

For Eye on the Environment 9/13/15

Coastal Cleanup 2015

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When it comes to cleaning up the environment, politicians pass laws that hold businesses responsible for the damage they cause, but we all have a responsibility too.

Join thousands of volunteers on September 19th for the annual Ventura County Coastal Cleanup Day and do your part to take care of our beautiful beaches and coastal habitat.

This all-ages event, organized and hosted by the Ventura County Coalition for Coastal and Inland Waterways, is an enjoyable, accessible, and effective way to volunteer and make a difference in your community.

Cleanup site locations are listed below and can also be found on the Ventura Coastal Cleanup website where they are conveniently pre-programmed with Google maps.

The event takes place from 9:00am - 12:00pm on Saturday, allowing volunteers to enjoy their afternoon at the beach or location of their choice.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring a hat, sunscreen, and their own reusable supplies (water bottle, gardening gloves, trash bucket, etc.) to reduce the amount of trash created on Coastal Cleanup Day.

Upon arriving at the site, volunteers will sign in, and site captains will provide instructions and essential supplies, such as data cards and pencils for recording the type of trash collected. Data collected from each site will be used to evaluate the health of our beaches and to determine future cleanup programs.

When it comes to the health of our beaches, we can't let the tide wash the pollution away. Keep your eye on the environment and help pick up any trash you see.

Come out for the annual Ventura County Coastal Cleanup on September 19th and share in the experience of taking care of the environment, the community, and our future, together.

Inland Sites:

Camarillo-Calleguas Creek: Creekside Rd. at Paseo Del Campo; Meet at bottom of slope at entrance to creek bottom. Call (805) 383-5659.

Camarillo-Mission Oaks Park Barranca: Meet in the parking lot of park located on Mission Oaks Blvd. at Oak Canyon Road. Call (805) 383-5659.

Lake Casitas: Meet at Picnic Area #1, which is located approximately .5 miles from the Front Gate next to Santa Ana Launch Ramp. Call (805) 649-2233 x 123.

Moorpark: Meet at Villa Campesina Park, 4704 Leta Yancy Road. Call (805) 517-6257.

Ojai: Meet at Libbey Park lower tennis courts parking lot off of S. Montgomery.

Santa Clara River Gateway: Park in paved lot near Mission Church at corner of Elba St. and Northbank Dr. Follow signs south along bike trail to site.

Simi Valley: Meet on Erringer Road at the arroyo (next to Rancho Simi Community Park) Call (805) 583-6424.

Thousand Oaks/ Arroyo Conejo Creek: Meet at Borchard Park, corner of Borchard and Reino, across from tennis courts. Call (805) 449-2386.

Coastal Sites:

Emma Wood Group Camp: Main Street (Ventura) to camp entrance; meet at kiosk.

Mandalay Beach-NRG Generating Station: Meet at NRG Energy plant; 393 North Harbor Blvd., Oxnard, 93035. Call (805) 984-5291 for more information.

Marina Park: Park entrance at Pierpont and Greenock Lane.

Mugu Rock Beach: Off Highway 1, South of Oxnard. Meet in parking lot near rock.

Oil Piers: Exit Seacliff, proceed north one mile, go through pedestrian underpass; meet near stairs.

Ormond Beach-NRG Generating Station: Meet at NRG Energy plant by Hueneme and Edison Roads.

Oxnard Beach Park: 1601 South Harbor Blvd. Oxnard (Enter parking lot).

Rincon Parkway: Meet north of Emma Wood State Beach entrance at start of Rincon day use parking zone.

San Buenaventura State Beach: San Pedro St. entrance, follow "Beach Clean-up" signs.

Seaward Beach: End of Seaward Ave.

Silver Strand Beach: Meet at north end.

Ventura Harbor Beaches (Harbor Cove beach to Surfer's Knoll): Meet at Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center, 1901 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura.

Ventura Promenade: Meet at the California Street Plaza near the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Gabriel Young serves on the 2015 Ventura County Coastal Cleanup Day Steering Committee. For more information on Coastal Cleanup Day, please visit <http://www.vccoastcleanup.org/>.