aware

Keep food, garbage and other attractants in a bear-proof storage container, or in your house or vehicle at all times.

Enjoy from a distance

If a bird or animal moves away, you've come too close! Shorebirds are especially sensitive, but all species suffer from repeated disturbance. Give birds and other wildlife space. Avoid approaching too closely.

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