

Tidelands

This is a teacher led activity at Tidelands Nature Center. The hour and a half includes travel time, so you should plan to spend about an hour in the nature center. It might be helpful to start half of the kids at the entrance and half at the exit so they are moving in opposite directions. Afterwards, weather permitting, use the benches outside to review or discuss. Be creative!

Review keywords and list some animals before going into Tidelands.

Keywords

Benthic
Bivalve
Univalve
Venomous
Habitat
Metamorphosis
Spartina
Invertebrate
Vertebrate
Extinct
Endangered

List examples of the following:

Reptiles
Marine Mammals
Amphibians
Birds
Fish

Here are some review questions for afterwards:

1. What are some dangers to sea turtles?
2. People recognize many different sources of pollution, for example litter on the beach or oil spills. What are some less obvious sources of pollution?
3. What are some importances of the salt marsh?
4. You saw the loggerhead sea turtle, a yellowbelly slider, and a gopher tortoise. Compare the habitats of the different turtle species.
5. Pick your favorite animal and explain how this animal might affect its habitat and the environment.
6. On Jekyll Island, why are whelks found but not conchs?
7. What is a big problem for manatees along our coast? (Possibly talk about the no wake zone.)