

Maritime Forest Journal Questions

1. How does a salt marsh eventually develop into a climax maritime forest?

2. Why are the plants you might find in the transitional zone different than ones you may find in a climax forest? What are these species of plants called? Lists examples.

3. Name two ways a fallen log could benefit a maritime forest.

4. Why is the understory of the maritime forest important? List at least three reasons.

5. Who are the F.B.I. of the maritime forest and why are they important?

6. Draw and name at least two plants you learned on the walk. How did you identify them?

7. Define secondary succession and give two examples.

8. Draw and list the elevation zones of a climax maritime forest.

9. What animal is responsible for creating sloughs? How do they do this? How does a slough benefit an ecosystem?

10. Is Cockspur Island considered a climax maritime forest? Why or why not?