

There's another side to OC Parks. One that encompasses miles of beautiful California coastline. Get your exercise at Thousand Steps Beach. Explore the tidepools at Aliso Beach, home of the World Championship of Skimboarding. Watch pro surfers and bodyboarders practice and compete at Salt Creek Beach. Or just bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a day with a cool ocean breeze in the warm California sunshine.

WHAT THERE IS AT OC BEACHES AND COASTAL PARKS.



FUN AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE.

There's almost no end to the fun you can have at the beach, in or out of the water. Swim, surf or snorkel. Bring a football or volleyball. Have a family picnic. Or just go for a walk along the shore and breathe the clean, salt air.

PICNIC WITH A VIEW. FINS MAKE IT MORE FUN.

Bluff Park and Dana Point Harbor offers grassy areas with picnic tables and shelters overlooking the water.



It's a lot easier to body surf or body board when you have a good pair of swim fins. But wading out in the shallow surf is hard when you're wearing fins, so here's a tip to make it easier: walk backwards until you get out deep enough to start swimming.



HERE COMES THE BRIDE.



Picture a bride walking down the aisle, her veil billowing softly in the gentle ocean breeze. Imagine the wedding kiss silhouetted by the sun setting in the Pacific. That can be your wedding. Call us to find out about getting married at Salt Creek Beach.



ROCK AROUND THE FIRE.

Tune your guitar and brush up on your Beach Boys songs. Few things are as fun as a late-night singalong around the fire pit (available at Aliso Beach and Capistrano Beach). While toasting marshmallows, of course.



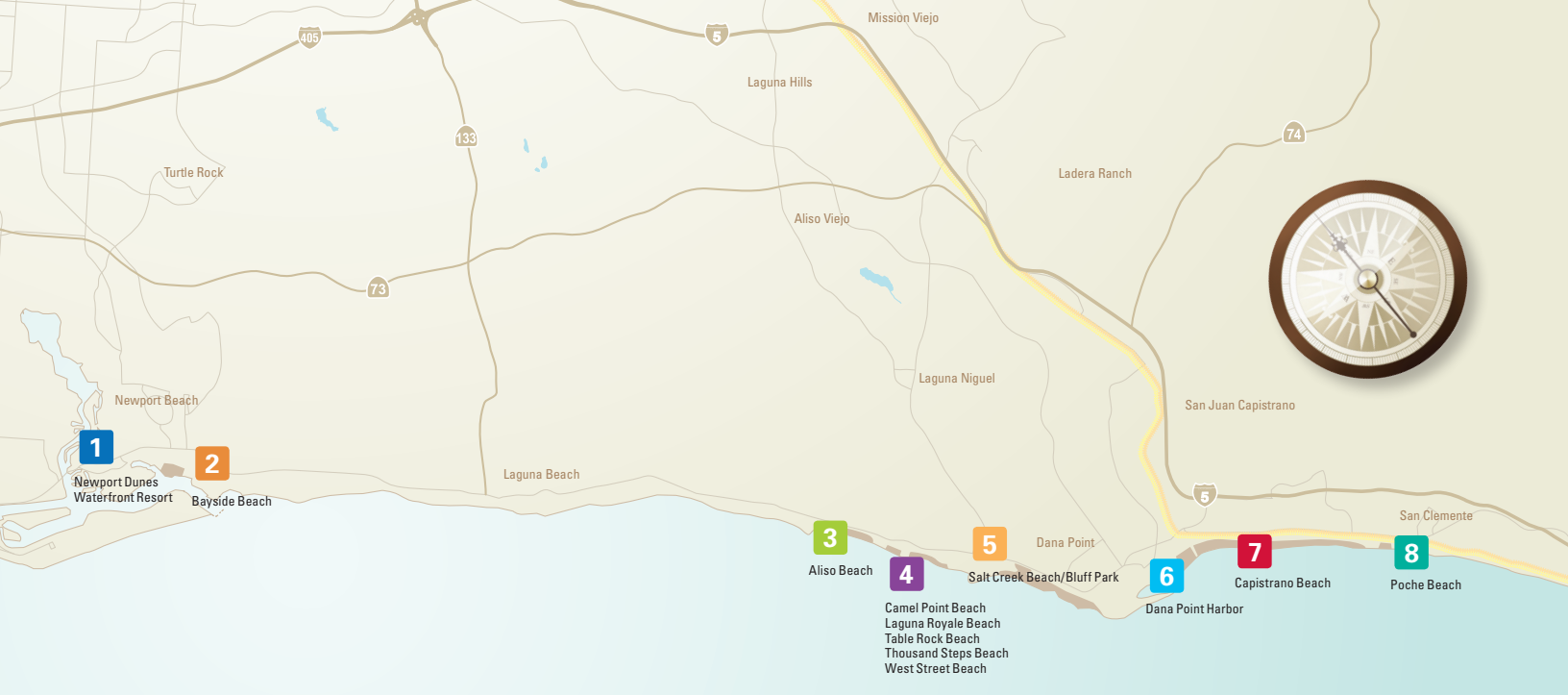
INVITE EVERYONE.

