

DOHENY STATE BEACH WHALE WALK



The Doheny Whale Walk extends along the walkway that runs from the west end of the beach, past the BoneYard Café, and down to the lifeguard building. Here you will find life-size paintings of some of the whales that swim off the shores of Doheny Beach.

A FEW GENERAL WHALE FACTS

* The cetacean family is made up of baleen whales, toothed whales, dolphins and porpoises.

*Baleen whales have bristles arranged across the upper jaw which they use as a filter when they feed on krill, copepods, shrimp and small fish.

*Toothed whales have conical teeth which they use to bite and capture their prey. The prey is usually swallowed whole. Typical prey are fish, shrimp, larvae, plankton, crabs, krill and squid to large marine mammals such as sea lions, walruses, seals, sharks, seabirds and even other large whales.

*Dolphins and porpoises are members of the toothed whale family.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE WHALES

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FIN WHALE



The second largest species of whales. Individual fin whales can be identified by the patterns of chevrons and streaks of light coloration on their back and by the size and shape of their dorsal fin. Because they are such fast swimmers, they are known as “grayhounds of the sea.”

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Balenoptera physalus*

TYPE: Baleen whale / **DIET:** shrimp, krill, small fish & squid.

AVERAGE LIFE SPAN: 80 TO 90 years

WEIGHT: 40 to 80 tons / **SIZE:** 75 to 85 feet

Kids' Times



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MINKE WHALE



The minke (pronounced mink-ey) whales are the smallest members of the rorqual family of whales (those with baleen, a dorsal fin and throat pleats). They are fast swimmers, capable of speeds of 16 to 21 knots (18 – 25 mph)

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Balaenoptera physalus*

TYPE: Baleen whale / **DIET:** krill, small fish, copepods

AVERAGE LIFE SPAN: About 50 years

WEIGHT: 10 tons / **SIZE:** 26 to 35 feet

Animal Facts

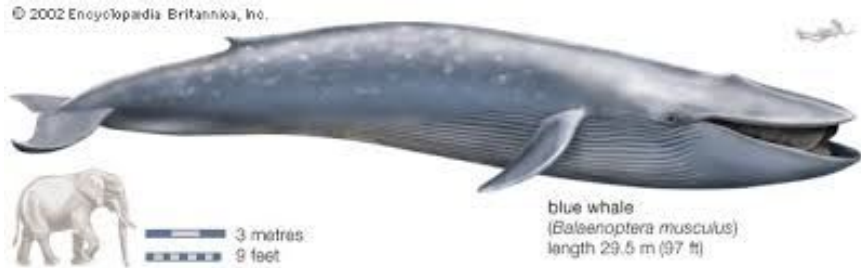


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BLUE WHALE



The largest animal to ever live on Earth, even bigger than dinosaurs.

A blue whale's tongue can weight as much as an elephant. It's heart can weight as much as an automobile.

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Balaenoptera musculus*

TYPE: Baleen whale / DIET: Shrimp, krill, small fish & squid.

AVERAGE LIFE SPAN: 80 TO 90 years

WEIGHT: 150 to 200 tons / SIZE: 82 to 105 feet

Kids' Times



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ORCA (KILLER WHALE)



The Orca is the largest of dolphins. It is a toothed cetacean . An orca is highly intelligent, adaptable and able to communicate and coordinate hunting tactics with members of its pod (extended family or social group).

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Orcinus orca*

TYPE: Tooth whale / DIET: fish, squid, birds, and marine mammals.

AVERAGE LIFE SPAN: 80 TO 90 years

WEIGHT: Up to 6 tons / SIZE: 23 to 32 feet

Animal Facts



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HUMPBACK WHALE



Humpback whales are the favorite of whale watchers, as they frequently perform aerial displays, such as breaching (jumping out of the water), or slapping the surface with their pectoral fins, tails, or heads. They are also known as the “singers” of the sea as they sing long and repetitive verses for courtship and other purposes.

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Megaptera novaeangliae*

TYPE: Baleen whale **DIET:** small crustaceans, amphipods, tube worms

AVERAGE LIFE SPAN: About 50 years.

WEIGHT: 25 to 40 tons / **SIZE:** 48 to 63 feet

Kids’ Times



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GRAY WHALE



Our grays are “coastal” whales that migrate along the North American Pacific Coast between arctic seas and the lagoons of Baja, California, to give birth to their young in the lagoons of Mexico. This migration is one of the longest of any mammal. Gray whales are also found in the western Pacific and in the Atlantic Ocean, as well.

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Eschrichtius robustus*

TYPE: Baleen whale **DIET:** small crustaceans, amphipods, tube worms

AVERAGE LIFE SPAN: 55 to 70 years

WEIGHT: 30 to 40 tons / **SIZE:** 40 to 50 feet

Kid’s Times



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