



[A stormy day's clearing at Doheny](#)

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[DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE NO MORE STARFISH?](#)

<https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/gallery-items/sea-stars-starfish/>

[ARE GRAY WHALES MOVING TO THE ATLANTIC?](#)

An interesting article about gray whales possibly returning to the Atlantic Ocean where they were thought to be extinct since the 18th century.



http://discovermagazine.com/2016/april/13-why-are-gray-whales-moving-to-the-ocean-next-door?utm_source=dscfb&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=dscfb&fbclid=IwAR0KDpMUnQQEur2Zd1WkeRsS_xdQLx_ScIl-tHprKWg-Bot-bgMzoFHEyWA

GRUNION SEASON: March begins the season when grunion hit our beaches to spawn their next generation. They come in at night beginning at high tide, usually 2 days after the new (no) moon and full moon over a 2-hour period for 3 or 4 nights in a row. They're expected on March.8, 9, 10, 11, 22, 23, 24 & 25 (*grunion do not read prediction charts, no guarantees*). March is an open month (allowed to take them), April and May are closed months (looking only) and June through August are open. Grunion catchers 16 years and over must have a CA fishing license. You can use your hands only, no nets or holes in the sand. Take only what you will use, it is unlawful and unethical to waste fish. It's a Ranger Jim story...



<https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Grunion%E2%80%A6-The-Fish-Do-What.pdf>

DANA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DUE

MARCH 23: Scholarship applications are available to DHHS students who plan to pursue studies of environmental issues, skills and tasks relevant to the preservation and protection of California State Parks. Applications available in the school's Counseling Office or email Ed Neely at edneely@dohenystatebeach.org.

A NATIVE AMERICAN GATHERING AND CELEBRATION, MARCH 24,

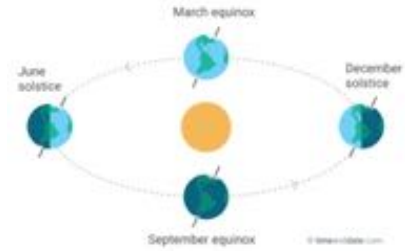
10 AM TO 4 PM: A free event sponsored by San Onofre Foundation and California State Parks, held at San Mateo Campground on Camp Pendleton (entrance from Cristianitos Street in south San Clemente) featuring Native American singers, dancers, storytellers, speakers, vendors, artisans, food and more. Free parking and shuttle busses to San Mateo Campground and back available at Concordia Elementary School (3120 Avenida Del Presidente, San Clemente) from 9:45 AM to 4:30 PM.



DOHENY AWARDED TWO “BEST OF DANA POINT” SILVER LANTERNS: Doheny was recognized twice in the annual “Best Of” voting conducted by the Dana Point Times. **BEST SURF BREAK** and **BEST VENUE FOR LIVE MUSIC** categories. Other Doheny nominees in other categories included: BoneYard Beach Café, Doheny State Beach Campgrounds, Doheny State Beach Interpretive Association (yeah!), Driftwood Music Festival and the Ohana Fest.

SPRING (VERNAL) EQUINOX, 2:58 PM, MARCH 20TH:

On the equinoxes, the Sun shines directly on the equator and the length of day and night is nearly equal – but not quite. The March equinox marks the moment the Sun crosses the celestial equator – the imaginary line in the sky above the Earth’s equator.



SUNRISE / SUNSET:

Mar. 1: Sunrise @ 6:16 AM / Sunset @ 5:45 PM = 11 hrs. 29 mins. 17 secs. of sun

We gain 1 minutes & 58 seconds of sunlight from the previous day

Mar. 10: Daylight Saving Time Begins. Turn clocks ahead 1 hour.

Mar. 20: Spring Equinox, 2:58 PM

Mar. 31: Sunrise @ 6:38 AM / Sunset @ 7:07 PM = 12hrs. 29 mins. 48 secs. of sun

We gain 2 minute & 00 seconds of sun from the previous day.

