

THE BATES BEACH BEAT

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June 11 Set as First Weekend Multi-Club Beach Picnic

UPCOMING EVENTS

June

June 9, 16, 23, 30 Bates Thursday Picnics, Noon
June 10 Meetup Dinner at Denny's, Ventura 6:45 pm
June 11 Bates Beach Saturday Multi-Club Picnic
June 21 Meetup Online 7 pm – 8:30 pm
June 25 World Naked Bike Ride, Los Angeles

July

July 7, 14, 21, 28 Bates Thursday Picnics, Noon
July 2 Carpinteria Independence Day Parade
July 8 Meetup Dinner at Denny's, Ventura 6:45 pm
July 10 Bates Beach Saturday Multi-Club Picnic

August

Aug 4, 11, 18, 25 Bates Thursday Picnics, Noon
Aug 12 Meetup Dinner at Denny's, Ventura 6:45 pm
Aug 16 Meetup Online 7 pm – 8:30 pm
Aug 20 Bates Beach Multi-Club Picnic

By Gary Mussell, FOBB Director

We have invited several Southern California nudist groups to join us for a party at the traditional clothing-optional section of this beach!

This year, FOBB will be hosting **beach volleyball** although depending on local conditions we may need to get dressed temporarily while playing.

The designated clothing-optional area begins about 1300 ft to the west of the ramp, where the concrete rock slide is. We will bring a flag and/or a stand-up sign (see photos) to designate where to sit.

A few words for those visiting our beach for the first time:

- Bring your own picnic supplies, chairs, bathing suits (optional) and sunscreen and make a day of it!
- If the beach is crowded when you get there with non-nudists, please **move further west** to a more deserted area so we can avoid user conflict. Never be nude farther to the east (toward the ramp) of where we are sitting, or you may be cited, as someone was last year!
- Because the nudity ordinance has not yet been amended, this is a “**Bare as you Dare**” Beach Day. Both the Sheriff's Department and County Parks Department have assured us they will not issue warning or citations if nobody complains, so use common sense while nude.

This means respect those walking past our location with their dogs and families. If an irate beach visitor approaches you, do not argue or cite “your rights” as that is a sure way to have them call in a complaint and that will bring the deputies down. Simply cover yourself up, give a friendly smile. If you do not engage, they will usually just walk away.

At the end of the day plan on going into nearby Carpinteria to eat dinner at one of their restaurants and use \$2 bills to pay our tips.



We hope to have a beach volleyball game on June 11, our first in over ten years!

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Welcome to Our Third “Bates Beach Beat” Monthly Newsletter!

What you are reading is the third of what we hope will become a long-lasting monthly newsletter about what is happening at Bates Beach.

It is intended only for those who have paid their annual membership dues. This will be the last free issue sent to all non-members on our mailing list.

Go to www.friendsofbatesbeach.org to sign up.

Are You Coming to the July 2 Independence Parade?



As has been the case for the past nine years, FOBB has been invited to participate in the Carpinteria Independence Day Parade through the heart of the city on

Linden Avenue. The parade this year falls on Saturday, July 2. We also need volunteers with a good camera to take pictures of us from the crowd as we pass by.

We have been approved for a decorated truck about the size of a Ford F-150, with up to 10 people in our entourage, up to 6 in the truck and 4 walking alongside.

We have all the bunting and flags we need, but we still need volunteers to help decorate the truck, and wave to the crowd from the truck (yes, we will be appropriately dressed in “beach-themed” attire!). We will have a “boom box” playing Beach Boys music from the truck to complete the ambiance.

Let us know if you want to come and join in the fun at friends@friendsofbatesbeach.org.

“May Gray” Causes Cancellation of Some Mid-May Beach Visits

We apologize for the cloudy skies and cooler sea temperatures this past month (like it was our fault?) but the seasonal “May Gray” skies over Carpinteria caused us to cancel a couple of our planned Thursday Beach Picnic days.

Visits to Bates Beach on Thursday afternoons have begun and will continue through the summer. These mid-week picnics allow us to enjoy the beach when there are fewer people around, and they supplement the larger planned events once a month on weekends.

