

Seasonal Calendar of Annual Special Events 2012

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!

St. Valentine's Day Love Your Beach Cleanup February 11

- 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 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

- Whale of a Beach Cleanup March 10
Let's celebrate the return of the majestic migratory Gray whales by getting that debris off the beach before it washes out to sea to pose a threat to marine life. The cleanup is from 9:00 am-Noon. We meet at the lifeguard headquarters...don't forget work gloves!
- 4th Annual Grunion Run March 11
Hey all of you runners and walkers! Doheny needs your help to raise funds for our interpretive program with either a 5 or 10K run (or walk) through Doheny State Beach. For information, please see www.festivalofwhalesgrunionrun.com. Proceeds benefit Doheny State Beach Interpretive Association...thank you for supporting your hometown California State Park.
- Doheny State Beach Mobile Marine Mammal Museum March 11
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 promenade from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Please join us Grunion runners and walkers!

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21th Annual Grunion Night April 7

- Join us as we greet the grunion back another year! This evening program includes a slide-show presentation featuring grunion (and other marine life mysteries) and then wraps up with the actual grunion run. The program begins at 9:30 pm. Please 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

- Native Tree Planting Project and Beach Cleanup April 14
From 9:00 a.m. - Noon, we will be planting an assortment of native plants and cleaning the beach and creek. Doheny State Beach wishes to warmly thank Starbucks for supporting this project. Please bring along your favorite shovel. Meeting location to be determined closer to project date.
- Mother Earth Day Planting and Cleaning Project April 21
Doheny State Beach will be partnering with the California State Parks Foundation to restore our California State Park with a variety of planting and restoration projects from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Bring those work gloves and a shovel. Doheny wishes to thank the Capital Group for their most generous support! Meeting location: Lifeguard Headquarters.

Doheny Wood April 14

- Start your springtime Southern California style by visiting the annual Doheny Wood at Doheny State Beach! This event, sponsored by the Southern California Woodie Club, runs from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the south day-use area. Don't miss out on this fun-filled day!

Doheny Blues Festival May 19 and 20

- 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 support 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 start date at (949) 496-2704.

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 August 4

- 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 and open ocean to test all their months of training! For information about this event, please see www.danaoutrigger.net.

Doheny Days September 8 and 9

- Omega Event brings back this autumn-time music festival featuring a wide range of 2-day musical talent. Don't miss out as last year's line-up was incredible! Thank you for purchasing tickets at Doheny's Gift Store as proceeds benefit DSBIA which in turn supports the park's year-round interpretive programs. For information, please see www.omegaevents.com.

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28th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day September 18

- Volunteers will gather in places all over the world to remove trash from the oceans, beaches, watersheds, and beyond. Doheny will focus upon 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 Date TBA

- 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 and don't forget to bring the children to the Kid's Zone!

Thanks to the Ocean Beach Cleanup November 24

- 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!

**Please visit our website: dohenystatebeach.org
for updates and information throughout the year.**