

# Marine Life Try-It

## INTRODUCTION

This Try-It was designed to help girls learn about the ocean and the seashore. By trying activities from four of the six areas, this Try-It will help girls explore and recognize the characteristics of the coast and its variety of living organisms.

### Tide Pool

Visit a tide pool with your troop. Walk among the rocks being sure you don't step on any living thing carefully look into the water.

1. Look at the animals. How do they move around? See if you can find animals that swim, crawl and are attached to the rocks. Do these animals move slow or fast?
2. See if you can find any animals that are eating. What are they eating? How do these animals catch their food and eat it?
3. Can you find any plants in the water? What do they look like?
4. Carefully touch an animal that you have observed. What did it feel like?
5. Learn more about the fish and other animals that live in the ocean through books or by visiting an aquarium.

**Remember,** Do not to remove anything from the tidepools, leave the area exactly as you found it.

### By the Water

1. Stand on the beach and look at the water. Watch the waves for a while. Are all the waves the same size?
2. Stand in the water and feel the waves against your legs. Is the water warm or cold? Is the ocean water salty or fresh?
3. Can you find any animals by looking into the water or by digging in the sand? If you find something, do you know what it is? What is it doing?



### Along the Sand

1. Walk along the beach and feel the sand between your toes. Feel the difference between the dry sand and the wet sand. Play in the sand for a while. Try building a sand castle.
2. Look at the different shapes and colors of the shells you find along the beach. If you find any seaweed examine it closely. What does it look like, how does it feel? What other things do you find on the sand?

### Other Animals

1. Watch all the birds at the beach. How many different kinds of birds do you see? How do they look different from each other? What are these birds doing?
2. There are many animals that live on and around the beach. What animals can you see that do not live in the water?

### Using Your Senses

1. You can use your senses to experience the beauty of the beach. By closing your eyes use your other senses to enjoy the beach. Listen carefully to the waves and the birds. Feel the wind against your face and the warm sand under your feet. What else can you hear, feel and smell?
2. After you get home, use your memory and try to draw a picture of some of the things you saw on your trip to the beach.

### Keeping the Beach Clean

1. Pollution can hurt many things at the beach and in the ocean. Read the section called "Pollution" on page 144 in the Brownie Girl Scout Handbook.
2. The trash that gets left on the beach and thrown in the water hurts all the animals that live in this area. Be sure you don't leave any of your own trash behind when you go home.