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A friends and family day at Doheny, 1953.

The photo above reminds us of good times with family and friends, many at Doheny or other memorable places in the great outdoors. We must keep faith that these good times will come again, and hopefully in the not too distant future. In the meantime, let's work together to get through these difficult weeks and months ahead of us. Stay home if possible, practice social distancing, wash your hands often, use your common sense. We can do this because we're all in this together.

Be well and best wishes!

The Board Members and staff of DSBIA

CORONAVIRUS: California State Parks would like to handle all status updates for the parks because the situation is so fluid. For information about the parks, visit

https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=645 <https://www.parks.ca.gov/NewsRelease/945>

or https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30355

HOW TO SUPPORT DSBIA AND THE PARK PROGRAMS WE FUND

With the Visitor Center Store closed, sale of firewood ended and the canceling of many events scheduled for the park, important fundraising sources for programs and projects we support have been stopped, as well. There are ways you can help us maintain our efforts of funding educational and interpretive activities and assisting with the preservation and restoration of our park's interpretive facilities. Here's how:

1. **Do you shop on Amazon?** The **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>
2. **Donations to DSBIA:** We can now accept donations online at: <https://checkout.square.site/buy/PMD0QJQ7S4X5CJZW35ZJZUPF>
3. **Memberships:** Join, renew or upgrade a membership in DSBIA, or recruit family and friends at: <https://checkout.square.site/buy/KQKMPIC7ECVD3WJNFJRN5FMK> or at <https://www.dohenystatebeach.org/join-us/>
4. **Visitor Center Online Store:** Go shopping at **our new online store:** <https://squareup.com/store/doheny-state-beach-interpretive-association>

Looking south east towards what would become Doheny. Circa 1930s



WHALE BONES PROTECTION:



Ranger Serpa and the fin whale jaw bone



The gray whale skull and fin whale jaw bone on the lawn in front of the Visitor Center came from dead whales beached at San Onofre. Ranger Jim Serpa and renowned whalebone finder Xena lead the teams to recover and transport them to Doheny where they were placed at their current site. Years of sun exposure have taken a toll on the exhibit, but recently, now retired Ranger Serpa and Doheny volunteer Joe Cocke (retired from the Los Angeles Natural History Museum) painted a coat of protecting resin over the bones.

<-Barkiologist Xena Serpa



Joe Cocke & Jim Serpa

DOHENY'S FLOAT BUILDING CREW FOR THE DANA POINT FESTIVAL OF WHALES PARADE



I LOVE ABALONE: Abalone need our help, but hardly anyone knows about the challenges they face.



Seymour Shark of Pacific Pals fame to the rescue! Sing along with Seymour and hear the story of these endangered marine snails, why they need our help, what we are doing to save them, and how you can help too!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5&v=19b6gJQdqPw&feature=emb_logo

SUNRISE / SUNSET:

April 1st: **Sunrise @ 6:45 AM / Sunset @ 7:09 PM** = 12 hrs. 33 mins. 20 secs. of sun

We gain 2 min. & 0 secs. of sun from the previous day.

April 30th: **Sunrise @ 6:01 AM / Sunset @ 7:30 PM** = 13 hrs. 28 mins. 04 secs. of sun.

We gain 1 min. & 43 secs. of sun from the previous day.

Gained minutes of sun this month: 0 hrs. 54 mins. 40 secs.

April Moon Phases:

First Quarter: 1st Full: 7th Last Quarter: 14th New (No) Moon: 22nd First Quarter: 30th

BE A VOLUNTEER IN THE VISITOR CENTER: Visitors love our aquarium and displays in the V.C., but volunteer docents are essential to keeping our doors open. There's plenty of support with Association Coordinator Kathy, Interpreter Vicki and Aquarist Bill, as well as the help of your fellow docents. We ask for a commitment of 6-hours a month, that's one day's shift, and shifts can be split 3-hours. Come on in, it's fun and you meet nice people. 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.

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 sports fishing 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/>

All calendared events for April and May have been canceled.

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/>

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/>

QUESTIONS? FEEDBACK? Please direct any questions, feedback or requests for removal from our mailing list to info@dohenystatebeach.org .

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