

Cabrillo National Monument Visitor Center and Hike

Name_____ Date_____

****Be sure to staple your receipt (that you receive when you pay \$5 at entrance) to this paper for full credit.**

Visit the “Exhibits” room next to the visitor center.

1. What day and year did Cabrillo enter San Diego Bay?
2. What did he call San Diego Bay?
3. What band of native Indians lived in San Diego at the time?
4. What happened when Cabrillo met the Indians?

Visit the “Auditorium” next to the “Exhibits” room. Watch one or more of the three educational videos and give me a summary of what you learned (I’ve watched all three many times and all are great)!

Take the 3.2 km Bayside Trail (trailhead is just northeast of the lighthouse).

Sign 1 – What unique plant community does this trail wind through?

Sign 2 “Dryland Pioneers” – List four succulents found along this trail (that were used by native Kumeyaay Indians)

Sign 3 “Communities” – nothing

Sign 4 “Spring Colors” – What kind of relationship does the Indian Paintbrush have with neighboring plants?

Sign 5 “Weather” – What is the primary difference between the vegetation on north-facing and south-facing slopes at this location?

Sign 6 “Something in the Air”- nothing

Sign 7 “Aliens and Natives”- List three aliens that are mentioned on this sign as part of this vegetative community.

Sign 8 “Waves of Wings” – Look behind you at the heavily gullied sandstone cliffs behind you and to the west. Do you notice the circular blowout depressions which are products of Aeolian erosion?

Sign 9 “On the Sunny Side” –What are the three most common snakes in the sage scrub community?

Sign 10 “Ecology of Fire”- How does fire affect the CSS community?

Sign 11 “Community Service” – What percentage of CSS has been destroyed? Why should this matter?

Sign 12 “Local Wrens”- nothing

Sign 13 “Precious Water” – How does the evergreen scrub oak prevent water loss during hot summers?

Sign 14 “Nightlife” – nothing

Sign 15 “Small and Specialized”- Why are smaller organisms more diverse?

Sign 16 “Point Loma” – What does the scrub-covered headland (i.e. Point Loma) shield San Diego from?

Sign 17 – List four objectives of this reserve: