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DSBIA BOARD ELECTIONS: Elections for the nine open Board of Director positions will be held Thursday, January 16th, 7 PM at the Board Reorganization Meeting at the DoubleTree Hotel across PCH from Doheny. Candidates for the election are Mike Ahumahu, Margie Black, Mario Cuevas, Donna Kalez, KC Kinnings, Kip Kinnings, Rodger More, Ed Neely and Steve Stirrett.



TAKE A BOOK / LEAVE A BOOK LIBRARY: Camp Host Tim Koepnick built a “Take a Book / Leave a Book Library” in the campground by Campsite #100 and Restroom #5. The books are available to Doheny campers. Anyone wishing to donate books to the library, including kids’ books, may drop them off at the library or the Visitors Center. There’s one important stipulation, please be sure the books have all their pages, especially the last one!!!
Thanks. Tim!



CALIFORNIA STATE PARK ANNUAL PASSES: California State Parks offer a number of different annual day-use park passes depending on how you plan to use the California State Park system: Annual Day-Use Pass, Golden Poppy Annual Day-Use Pass, Annual Boat Day-Use Pass, Off Highway Vehicle Day-Use Pass, Sno-Park Season Pass, Disabled Discount Pass, Distinguished Veteran Pass, Golden Bear Pass and Limited Use Golden Bear Pass. https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1049

BE SMART DURING THE RAINY SEASON: Health officials advise against ocean water contact for up to 72 hrs. following a significant rain event due to increased bacteria levels, especially near harbors, drain pipes, and river mouths.



Casting Off from the Bone Yard, 1953

WHAT'S FEATURED IN THE VISITOR CENTER STORE THIS MONTH



*Open Every Day from
10 AM to 4 PM.*

*We've got a bundle of new items
in the Visitor Center Gift Store.*

< Travel Mugs...\$19.99 >
Kitchen Towels ...\$7.99 >
Hand Thrown Ceramic
Mugs...24.99 >
< Ceramic Tiles/Coasters...\$3.00



Next **Doheny VW Pop-Up Store** on the Promenade, **Saturday, January 18th from 10 AM to 1 PM.**



JANUARY KING TIDES: King Tides are our highest and lowest tides of a calendar year and occur in January and February. Both highest and lowest tides occur on the same day. January King Tides will be **Friday the 10th, Saturday the 11th and Sunday the 12th**, with the greatest change in tides on Saturday. High tide on Saturday will be at 8:51 AM (7.1-foot tide) and low tide at 4:03 PM (minus 1.6-foot tide). Keep track of the tides with a 2020 Tide Book, free in the Doheny Visitor Center.

JOIN THE CARTER FAMILY AS THEY VISIT DOHENY: What a fun family project!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_E7KD8x4FcU



HEARING MOBY DICK & MONSTRO! SOUNDS OF SPERM WHALES: Sperm whales are not seen often in our local waters, but they do appear occasionally. These are great open ocean whales that many scientists believe can communicate globally. Care to snorkel with them? They will literally rattle your bones. https://laughingsquid.com/sperm-whales-communicating-using-clicking-noises/?fbclid=IwAR12wfCLun7VI3Pq-bQdq5xPFG_DcLLL1oTZwn-8lTMBRCP7Gk8NVsBwOE4



LOOKING FOR FIREWOOD? Firewood for use at Doheny can be purchased at the park's kiosk or from our campground hosts (who will even deliver it to your campsite). If you're interested in other locations to purchase firewood locally or near other California state parks, visit the Firewood Scout. <http://firewoodscout.org/s/CA/>



DSBIA OFFERS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2020 GRADUATES: DSBIA will again offer scholarships between \$500 and \$1,000 to graduating seniors from Dana Hills High School and San Juan Hills High School, looking towards a career that will benefit environmental studies and potentially Doheny State Beach and the California State Parks. Students interested in applying for a scholarship should contact their high school counselor.



SUNRISE / SUNSET:

January 1st: Sunrise @ 6:50 AM / Sunset 4:53 PM = 10 hrs. 02 mins. 35 secs. of sun.

We gain 0 minute & 29 seconds of sunlight from the previous day.

January. 31st: Sunrise @ 6:44 AM / Sunset @ 5:20 PM = 10 hrs. 35 mins. 52 secs. of sun.

We gain 1 minute & 34 seconds of sun from the previous day.

Gained minutes of sun this month

0 hrs. 33 mins. 17 secs.

January Moon Phase Dates

First Quarter: 2nd

Full Moon: 10th

Last Quarter: 17th

New (No) Moon: 24th

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



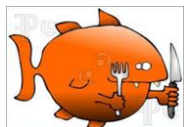
Are we allowed to reserve 2-sites at the same time? Quinn

You are allowed to reserve two sites under the same account. Be aware, though, that you are only allowed 30-days at each state park campground per year. Booking two sites will act as a multiplier. If you have two 5-day reservations, you will only have 20-days left for the remainder of the year.

Is the Butterfly Garden currently open? If yes, what are the hours of operation? Jessica

The Butterfly Garden is always open when the park is open (6 AM to 10 PM). It's an area next to the Visitor Center that has no fence or netting but does have numerous plants that attract different types of butterflies. The ones you will see will depend on the season.

FRIDAY FISH FEEDINGS: Our Visitor Center Aquarist Bill Turner feeds the fish in our aquariums each Friday at 2 PM. Come watch our hungry critters dine on yummy (if you're a fish) chow and hear Bill share information about them.



BE A VOLUNTEER IN THE VISITOR 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 DSBIA Executive Director Kathy Wade at Volunteer@dohenystatebeach.org or to Park Naturalist Vicki Wiker at vicki.wiker@parks.ca.gov.



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

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-3736287>

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

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

NOT A DSBIA 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>

CALENDAR:

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

JAN. 4, SATURDAY, 9:30 AM, DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSOCIATION: Meeting at Doheny in front of snack stand at Doheny main beach.

JAN. 16, THURSDAY, 7 PM, DSBIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: DoubleTree Hotel across PCH from the park. Please RSVP to kwade@dohenystatebeach.org if you are planning to attend.

FEB. 1, SATURDAY, 9:30 AM, DOHENY LONGBOARD SURFING ASSOCIATION: Meeting at Doheny in front of snack stand at Doheny main beach.

FEB. 15, SATURDAY, 9:00 AM, LOVE YOUR BEACH CLEAN UP: Come help us clean up our beautiful beach after months of winter storms. We rally up at the picnic table by the Lifeguard Headquarters, then hit the beach, the park and San Juan Creek. Please bring work gloves and any recyclable bags (paper shopping bags) for collecting trash (we'll have bags for you too).

FEB. 20, THURSDAY, 7 PM, DSBIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: DoubleTree Hotel across PCH from Doheny State Beach.

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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/>

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

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

DOHENY SURF CAMERA: http://www.surflife.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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