

Jr. Scavenger Hunt



Start inside the Galleria!

The Bay

1. Find a shark that hunts at night.
2. Find the large, bright orange fish (the state marine fish of California!) Write its name here: _____
3. How many eels can you find?
4. How much of a moon jelly's body is made of water?

The Marsh

1. Find a fish with venomous spines.
2. What can an octopus do to help it hide?

The Uplands

1. Name three animals at the Nature Center that live in the upland habitats.
2. Find an animal in the upland exhibits that hops. Write its name here: _____
3. What colors do you see on the rainbow trout?

Time to head outside!

Shark & Ray Experience (*Turn right when you enter.*)

1. Name three animals that live in the Shark & Ray Experience.
2. What is the shape of most rays' teeth?
3. What are the leathery eggs laid by some sharks and rays called?
4. How many leopard sharks can you count?

Marsh Observation Deck (*Now go to the deck on your left.*)

1. What are two types of wading birds?
2. What are four types of surface feeders?
3. Name six shoreline birds that you can find in Sweetwater Marsh.



Burrowing Owl Exhibit *(Now walk down the ramp for your next questions.)*

1. What type of animal can a burrowing owl imitate?
2. Where does a burrowing owl nest?

Shorebird Enclosure *(Now take the boardwalk to the aviary.)*

1. How many different shorebirds can you spot within the large aviary? See if you can name one!
2. What does a clapper rail eat? *(Hint: Look at the dinner plates.)*

Eagle Mesa and Raptor Row *(Now follow the path to Eagle Mesa.)*

1. What are the things all raptors have in common?
2. What do raptors use their strong toes and sharp talons for?
3. Find the national bird of the United States? What about Mexico?
4. Why do turkey vultures have a bald head?
5. How many different types of owls can you find?
6. What do ospreys like to eat?

Turtle Lagoon

1. How long can Eastern Pacific green sea turtles live?
2. How many sea turtles can you count?
3. What is their favorite food?
4. Where do they make their nests?

Bay Observation Deck *(Now go up the ramp to the Bay Observation Deck)*

1. How did the native people use the plants and animals of Sweetwater Marsh?
2. Name one living thing you can see from the Observation Deck?
3. What is your favorite animal at the Nature Center?