# EXPLORE YOUR SANTA BARBARA COASTAL TRAIL

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\* 6.2 +/- miles between stops 1 and 11



Arrovo Burro Estuary Once utilized by the native Chumash as a coastal access point for fishing and traveling to the Channel Islands and other coastal Chumash settlements. The estuary plays an important ecological role filtering out pollutants that would otherwise enter the ocean, plus acts as a barrier against ocean flooding.





La Mesa Park La Mesa Park is a popular neighborhood park attracting young families and often used for small gatherings. Situated on the Mesa, this area is known for its historical uses related to the Chumash, farming, and onshore oil drilling.



Thousand Steps Built around 1923, the Steps are the oldest of three important bluff-top coastal access points between Leadbetter Beach and Arroyo Burro County Park. The steps descend 85 feet to the beach below providing a first-hand look at bluff geology, including small landslides and the point at which the white Monterey Shale of the cliff comes into contact with the marine terrace sediment.





Shoreline Park Shoreline Park offers unprecedented views of the Santa Barbara Channel and is one of Santa Barbara's most popular parks. The land was saved from development in the 1960's with the help of a passionate citizen's group.









**Leadbetter Beach** The construction of the harbor and breakwater halted the movement of sand down shore. Ten acres of newly accreted land deposited west of the harbor and filled in what is now the City College track and Leadbetter Beach. The State Legislature deeded this new land to the City in 1937. Today, it supports a natural beach ecosystem and attracts paddle boarding, surfing, and wind surfing, and other activities.





The Harbor Completion of the harbor in 1929 confirmed Santa Barbara's place as a fully functioning coastal community, able to provide a protective anchorage to fishing vessels, freighters and personal yachts. Yet, construction had a significant impact on the natural ecology, interrupting the natural drift patterns of sand along the coast. Today's harbor is a mix of recreation and boat-supporting industries, including a 100-year-old, \$12 milliondollar-a-year fishing industry. Seasonal dredging removes deposited sand from the mouth of the harbor, keeping it open and functioning for boats.



Ambassador Park This half-acre park, nestled between beachfront hotels with views of the harbor, was once the site of a large Chumash village. The Syuxtun story circle, a mosaic art piece across the street in the sidewalk, commemorates the Chumash culture and their strong ties to the coast.





Stearns Wharf The oldest working wood wharf in California was built in 1872 by John Peck Stearns to facilitate the transfer cargo and people from ships to shore. Today, the wharf is one of the most visited sites in Santa Barbara and home to multiple restaurants and the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Sea Center.





Chase Palm Park Chase Palm Park was established in the early 1900's. A 1998 expansion includes the historic Hershel Carousel and shipwreck playground. The Arts and Crafts Show, held Sundays since 1965 between Stearns Wharf and Calle Cesar Chavez. features art and crafts by local artists.





East Beach A popular beach for sunbathing, East Beach boasts over a dozen beach volleyball courts. The historic Cabrillo Pavilion was built in 1926 as a community social and recreation center. The facility is a hub for youth and adult sports, summer camps and social gatherings.





Andrée Clark Bird Refuge Once a natural salt marsh with fresh water and tidal influence, the 42-acre park plays an important role as an artificially managed estuary with marsh, riparian woodland, and coastal sage scrub habitat.









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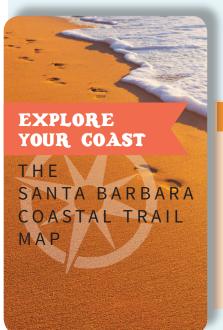
## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules and regulations vary along the trail, so please be aware of and read all posted signs.

- Park hours are sunrise to a half-hour after sunset
- Pick up after pets
- Observe posted dog-leash, bike, skateboarding, and rollerblading rules

General rules include the following:

- No littering



### **ABOUT** THE SANTA BARBARA COAST

Santa Barbara includes roughly 6 miles of accessible beaches, a variety of coastal habitats and an abundance of wildlife. Due to the mild climate, ocean-related activities are year-round and include sailing, surfing, kayaking, swimming, fishing and more.

As a result of early community vision and civic engagement, Santa Barbara boasts bluff-top

beach access staircases, walking paths, active parks and diverse recreational facilities.

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Use this map to explore Santa Barbara's coastal culture, history and ecology. While you walk, venture to featured sites and visit the City's website to access informative podcasts and videos.

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