Beaches

**Ellwood (R) Beach**: Rugged beauty with a butterfly habitat in Eucalyptus forest on bluffs above.

**Sands Beach**: Scenic nature reserve. Good for bird watching and beautiful sunsets. The foggiest and windiest beach with lots of tar on the beach. Don’t park at West Campus you’ll get a ticket.

**Devereux**: Located on West Campus, this beach is great for walking, snorkeling, tidepooling, and offers easy access.

**Isla Vista**: Local character, little sand on west end. Accessible at low tide, easy stair and ramp access. Be aware of erosion hazards.

**Depressions**: Close to campus. Crowded on sunny beach days. Offers good body surfing.

**Campus Point**: Protected from West wind, tidepools, shower/restrooms, and metered parking.

**Poles**: Most protected and hidden with a secret stairway.

**Goleta Beach County Park**: Life guards, fishing pier, restaurant/bar, picnic spots, firepits, horseshoe pits, calm conditions, ample free parking.

**Surf Breaks**

**River Mouth**: Fast but fickle churning sandy bottom.

**Sands**: Great for wind swells and is a good high tide beach break. Be cautious of large rocks. It’s a peaky crowded break that blows out early and closes out on larger swells.

**Devereux**: Popular, fickle, sectioning, kelp-infested, slow mushy long-board style winter point break. Occasional size on larger swells.

**Jailhouse/Yucca’s**: Protected from wind this is a slow and mellow break during large swells.

**I.V. Reef**: Low-tide large swell mystic reef with long rides.

**Pescadero/IV Beach**: Rocky bottom that rarely breaks but can it be glassy and push small barrels.

**Depressions**: Small hollow peaks, short punchy tube ride, breaks in shallow water.

**2nd Depression**: Consistent hollow fast lefts that are normally uncrowded.

**Campus Point**: Classic point break with juice, takes medium and large swells, protected from West wind, 2-3 take-off spots, crowded pumping or flat.

**Respect the Beach**

**Clean the Beach**: Cigarette butts are the most common and bottles are the most dangerous. Pick up beach litter instead of walking by it.

**Leash Pets**: Especially enforced at the Plover Reserve to help reduce disturbance to wildlife. Official off-leash beach is Arroyo Burro Beach to the south.

**Tread Lightly**: Avoid areas fenced to protect sensitive habitats.

**Fires/BBQ**: Fires are illegal on most beaches. Charred remains dirty the beach and cause hazards. BBQs are available at Goleta Beach County Park.

**Use Campgrounds**: Three legal campgrounds are up the coast. They are Refugio, El Capitan, and Gaviota.

**Parking**: Special permit needed at Coal Oil Point, paid permit or meter for main campus enforced 24/7.

**Get Involved**: Join Surfrider, become a plover docent, or just spread the word.
Coastal Service Program

The Coastal Service Program offers registered student groups up to $250 to clean the beach or perform various restoration projects along the coast. We are making a positive impact locally with nearly 1000 students that participate in a minimum of 150 cleanups and restoration activities each year.

Who we are:

Associate Students Coastal Fund is a student-supported, student-led funding organization that allocates up to $350,000 each year for projects that protect, enhance and restore the greater UCSB coastline through preservation, education, open access, research, and restoration.

Funding:

Coastal Fund has allocated over $1.6 million for coastal enhancement projects since 1999. Projects include local restoration and water quality monitoring programs, education of students through courses, tours, literature, and paid internships with local non-profits, and much more. Apply quarterly online.

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