One of the nice things about the beach is there's plenty of room for everyone. All you need is a towel, blanket or beach chair.

INTERESTING SEA CREATURES TO SEE.

There are plenty of interesting sea creatures to see in the tidepools at some of our beaches. But please don't touch! Many of them are as fragile as they are beautiful.





Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort

1131 Back Bay Drive
Newport Beach
7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. 949-999-3151

The resort, operated by a County lessee, offers a great quiet-water swimming lagoon. Kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, pedal boats, electric boats and sail boats are available for rent.



Bayside Beach

1901 Bayside Drive
Newport Beach
6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. 949-923-2290

This small bayfront beach offers quiet water that's perfect for swimming. No lifeguard is on duty, and there is limited parking in the adjacent Harbor Patrol lot.



Aliso Beach

31131 S. Pacific Coast Highway
Laguna Beach
6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. 949-923-2280

Swimming, skimboarding, and paddleboarding all take place in the waters off Aliso Beach. You can also enjoy sunbathing, exploring tidepools and sand castle building. A concessionaire offers food, beverages and beach supplies.



Camel Point Beach/Laguna Royale Beach/Table Rock Beach/Thousand Steps Beach/West Street Beach

6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. 949-923-2280
Thousand Steps: 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

(Camel Point: Access from Camel Point Drive or Pacific Coast Highway.

Laguna Royale: Access from public stairway south of Laguna Royale condos.

Table Rock: Access from Pacific Coast Highway at Eagle Rock Way.

Thousand Steps: Access at 9th Street via Pacific Coast Highway.

West Street: Access from stairway at the end of West St.)

These beaches along the south Laguna coast offer body surfing and world-class skimboarding. Remember your sunscreen.



Salt Creek Beach/Bluff Park

33333 S. Pacific Coast Highway
Dana Point
5:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. 949-923-2280

Salt Creek is one of Orange County's top surfing beaches. A small, offshore reef creates some of the best left breaks along the entire shoreline. Swimming, body surfing, sunbathing and exploring tidepools are other activities here. A concessionaire offers food, beverages and beach supplies. Weddings can be held with advance reservations.



Dana Point Harbor

Pacific Coast Highway and Dana Point Harbor Drive
Dana Point
7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. 949-923-2280

(Adjacent to Dana Point Harbor Drive)

A park with grassy area, picnic tables and barbecues is located across from Baby Beach, a quiet-water beach perfect for, you guessed it, little swimmers.



Capistrano Beach

35005 Beach Road
Capistrano Beach
6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. 949-923-2280

(Approximately 2 miles south of Dana Point Harbor, at Pacific Coast Highway and Beach Road.)

Enjoy swimming and body surfing, as well as basketball and volleyball, at this beach located beneath the Capistrano bluffs.



Poche Beach

2798 N. El Camino Real
San Clemente
6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. 949-923-2280

(Corner of Camino Capistrano and Pacific Coast Highway.)

Poche Beach is a small beach along the south county coastline. No restrooms are available, and parking is along Camino Capistrano.