

Seasonal Calendar of Annual Special Events 2010

Doheny State Beach

25300 Dana Point Harbor Drive in Dana Point, California

Winter-Spring Nature Outings February - April

- The winter through spring season is the perfect time of year to explore the tide pools with afternoon low-tides. Also, it is a good time for looking for migratory natural wonders (whales, birds, and such)! Please call for listing of additional outings in the park at (949) 496-2704. Happy New Year!

So. Calif. Chapter of International Dutch Oven Society January 16

- The Southern California Chapter of International Dutch Oven Society is hosting their annual Dutch oven festivity in picnic site #A beginning early in the morning until the afternoon hours. Experience some of their incredible specialties at this unique event

St. Valentine's Day Love Your Beach Cleanup February 13

- Join us for our first Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup of the year as we "love" Doheny back to good health after the runoff from winter rains. The cleanup is from 9:00 am - Noon. All beach cleanups meet at the new Lifeguard Headquarters (adjacent to the mouth of San Juan Creek). Thank you for bringing along working gloves.

City of Dana Point Annual Festival of Whales March

- Doheny State Beach Campfire Programs March 6 and 13
Learn about some of the majestic creatures that grace the oceans of the world at these evening programs beginning at 6:00 pm. at the Campfire Center. Please dress for weather and rain cancels.
- Doheny State Beach Mobile Marine Mammal Museum March 14
Visit Doheny's Whale Walk for an opportunity to see and feel authentic marine mammal artifacts (cool replicas, too!). Just look for Naturalist Vicki along the Whale Walk from Noon - 3:00 pm.
- Please Note: There will be no Fish-feeding programs this year due to the closure of our Visitor's Center. Let's hope the Center is open by summertime....cross those sandy fingers!

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19th Annual Grunion Night Date to be determined

- Join us as we greet the grunion back another year to the shores of Southern California at this fun annual event. This evening program includes a slide-show presentation about grunion (and other marine life mysteries) and a glimpse of live grunion (hopefully!). Bring along a chair, flashlight, and dress for weather. This program is for grunion viewing only as the grunion season is closed. Thank you!

Earth Day Restoration and Cleanup Projects April

- Earth Day Campground Native Tree Planting Project April 17
Please help Doheny State Beach continue planting the campground again this year with an assortment of native trees and shrubs. We're almost finished with the campground and then we'll focus on north day-use next year by planting some more large trees! This project meets from 9:00 am - Noon. Thank you for bringing along some type of working gloves and your favorite shovel! **This project is made possible through the generous support of the California State Parks Foundation.**
- Earth Day Beach and San Juan Creek Cleanup April 24
Let's clean San Juan Creek and the beach in honor of Mother Earth Day. This project meets at the new Lifeguard Headquarters (adjacent to the mouth of San Juan Creek) from 9:00 am - Noon. Please bring some working gloves and pack up for the whole day!

Southern California Woodie Club and Car Show April 24

- Start your springtime Southern California style by visiting the annual Woodie Club and Car Show at Doheny State Beach! Woodies start lining up the south day-use area at dawn and begin departing in the mid-afternoon. Don't miss out on this fun-filled day!

Doheny Blues Festival May 22 and 23

- Enjoy this 2-day blues music festival on the beautiful north day-use lawn of Doheny State Beach. Please see www.omegaevents.com for further details of this year's event. Thank you for purchasing tickets from Doheny's Gift Store as proceeds benefit DSBIA which supports Doheny's wide-ranging interpretive programs.

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Summer Season Interpretive Activities Begin June

- Please join us some summertime fun State Park style with activities for the whole family! Junior Rangers during the daytime and Campfire Programs in the evening. Summer activities begin towards the end of June. Please call for exact start date (949) 496-2704. Thank you for keeping the campground and beach clean!

Surf-A-Rama June 12

- Experience surfing culture at its finest with this forth annual surf expo featuring a variety of vendors and artists from the surfing industry. There will also be live music and an assortment of good grub! This event runs from 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Don't miss out

Dewey Weber Longboard Surf Contest June 12 and 13

- The Dewey Weber Longboard Surf Contest will be held this year in conjunction with the Surf-A-Rama. This contest is open to all ages and styles of longboard riding! Information: www.deweyweber.com

Independence Day Fireworks Extravaganza July 4

- Start out early in the morning if you're planning an Independence Day celebration at Doheny State Beach as this is the busiest day of the year! Doheny's day-use opens at 6:00 am. The fireworks show off the barge outside of the harbor begins at 9:00 pm. Doheny closes a 10:00 pm. Remember, no fireworks are allowed!

Independence Day Aftermath Park and Beach Cleanup July 5

- The staff at Doheny State Beach would sure appreciate any help from volunteers to clean up after the masses of picnickers! This is considered the messiest day of the year. Thank you everyone!!

Whitey Harrison Classic Outrigger Race Date to be determined

- Outrigger paddlers from all over California will compete in this long-distance roundtrip race from Dana Point to Laguna Beach. Cheer them on as they head out to the wild, open ocean to test all their months of training! For information, www.danaoutrigger.net.

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26th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day September 25

- Volunteers will gather in places all over the world to remove trash from the oceans, beaches, watersheds, and beyond. Doheny will focus on the beach and San Juan Creek. Please join us from 9:00 am-Noon. We will provide everything, including snacks and water. A special note of appreciation to the City of Dana Point and Starbucks for supporting this annual event.

The Rainbow Sandals Gerry Lopez Battle of the Paddle October 2 and 3

- Enjoy the evolutionary spirit of stand-up paddling with this 2-day autumn event. This contest is open to all levels of stand up paddling everything from beginners to children to even a master's category. There will even be a variety of surfing industry booths, interactive activities for the young and old...fun for everyone!

Doheny State Beach Haunted Campground October 23

- Don't miss out on Doheny's most festive event of the year as we transform a section of the campground into a spooky area, an array of educational booths, arts and crafts, a Fun Zone, and other fun activities. This event runs from 6:30-8:30 pm. There is no charge for admission; however, a donation of one non-perishable per person is greatly appreciated. Dress those little ones and join us!

Thanks to the Ocean Beach Cleanup November 27

- Everyone is invited to participate in the last Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup of the year as we give "thanks" to the ocean for the year-round joy that it gives to us! This cleanup meets from 9:00 am - Noon at the new Lifeguard Headquarters (adjacent to the mouth of San Juan Creek). Thank you for helping Doheny State Beach stay naturally clean!

**For information about nature programs and beach cleanups,
Please contact Doheny Naturalist Vicki at (949) 496-2704.
May all of you have a wonderful New Year full of adventure and cheer!**