Gained minutes of sun this month: 1 hr. 00 min. 31 secs.

March Moon Phase Dates:

New (No) Moon: 6th / First Quarter 14th / Full Moon: 20th / Last Quarter 27th

ASK OUR SENIOR PARK AIDE: Our Doheny Senior Park Aide receives many questions about day use and camping in the park. Here’s one. Have a question? Send it to info@dohenystatebeach.org. You’ll get an email reply.



Your web site won't allow me to reserve spots for tent camping at Doheny Beach, any way I can do it through email? Edson

Sorry, you cannot make a reservation through our dohenystatebeach.org website. Reservations for Doheny and all CA State Parks are through ReserveCalifornia, <https://reservecalifornia.com/CaliforniaWebHome/>. If that website is not working, you can also make reservations by phone at 1-800-444-7275 (8 AM – 6 PM)

THANKS, JESS! DSBI BOARD MEMBER RETIRES:



DSBIA Board Member Jess Lopez retired from the Board of Directors in January. Jess put in many hours of volunteer service at numerous Doheny State Beach and DSBI events, including overseeing the painting of whales on our Whale Walk, assisting in building the Park’s “Festival of Whales Parade” float each year and coordinating permits for various groups putting on concerts and other events. He also sent me numerous photos we’ve used in the *Doheny UPDATE*. Big thanks to Jess. Hope to see you in the park often.



DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSOCIATION LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:

The Doheny Longboard Surfing Association is recruiting volunteers to help with the "Gathering of the Tribes" Surf Contest taking place April 13th & 14th at Churches Beach (south of Trestles Beach and north of San Onofre). This is a great event involving many of the longboard clubs from up and down the California coast. Contact DLSA President Mark Gale with any questions. tandem_surfer@yahoo.com

WHAT'S FEATURED IN THE VISITOR CENTER STORE THIS MONTH

Local artist Bill Drysdale has donated Woodie posters he created for car shows to the Visitor Center. We're selling them in the VC for \$5. Limit supply.



Doheny 21"x13"



San Clemente Pier 21" 13"



Encinitas 18"x 24"



Moonlight Beach 18"x 24"

BE A VOLUNTEER IN THE VISITOR INTERPRETIVE CENTER! Visitors to our



aquariums and displays in the Visitor Center love them, but we need more volunteers to help keep the doors open. Interpreter Vicki Wiker provides initial training and fellow docents provide on-the-job mentoring during shifts.

HOW ABOUT YOU??? You don't need to be an expert on the critters, just willing to learn. We ask that you commit to one shift per month, but you can always do more. Shifts are 6-hours, but split shifts can be arranged, too. **Come on, it's fun!** Send your inquiry and contact information to DSBA Association Coordinator Kathy Wade at Volunteer@dohenystatebeach.org or to Park Naturalist Vicki Wiker at vicki.wiker@parks.ca.gov.



YOU CAN TEXT A DONATION TO DSBA: We greatly appreciate the support of our members and friends. If you'd like to donate to DSBA, you can now do it by using the texting format on your cell phone. Send a text message to **707070** with the word "Doheny" in the message box. You will receive a message back with a link to our donation acceptance center. It's fast, easy, and we **GREATLY** appreciate it.

DONATE VIA AMAZON: Do you shop on Amazon? Their Amazon Smile program will donate to DSBI with each purchase you make, and it costs you nothing, zero, zip, nada. Here's how:



Go to www.smile.amazon.com
Select "Accounts and List" (Upper right on your screen)
Select "Your Account" (Top of the List)
Select "Shopping Programs and Rentals"
(Box Lower Right)
Select "Choose / Change Your Charity"
Type in "Doheny State Beach Interpretive Association"
Be sure to add Amazon Smile as one of your bookmarks.

20% PARK STORE DISCOUNT: Don't forget that DSBI members get a 20% discount on items purchased in the Park Store located in the Visitor Center.

