

**Beachkeepers** – promote awareness, conservation and stewardship of the marine ecosystem at təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park and in the community

**Location:** təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park, Picnic Area (near the ocean) and wharf

**Role Description:**

Volunteers will:

- Encourage preservation and protection of marine ecosystems by engaging park visitors with hands-on, interactive educational displays, props and activities
- Work to collect base line information on the impact of recreational fishing on local crab populations at the təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park wharf; this information is analyzed by Fisheries and Oceans for fisheries management purposes

**Duties include:**

- Set up and take down displays on the wharf and in the information tent
- Engage wharf and park users in activities that will increase their awareness of beach and park etiquette, fisheries regulations, intertidal conservation and natural history
- Participate in the crab study (trapping, handling, and data collection)
- Advise visitors of park rules and regulations (as needed and when comfortable to do so)
- Develop new displays, pamphlets and signs for Beachkeepers (optional)

**Qualifications:**

- Volunteers must:
  - \* Be at least 16
  - \* Have enthusiasm and a positive attitude
  - \* Be willing to engage with and to educate the public
  - \* Have a keen interest in marine ecology and natural history
  - \* Be reliable and motivated
  - \* Be able to work both independently and with a team
  - \* Feel comfortable handling live intertidal marine life

**Time commitment:**

- A minimum of 6 weekend shifts (approximately 30 hours) throughout the summer, from the last weekend in June to Labour Day

**Support provided:** Volunteer Manual, orientation and training

**Benefits:**

- Learn new skills
- Gain hands-on experience in data collection, public education and marine stewardship

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**For information contact the Beachkeeper Coordinator:**

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