



## SAN ONOFRE STATE BEACH

# Map and Park Information

**WELCOME!** Located along the northern San Diego County coastline, San Onofre State Beach is one of California's most iconic coastal parks and a favorite destination for outdoor enthusiasts. Known for its rugged beauty and rich cultural history, the park preserves a rare stretch of largely undeveloped coastline. With more than three miles of shoreline, the park attracts visitors year-round for world-class surfing, swimming, sunbathing, fishing and sweeping ocean views. Renowned for legendary surf breaks such as Trestles, the park also features scenic bluffs, sandy beaches, camping areas, picnic sites, fire rings, trails, beach access points and lifeguard services. It is the ancestral home of the Acjachemen (Juaneño) people and lies on leased land within U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

**San Onofre State Beach —  
San Mateo Campground**  
830 Cristianitos Road  
San Clemente, CA 92672



**Surf Beach:**  
**April 15-Sept. 31:** 6 a.m.-10 p.m.  
**Oct. 1-April 14:** 6 a.m.-8 p.m.  
**Bluffs:** 6am-sunset  
**San Mateo Campground:**  
6 a.m.-10 p.m.



**Day-Use Parking:**  
**Regular:** \$15/day/vehicle  
**Holiday and summer  
weekends:** \$20/day/vehicle



**California State Parks  
Passes Accepted:** Disabled  
Discount, Explorer, Golden Bear,  
Senior Golden Bear, Golden  
Poppy, State Library, Veteran



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### THINGS TO DO

*If you have a couple hours*, park at the Surf Beach parking area and relax at one of San Onofre's most iconic surf spots. Take a stroll along the beach to explore. It's a perfect low-key way to enjoy the ocean breeze and the scenic coastline.

*If you have half a day*, walk the Bluffs Beach Trail (several miles along the coast) for scenic ocean views and dramatic sandstone bluffs. It's a nice half-day activity if you enjoy walking and photography. Bring comfortable shoes and water; some parts can be uneven.

*If you have a full day or if you're camping*, you can walk straight from San Mateo Campground to Trestles, or explore stretches of trail near the Bluffs Campground. A full day here isn't about rushing — it's about mixing beach time with coastal walking and getting a chance to go for a swim at one of the many sandy beaches.

### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Junior Ranger**—California State Parks offer youth, ages 7-12, the opportunity to become Junior Rangers. Junior Rangers hike trails, play games, observe nature, create art, experience history and practice science.

**Nature Walks/Guided Hikes**—California State Parks offer guided nature walks and hikes to learn more about the coastal ecosystems, cultural history and geology of the area.

**Campfire Program (San Mateo Campground only)**—This family-friendly event, presented by a park interpreter or guest speaker, celebrates the natural and cultural history of Southern California. Our campfires are a fantastic opportunity to make lasting memories with family and friends.

**Note:** In addition, all visitors of San Onofre State Beach are welcome to attend programs and events at our neighbor park, San Clemente State Beach. Day-use entrance into the park is free of charge with proof of purchase of current day-use or camping fees from San Onofre State Beach.

### PLEASE REMEMBER

**Fire Rings**—Bonfires are only allowed within State Parks designated fire rings. Our fire rings are first come, first serve.

**Alcohol**—Alcoholic beverage consumption is PROHIBITED, unless approved through a special event permit.

**Special Events**—Picnics, weddings, charity walks/runs, catering and other events may require a special event permit. For more information, email [specialevents.ocdsouth@parks.ca.gov](mailto:specialevents.ocdsouth@parks.ca.gov).

**Dogs**—Pets are not allowed on the sand, in the water, or on most trails. Dogs are only allowed on San Onofre Bluffs Trail 1 and Trail 6. Dogs must be on maximum 6-foot leash at ALL times and physically under control. Service animals are allowed on all beaches and trails.

**Drones**—The use of powered unmanned aircraft, drones or other remote controlled aerial devices is prohibited.

**Unstable Bluffs**—Stay away from the bottom of the cliffs. Rockslides and cliff collapses occur without notice. To increase safety, time your beach visit for low tide, when there is more sand available between the cliffs and the waves. Keep a minimum distance of 10 feet from the bluffs.