Join us on these upcoming Thursday afternoons from noon to about 6 pm at our designated clothing-optional location on the beach:

- June 9, 16, 23, 30
- July 7, 14, 21, 28
- August 4, 11, 18, 25
- Sept 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Look for the sign (above) for where our group is sitting.

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Meeting Scheduled With the County Supervisor Field Deputy

By Gary Mussell

On Wednesday June 8 (after the publication date of this newsletter) I will have a one-hour meeting with Esmeralda Estrada, Field Deputy for County Supervisor Das Williams. This is our annual meeting to exchange information about our Bates Beach approval arrangement, update the Supervisor about our planned beach calendar, and to make sure that local park rangers and sheriff deputies are up to date about our being at the beach.

We will discuss the new park host (the guy who lives in the trailer in the Bates parking lot) and the new county park ranger assigned to Bates to be sure they are up to speed on us being on the beach and of the agreement we have with the county. We have to do this every year as personnel changes in the various departments means we have to educate new people all the time.

Also, I invited her to attend one of our monthly meetup dinners in Ventura, depending on what her busy schedule permits. I will write a full report about the meeting in next month’s newsletter.

Update on Sand Measurement Project

Jenna Wisniewski of UCSB’s **Sand Measuring Project at UCSB** is trying to organize a training session at the beach so our volunteers can learn how the organizers want it done. The beach meeting will take place during June when everyone finally agrees on a date. (She cannot be there on June 11, unfortunately). If you have expressed interest in helping in the past, please contact us so we can send Jenna your email.

She says she is generally available on Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays or after 6:00 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays

The project measures the width of the beach at specific high tides and low tides during the month so changes in sea levels over time can be calculated. Beaches up and down the coast are being measured for the project.

If you are interested, contact us soon at friends@friendsofbatesbeach.org.



Carpinteria Seeks Our Advice on New Rincon Trail Path

On May 13, John L. Ilasin, Carpinteria's Public Works Director/City Engineer, sent a letter to Ms. Helen O'Neill asking for our opinion about the proposed Rincon Trail Project (No. 19-2015-CUP/CDP). Helen passed the letter along so that FOBB might also reply with how we feel about the various Alternative paths being discussed, since the City Council rejected the coastal route in April.

We replied with a letter on June 1 expressing our support for what has been called "Alternative 4" which runs on the freeway side of the hill overlooking Bates Beach. In the letter we said we supported a more thorough geological study and engineering examination for this route, since the Environmental Impact Report gave it short shrift and focused on the now-defeated coastal route above the beach that exited into the Rincon Park parking lot.

We also said we supported a cut "notch" between the Alt 4 route and the parking lot for pedestrians and hikers who wished to go to the beach, while bikers could continue straight down to Bates Road and then across to the Coastal Trail already in use on the southern (Ventura County) side of the street.

At this writing, Ilasin is trying to arrange a convenient time to meet with Helen and the rest of the stakeholders (Carpinteria park officials, the paragliders, etc.) to go over the details.



Red line shows the "pedestrian notch" between the inland trail and the Bates parking lot which is only 20 feet away



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FOBB Leaders Attend May 11 Chamber Business Mixer

Gary and Helen attended the after-work Business Mixer in Carpinteria on May 11, sponsored by the South Coast Chamber of Commerce. The Mixer was at the Island Brewery Co off Linden Avenue and about 80 people attended, mostly local business owners and community leaders..

FOBB donated a beach towel for the event's raffle, and it was greatly appreciated by the lady who won it.

Gary introduced Helen to Fred Shaw, the former Mayor of Carpinteria, now retired, who was a strong supporter of our beach, and Greg Carty, incumbent city council member. We sat and had a beer and discussion with Fred and Greg. We learned new details about the city proposal to ban (or greatly curtail) chain stores from pushing out local merchants from the main street of the city.

It is important that FOBB maintain a positive relationship with all the local merchants, and we encourage our members to buy local when possible and to use \$2 bills when doing so.

