



National Park Service
Cabrillo National Monument
Natural Resource Management and Science (NRMAS)
Tidepool Protection, Education, and Restoration Volunteer Program

TIDEPOOL PROTECTION EDUCATION & RESTORATION
VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

The NRMAS division is responsible for the management of all natural resources at Cabrillo National Monument. The Tidepool Protection, Education and Restoration Program (TPERP) volunteer position was created as a way to positively enforce the Zone Three closure through educating visitors about the research and conservation efforts of the park. Tidepool volunteers also educate visitors of all ages and nationalities about the rocky inter-tidal ecosystem and the plants and animals that live there, while gently enforcing applicable park regulations.

The ideal tidepool volunteer is motivated, reliable and energetic; interacts well with the public; and is willing to learn about the National Park Service mission, park regulations, and necessary information about the rocky inter-tidal ecosystem.

Hours: Minimum of 8 hours a month (of course volunteers may work more hours if they like). Shifts are generally split into four-hour increments.

Duration: 8-month season, usually starting in mid-October and ending in mid-May. Summer season shifts are also encouraged May – September for high tides.

Supervision: Assigned TPERP Coordinator is the first line supervisor for the program. Volunteer Manager is the second line supervisor.

Training: New volunteers must attend a volunteer orientation and annual Tidepool Conference Training.

Uniforms: The monument will provide each volunteer with a uniform shirt and hat. Windbreakers and walking poles are available and kept at the park.

Safety: Volunteers may be standing and walking in a very slippery and rocky shoreline area. Please walk slowly and carefully within this area. Cabrillo National Monument employees strongly recommend the use of a walking pole for stability. For those uncomfortable with the rocky intertidal area there is an option to be a greeter at the tidepool entrance. All volunteers are required to observe all park regulations and act in a safe and responsible manner, setting the example for park visitors.

Benefits:

- Work in one of the best preserved inter-tidal areas in southern California
- Opportunity to work with park staff members and other volunteers
- Attend volunteer appreciation events
- Satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to preserve our nation's precious natural resources for the enjoyment of this and future generations