

Welcome to the Anne Kolb Nature Center

Fun words for you from the Mangrove Estuary

Brackish: Describes water that contains some salt.

Carapace: The part of a crab or turtle's shell covering the head and body.

Claw: A pincher on the leg of a crab or lobster.

Consumer: An animal that eats other animals or plants because they cannot make their own food.

Crustacean: Animals with an exoskeleton and jointed legs, like crabs, shrimp, and lobsters.

Decay: To rot or break down into the original pieces.

Decomposition: The process of rotting, it breaks down into the original pieces.

Detritus: Loose pieces of rotting plants or animals.

Estuary: An arm of the ocean that extends inland, usually where a river meets the ocean and the fresh water and salt water mix.

Exotic: From another part of the world.

Exoskeleton: The outer shell of insects and crustaceans.

Fiddle: A musical instrument like a violin.

Fins: The thin part on the outside of a fish's body that helps it swim and steer.

Indigenous: Living naturally in a place.

Invertebrate: An animal that does not have a backbone.

Juvenile: An animal that is not yet an adult.

Leaf: The usually green flat part of a plant used for making food.

Mangrove: Tropical trees living in tidal brackish water.

Mollusk: Animals with smooth bodies and a hard shell like snails and clams.

Mud: Wet soil.

Native: Indigenous, living naturally in a place.

Nectar: The sweet liquid produced by flowers to attract insects.

Plankton: Tiny plants and animals living and floating in water.

Predator: An animal that hunts and feeds on other animals.

Producer: A living thing that can produce its own food, plants.

Propagule: A seed that sprouts before leaving the parent plant.

Salinity: The total amount of dissolved salts in water.

Sand: Small, loose pieces of broken rock.

Scavenger: An animal that feeds on dead animals or other decaying plants and animals.

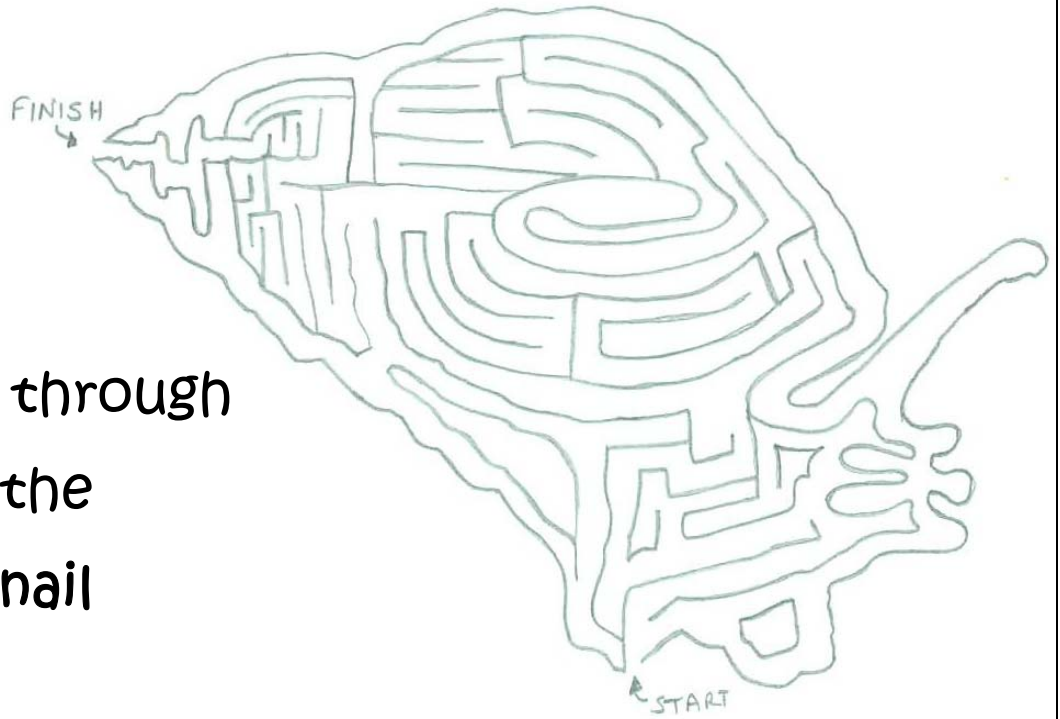
Shell: The hard outer covering of some animals.

Snag: A dead tree that is still standing.

Tidal Pool: A small body of water that is created by the tide.

Tides: The change in depth of ocean water near the coast because of the orbit of the moon.

Vertebrate: An animal with a backbone.



Find your way through
the shell of the
Periwinkle snail

What has no beginning, middle, or end
and touches all of the continents?
The Ocean.

Why are fish easy to weigh?
They have their own scales.

Help the crab
unscramble its
parts:

E H L L S

R A C A C P E A

W C A L

O S X E L E N O E K T

CLAW	DECAY	ESTUARY	EXOTIC	FIDDLE	FINS									
LEAF	MANGROVE	MOLLUSK	MUD	NATIVE										
NECTAR	SAND	SHELL	SNAG	TIDES										
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