

Cabrillo Aquarium Alternate Site Activity (lab manual pages 240 to 250)

This lab deals with marine animals, wetlands, and tides. We have not talked about those in class yet. Am I ready to go there?

Yes, you can learn while on the spot (this is one of the reasons for this lab). Still, I would recommend that you work on your Tides assignment first, so you actually know what we are talking about in the field. You are encouraged, but not required, to read about wetlands (chapter 11, pages 332-335).

How to get there?

Follow instructions on page 240 of your lab manual

What to bring, beyond your personal needs?

See page 240 of your lab manual

When do I go there?

At any time before November 8, when you will bring your lab manual to class with your answer

How can I prove I have been there and not copied my answers?

Make sure to ask the person at the Aquarium counter to have a picture taken with you at the counter, to effectively prove that you are at the Aquarium. This is a Department request, and not your instructor's decision. Send me that picture, which supposedly has a time stamp on it, as an attachment as soon as it has been taken

How long am I supposed to be there for?

This lab is supposed to be fun, exploring wetlands and animal life in the Greater Los Angeles area, so you think of it as fun. Plus, there is extra credit! I would say enough time to understand what you are doing, understand the sense of the lab, answer all questions. For a thorough experience, I would estimate at least three hours.

What do we do once we get there?

Walk to the Salinas de San Pedro wetlands and answer the first 15 questions in your lab manual. Then walk back to the Aquarium. Answer ALL questions in the lab manual. Ask the personnel at the Aquarium if you have any question, curiosity, or doubt about the exhibits

Once we are done, what do we do?

Double check that you have ALL your answers, that you sent me the picture to prove that you were there on a date before November 8, fix your answers if you think something is not correct, make annotations about something you want to ask me once we meet again in class. Then, on November 8, bring your lab manual to the class with your complete answers to receive full credit

How much extra credit are we getting for this?

For a complete, making sense and possibly correct, set of answers, you may get up to 20 points extra credit or, in other terms, 2% of the overall grade