

# News Release



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## State Beaches to Expand Hourly Parking Options

*CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS, Orange Coast District.*—Taking a short beach walk, riding your bike on a coastal trail, catching a quick surf session, or just watching the sunset just became a little easier for State Park visitors in Orange County. Several of the Orange County area State Beaches have included hourly parking options for visitors including portions of Huntington State Beach, Crystal Cove State Park, San Clemente State Beach, and San Onofre State Beach.

At the end of January, State Parks will launch hourly parking at Huntington State Beach at the Beach Avenue entrance solely utilizing the PassportParking mobile pay program option, with hourly options at the Warner Avenue entrance of Bolsa Chica State Beach soon to follow.

“If the visitor wants to park for only a few hours and not pay the current \$15 day use fee at state beaches within Huntington Beach, they will have to utilize the PassportParking program to pay by the hour,” said Ketterer.

State Parks began offering hourly parking at specific locations in 2013 including San Clemente’s Calafia beach area, Trestles, and Crystal Cove State Park through the use of Automated Pay Parking Machines (APPM).

In the spring of 2013, State Parks partnered with PassportParking to utilize mobile pay program options allowing the visitor to park, use their mobile device to pay the necessary use fees, and enjoy their recreational activities without the inconvenience of stopping at a kiosk or standing in line to use a machine.

Currently any visitor wanting to enjoy the solitude of San Onofre Bluffs, the surf at Trestles, the beach at Calafia can simply download the PassportParking mobile app or call the appropriate phone number to pay to park or simply utilize the walk-up pay parking machines.

The PassportParking app allows visitors to receive text message alerts and reminders before their parking expires, and pay to extend their time. Those who use the app can log in using Facebook accounts to find nearby businesses and upcoming events.

To use the mobile pay system, customers register through the free PassportParking Mobile Pay app or voice system, found on both iPhone and Android platforms. Registration instructions are also located at all parking lots where PassportParking is offered.

Huntington State Beach and Bolsa Chica State Beach will set hourly parking at \$5.50 for the first two hours and \$2.00 for each additional hour.

State Parks also has several park pass programs which allow access to many State Parks, including those areas providing hourly options.

To learn more about California State Parks or learn about your local State Parks and the current fee schedules, go to [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov), and to find out more about *Passport Parking* go to <http://passportparking.com>.