WHALE WATCHING CRUISE DISCOUNTS: Our friends at [Dana Wharf Sports Fishing and Whale Watching](#) in Dana Point Harbor offer a **50% discount** to DSBI members on whale watching excursions. When registering for a trip, just mention you are a DSBI member. The Dana Wharf Sports Fishing and Whale Watching dock is at 34675 Golden Lantern, Dana Point (949) 496-5794.

CALENDAR:

Not all events are DSBI sponsored.
<http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/events/>

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR **DOHENY SURF & ART FESTIVAL**

A celebration of the Southern California Surfing Life Style
Saturday and Sunday, June 22nd & 23rd

<https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/doheny-surf-festival/>

MARCH 2, SATURDAY, 9 AM, DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSOCIATION: Meeting in front of the Boneyard Café at Doho.

MARCH 2, SATURDAY, 9 AM, FESTIVAL OF WHALES PARADE: On PCH through Dana Point. Cheer on Doheny's float.

MARCH 3, SUNDAY, 9 AM, PAINT THE DOHENY WHALES: Join us on the Doheny promenade as we repaint our great whales.

MARCH 9, SATURDAY, 9 AM – NOON: WHALE OF A BEACH CLEAN UP: Meet at the lifeguard headquarters tower. Helpful if you have gloves and a bag (like a grocery bag).

MARCH 10, SUNDAY, 12:00:01 AM: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS.

MARCH 20, THURSDAY, 2:58 PM, SPRING BEGINS: Spring has sprung, / The grass has riz, / I wonder where the birdies is.

MARCH 20, THURSDAY, 7 PM, DSBI BOARD MEETING: DoubleTree Hotel on PCH across from Doheny.

MARCH 23, SATURDAY, DHHS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: Due into Visitor Center.

MARCH 24, SUNDAY, 10 AM – 4 PM, PANHE: A Native American Gathering and Celebration of Protection and Preservation. San Mateo Campground, San Onofre State Beach. Parking available at Concordia Elementary School with bussing to the campground.

APRIL 6 & 7, SATURDAY, 11 AM – 9 PM, SABROSO CRAFT BEER, TACO & MUSIC FESTIVAL: <https://sabrosotacofest.com/dana-point/>

APRIL 13, SATURDAY, 9 AM TO NOON, MOTHER EARTH BEACH, CREEK AND PARK CLEAN UP: Meet at the lifeguard headquarters tower. Helpful if you have gloves and a bag (like a grocery bag).

APRIL 20, SATURDAY, STARTING AT 9 AM, EARTH DAY NATIVE PLANTING PROJECT: We will be planting an assortment of native plants, shrubs, and trees in the campground from 9 AM to Noon.

APRIL 27, SATURDAY 9 AM TO 3 PM, DOHENY WOOD: Doheny Wood is one of the premier Woodie events of the year, presented by the largest Woodie organization in the world, Southern Woodie Club.

NOT A DSBA MEMBER YET? Join us in supporting the mission of Doheny State Beach Interpretive Association to provide activities, materials and financial support for the purpose of educating the public about the natural and cultural importance of Doheny State Beach. Here's a printable membership form: <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/2015-Membership-Form.pdf>

EMAIL ADDRESS: info@dohenystatebeach.org

VISIT OUR WEB SITE: <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org>

DOHENY, A CALIFORNIA GOLDEN STATE PARK: <https://blogs.chapman.edu/huell-howser-archives/2007/05/10/doheny-state-beach-californias-golden-parks-152/>

DSBA FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/dohenystatebeach>

DSBA SUPPORTERS: <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/shortcodes/>

DOHENY SURF CAMERA: http://www.surflines.com/surf-report/doheny-southern-california_4848/

DOHENY SURF FORECAST: <http://magicseaweed.com/Doheny-State-Beach-Surf-Report/2588/>

GOOGLE'S STREET VIEW STATE PARK TREKS: <http://www.parks.ca.gov/whatsnew>

VOLUNTEER AT DOHENY: <http://www.dohenystatebeach.org/volunteer-at-doheny/>

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