Does Not Matter Where You Live, Ask a Friend to Sign Our Online Bates Beach Petition

Friends of Bates Beach continues to solicit signatures for its online petition last year to "Make the Traditional Nude Section of Bates Beach Official."

With enough signatures we can ask the Board of Supervisors to change the county's nudity ordinance. Without a large positive response (somewhere in the neighborhood of 10,000 signatures), we will have to accept our current situation for a while longer.

We ask all of our members (and their friends) to log into the web site to add their names to the list. The petition site is: <https://www.change.org/p/friends-of-bates-beach-make-the-traditional-nude-section-of-bates-beach-official>.



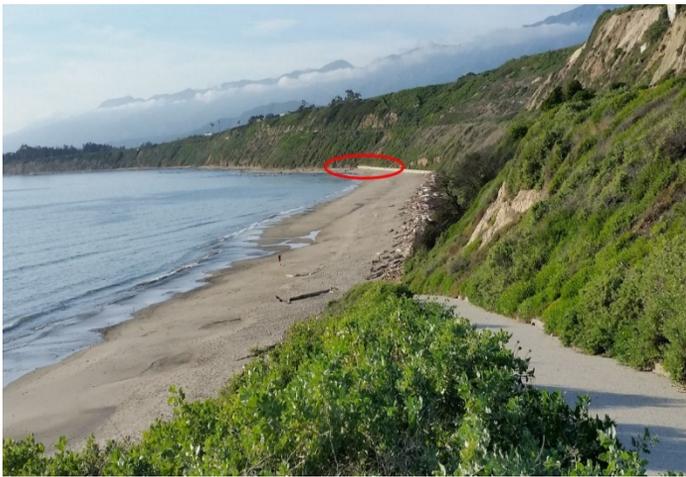
September Date Set for California Beach Cleanup Day

In mid-May, FOBB received an email from Veronica Lee, an environmental educator at Explore Ecology, who will be Coastal Cleanup Day coordinator role this year in Santa Barbara County. She confirmed the annual coastal cleanup date is Saturday September 17.

She asked us to reconfirm FOBB will be in charge of the day at Bates, and we said yes. In August, there will be a meeting of the 38 Beach Captains who are responsible for coordinating the cleanup efforts at all the Santa Barbara beaches, islands, hiking trails, and parks. At the meeting we will gather supplies and receive some training. We need volunteers to come down to the beach for a few hours during the morning of September 17 to do the cleanup. Afterwards, we will celebrate with our last major picnic of the year in our designated area. Anyone interested?

Be sure to mark this date on your calendars!

OUR MONTHLY FAQ



Designated clothing-optional area starts at the concrete rockslide

Nude Beach Etiquette

A Guide to Courtesy & Common-Sense Behavior at Beaches Supporting Clothing-Optional Use

Free Beach etiquette is not much different from the same good manners that you should exhibit wherever you go. Be polite and respect the rights of others and others will do the same for you.

Where to Sit/Walk

- Be very sensitive to who may be nearby where you want to lay your blanket. Be sure to go far enough down the beach to where there are few other beachgoers, if possible. Try to always bring a friend with you, especially if you are male, and try to sit nearby other nude beachgoers, if possible.
- Don't park your blanket directly alongside or below another person if there is plenty of other space left on the beach.
- Avoid sitting near families or walking to/from the water in front of other people walking down the beach! Respect the privacy of others. Many folks come to the beach to enjoy nature and do not want to be disturbed. It is OK to be friendly, but if someone doesn't seem to respond, please respect their right to privacy. "No" means no.
- Avoid running or walking down the beach while nude as this almost always causes other beachgoers to call in a complaint, and we want to avoid that at all costs! Later in the afternoon is a better time to do this, as the number of others on the beach thins out.

Get Dressed When Leaving Established CO Areas

Many of the clothing optional beaches, while not strictly legal, are accepted by the local population. To avoid offending people, do not go nude into parking lots or textile beaches. Always be dressed if taking a stroll outside the boundary of the CO area.

