

Crystal Cove State Park - JANUARY 2017

In collaboration with the nationwide event “**First Day Hike**” and in celebration of New Year’s Day, State Park volunteer Kitty Gallagher will lead a guided interpretive hike in the backcountry of Crystal Cove State Park on **Sunday, January 1 at 9am**. **Meet at the Berns Amphitheater** (PCH inland at stoplight School-State Park follow the signs to the Campground/Moro day use.) \$15 day-use parking fee

Love birds, but need help with identification? Join Crystal Cove State Park birders on a guided **winter bird walk** on both the inland and coastal areas of the park on **Saturday, January 7 at 8:00am**. **Meet at the Berns Amphitheatre** (PCH inland at stoplight School-State Park, follow signs towards the campground.) \$15 day use fee

Enjoy a **-0.2** low tide at Crystal Cove State Park where a volunteer will lead a guided **tidepool walk to Pelican Point** on **Sunday, January 8 at 12:00** and help identify animals and describe some awesome adaptations. **Meet at Pelican Point parking lot #2, at the top of the boardwalk near the parking lot** (PCH coastward at Newport Coast, right at kiosk to first lot.) \$15 day-use fee

Enjoy a free **sea glass jewelry making activity** each **Wednesday (1/11, 1/18, & 1/25)** from 10-4 in the **Education Commons in the Historic District** at Crystal Cove State Park (Park in the Los Trancos lot - PCH inland at stoplight Los Trancos then walk across the street or take the shuttle.) Learn how to turn sea glass into a one of a kind creation. \$15 day use fee

Join Crystal Cove State Park volunteers at a **backcountry trail restoration day** on **Saturday, January 14** from **8am-12**. Meet at the top of Ridge Park Road (Newport Coast, turn east at Ridge Park, away from the shopping center.) For more information and to RSVP info@sharemtb.com

Help us learn more about Moro Canyon’s Ecosystem at **Field Science Saturday on January 14 from 8:30-10:30am**. Become a citizen scientist as we study leaf litter microbes, restoration and herbivory, and fuel moisture levels. **Meet at the Berns Environmental Study Loop Amphitheater** (PCH inland at stoplight School-State Park follow the signs to the Campground/Moro day use.) \$15 day-use fee

Crystal Cove State Park naturalists will lead a guided interpretive 2-hour, four mile **Full Moon Hike** on **Saturday, January 14 at 6:30pm**. Terrain will be uneven and steep with a 700 foot elevation gain/loss in some areas on this moderate night hike. **Meet at the Berns Amphitheatre** (PCH inland at stoplight School-State Park follow the signs to the Campground.) Wear sturdy shoes, bring water & a flashlight, and dress in layers

Winter is an exciting time to learn about our local nature. Join park naturalists on a **family nature hike** at Crystal Cove State Park to learn about the plants and animals living in the park on **Sunday, January 15 & Saturday, January 21 at 9am**. **Meet at the Berns Amphitheater** (PCH inland at stoplight School-State Park follow the signs to the Campground/Moro day use.) \$15 day-use fee

Take a walk through the renovated **12-acre Historic District** at Crystal Cove State Park on **Sunday, January 15 from 12:00-2pm**. Former life-long resident Laura Davick will share stories about the colorful past of the Cove including the history, its rescue, and the plans for restoring the remaining 17 cottages. **Park at Los Trancos parking lot** then cross PCH at the signaled intersection and walk across the marked pathways and meet at the bluff top deck of the overnight rental check-in cottage. Day-use fee: \$5/per hour (max. \$15)

Learn about some of the fun and interesting animals that live at Crystal Cove State Park on **Saturday, January 21 from 12-3pm** at the **Historic District Education Commons** where Park Naturalist Alex will host a **Beachside Chat**. Park in the Los Trancos lot (PCH inland at stoplight Los Trancos then walk through the tunnel or take the shuttle.) Day-use fee: \$5/per hour (max. \$15)

Explore the huge variety of seaweeds on a guided **Seaweeds & Sea Creatures of Crystal Cove Beach Walk** on **Saturday, January 28 at 2pm**. There are countless species of marine algae; green, red, and brown found on the beach. Learn about the biology, ecology, and even human uses of seaweeds and even if there is none to be found a walk on the beach is surely a lovely way to start a Saturday. **Meet at the Visitor Center** and park in the Los Trancos lot (PCH inland at stoplight Los Trancos then walk through the tunnel or take the shuttle.) Day-use fee: \$5/per hour (max. \$15)

Enjoy a super low **-0.9** tide at Crystal Cove State Park where a volunteer will lead a guided **tidepool walk to Pelican Point** on **Saturday, January 28 at 3pm** and help identify animals and describe some awesome adaptations. **Meet at Pelican Point parking lot #2, at the top of the boardwalk near the parking lot** (PCH coastward at Newport Coast, right at kiosk to first lot.) \$15 day-use fee

Join park naturalists on a **Bluff and Beach Sunset walk** on **Sunday, January 29 from 3pm until sunset**. Bring a camera and binoculars as we will search for migrating gray whales, birds, and watch the sunset. Walk will be on the beach, and both paved and dirt roads on the bluff. Dress in layers and bring water and a snack. **Meet at Pelican Point parking lot #2, at the top of the boardwalk near the parking lot** (PCH coastward at Newport Coast, right at kiosk to first lot.) \$15 day-use fee