

Aquarium Hours

The Pennington Marine Science Center (PMSC) contains recreated ecosystems that feature nearly 50 different species of animals collected in Catalina Island's local waters. Our camp aquarium exhibits include a kelp forest tank, rocky reef exhibit, intertidal tank, shark tank, moray eel tank, octopus habitat, plankton lab, and invertebrate touch tanks all supported by our two full-time resident husbandry staff.

SATURDAY HOURS:

9:00AM AQUARIUM OPENS

Start your morning by taking a tour of the aquarium and getting acquainted with the Catalina locals.

9:30AM – 11:30AM TOUCH TANKS OPEN

Dip your hands in, take a selfie, get up close and personal with our Catalina ecosystem marine life! Featuring invertebrates and elasmobranchs.

11:45AM KELP FOREST FEEDING PRESENTATION

Learn about the kelp forest ecosystem and its benefits for animals and humans. Don't miss your chance to ask our aquarist questions!

12:00PM – 1:30PM

CLOSED FOR LUNCH

1:30PM AQUARIUM RE-OPENS

Thinking about going for an afternoon snorkel? Stop by to practice your fish ID for your trip to Doctor's Cove!

2:00PM – 4:00 PM TOUCH TANKS OPEN

Dip your hands in, take a selfie, get up close and personal with our Catalina ecosystem marine life! Featuring invertebrates and elasmobranchs.

4:15PM SHARK & RAY FEEDING PRESENTATION

Take a deep dive into elasmobranchs with our horn sharks and round ray to learn about their unique features and see how our aquarists feed them!

4:45PM JELLY FEEDING PRESENTATION

Discover the secrets of how we grow all our own jellies right here in the PMSC during this aquarist feeding presentation.

5:00PM AQUARIUM CLOSES