Avoid Any Sexual Activity

Avoid any hint of sexuality in clothing-optional areas. Complaints about sex in public have caused problems at some CO beaches. Please, do not give the prudes an excuse to close down another CO recreation site.

Gawking is Impolite

Gawking, or staring at other nude sunbathers, is impolite. If you came to a clothing-optional (CO) beach to see for yourself what the experience is like, please, join in. You will have a great time. If you came to "look at the nudies," do yourself a favor and buy a magazine and read it at home.

Respect the Environment

Keep out of areas that may be environmentally sensitive. Leave any wild animals (seagulls, sea lions, etc.) alone. We can lose access to CO areas by impairing the environment or preventing the wild animals from roaming free.

Help Keep the Area Clean

Bring and use trash bags. Always try to carry out more trash than you carried in. Leave nothing but footprints, take only memories.

Avoid Taking Photos or Movies

We recommend you leave the camera at home—including the one in your cell phone. If you insist on taking a picture, confine it to just the people in your party, and that means avoiding having anyone in the background without their verbal (if not written) consent. Also, totally avoid taking photos of nude under-age children at the beach as it just isn't worth the confrontation you will be inviting.

Speak up for Standards

If you see someone who is violating the accepted standards, please explain to them clearly and politely just how they are violating the rules and just what the proper behavior is. You will find most voyeurs will leave immediately after being discovered.

FOBB STORE



By popular demand, we have added a **Clothing-Optional** sign to our store. This is the same sign used at Bates Beach.

It is 8.5×11 size and can be used at home on a bedroom wall, outside in the backyard, or even on the front door! The price is \$20 plus shipping.

Our "**I ♥ Bates Beach**" cap is also available for \$15 plus shipping.

Please check out the store at our parent organization (<https://socialnaturist.org/store/>) to order these items using the club's PayPal processing link.



Meetup Dinners

Friday, June 10 and July 8

Denny's Restaurant on Telegraph Road (west of Ventura College), 4095 Telegraph Rd, Ventura, CA 93003



Dinners are held every second Friday of each month.

The meeting will start at 6:45 PM and run about two hours. We have a separate room reserved in

the back, to the right from where you enter the building. Come prepared to buy dinner as a courtesy to the service staff.

Meetups Online

June 21 and July 19, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

The link is

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/724415629>.



You can also dial in using your phone at:

(571) 317-3122, Access Code: 724-415-629

Online meetings are held every third Tuesday each month.

Mid-Week Beach Visits Schedule

- June 9, 16, 23, 30
- July 7, 14, 21, 28
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Look for the sign (at left) for where our group is sitting. As the weather and sea temperatures start to warm, we may add other days to this schedule. It also depends on the availability of our two beach mayors, Greg and Helen.

Contact our beach hosts **Helen or Greg** if you plan to come down so we can be sure to sit together. Email:

friends@friendsofbatesbeach.org.

Weekend Bates Picnics to Begin in June

Starting in June we will be inviting all the nudist clubs across Southern California to join us at Bates for a community picnic. We expect 50-60 people to attend each.

This year, FOBB will be hosting beach volleyball, although depending on local conditions we may need to get dressed temporarily while playing.

Bring all your own supplies and food. Mark your calendars:

- June 11
- July 10
- August 20
- September 17 (Beach Cleanup Day)



World Naked Bike Ride Is Coming To LA On Saturday, June 25

Time: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Location: Downtown Los Angeles.

Sign Up At: <https://www.facebook.com/WNBRLA>

This is an SCNA-supported event. Members may wish to participate in an 18-mile ride through Los Angeles where clothing is optional “as bare as you dare.”

At the staging area both a body-painting booth and food trucks will be available. The ride will begin at about 10-10:30 am, so don't be late! Decorate yourself and your bike with signs or sayings reflecting the environmental aspect of the human powered transportation that we're bringing attention to.

Don't forget to bring several bottles of water, sunscreen, sunglasses, a hat, and optionally a towel to sit on the bike seat. Cameras are also allowed, but it is polite to ask permission before taking someone's picture. The starting location will be emailed a few days before the event to those who sign up.