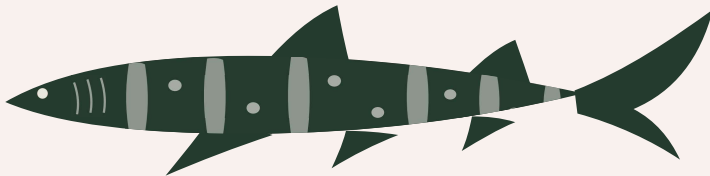


SNORKELING · LA JOLLA COVE & SHORES · SAN DIEGO

Susan's *underwater* guide

THE MAIN EVENT

Leopard shark TO 5 FT · HARMLESS



Nearly every shark here is a pregnant female. They hold in the warm shallows to speed up a gestation that runs 10 to 11 months, and there has never been a recorded injury from one in La Jolla.

WHEN

June through December. **August and September are peak**, when hundreds hold in the shallows at once.

WHERE

The south end of **La Jolla Shores**, off The Marine Room - not the Cove. Waist to chest deep, just outside the break.

CONDITIONS

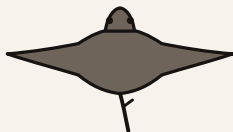
Early morning, low tide, calm surf. Float still and quiet - they spook and scatter at noise.

ALSO LOOK FOR



Garibaldi

COVE KELP · TO 14 IN
STATE MARINE FISH



Bat ray

SAND FLATS · TO 6 FT
GIVE IT ROOM



Sheephead

REEF EDGE · TO 3 FT
ALL BORN FEMALE



Kelp bass

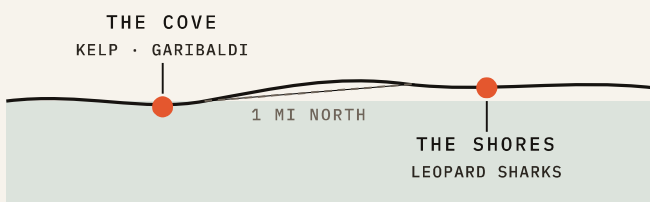
IN THE KELP · TO 2 FT
HOLDS STILL, WATCHES



Sea lion

COVE ROCKS · TO 7 FT
STAY 50 FT BACK

WHERE TO GO IN



THE RULES · IT IS A PROTECTED AREA

Look, never touch. Touching or harassing any animal here is prohibited, sharks included.

Take nothing - no shells, no rocks, no fishing inside the reserve.

Never corner a sea lion or come between a mother and pup. Leave if one posts up at you.

Shuffle your feet on the sand at the Shores - rays rest buried in it.

go at 8am on a low tide - clear water, empty beach, and the sharks are still lazy