

City of Ventura PARKS



Enjoy Ventura's
Beachfront Parks • Historical Sites
Scenic Parks • Sports-Oriented Parks
Golf Courses

City of Ventura Parks Division

Parks & Facilities

- 1 ALBINGER ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM**
Artifacts revealing 3,500 years of five different cultures from prehistoric native Americans to the Chinese have been uncovered at this archaeological site. Open to the public Wednesday through Sunday. (113 E. Main Street, 648-5823)
- 2 ARROYO VERDE PARK**
A 132-acre canyon/foothill park. See reverse side for details. A nominal parking fee is charged at Arroyo Verde on Sundays and holidays. (Foothill and Day Roads)
- 3 BARRANCA VISTA PARK**
A nine-acre neighborhood park offering a children's play area, picnic/barbecue facilities, restrooms, horseshoe pits, an indoor recreation center and outdoor basketball court. (7050 E. Ralston Street, 644-6542)
- 4 BLANCHE REYNOLDS PARK**
A three-acre neighborhood park that includes a Little League baseball field and a children's play area. (Preble and Sunvale Avenues)
- 5 BUENAVENTURA GOLF COURSE**
An 18-hole, championship golf course. Rental services: golf clubs and golf carts. See reverse side for details. (5882 Olivas Park Drive, 642-2231)
- 6 CALIFORNIA STREET MINI-PARK**
Concrete stage area. (California and Santa Clara Streets)
- 7 CAMINO REAL PARK**
Thirty-eight acres of sports-oriented facilities. See reverse side for details. (Dean Drive and Varsity Street)
- 8 CEMETERY MEMORIAL PARK**
Trees and turf grass can be found in this relaxing, six-acre park setting. (Poli and Main Streets)
- 9 CHUMASH PARK**
This six-acre neighborhood park features picnic/barbecue facilities, a children's play and adventure area, basketball court and restrooms. (Petit Avenue at Waco Street)
- 10 DOWNTOWN MINI-PARK**
Downtown shoppers and workers often make use of the Downtown Mini-Park with landscaping, benches and picnic tables available. (300 block E. Main Street)
- 11 EASTWOOD PARK**
The Mission-era water filtration building, the oldest standing structure in the county, has been restored as a historical exhibit at this small landscaped park.

Heron at Seaside Wilderness Park



which also includes picnic tables, benches and pathways. (Poli and Wall Streets)

- 12 FRITZ HUNTSINGER YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX**
An 18-acre sports-oriented park. See reverse side for details. (Telephone Road and Satcoy Avenue)
- 13 GRANT PARK**
The 107-acre Grant Park offers spectacular views, also features picnic facilities, restrooms and a public shooting range. See reverse side for details. (Ferro Drive)

- 14 HARBOR COVE BEACH**
The City's safest swimming beach. See reverse side for details. (West end of Spinnaker Drive)
- 15 HARRY A. LYON PARK**
An 11-acre sports-oriented park. See reverse side for details. (De Anza Drive at Cameron Street)

- 16 HOBERT PARK**
Seven-acre Hobert Park includes picnic/barbecue facilities, three children's play areas, restrooms, a multiuse field and a skateboard facility. (Telegraph Road at Petit and Cambria Avenues)
- 17 JUANAMARIA PARK**
A five-acre park includes a basketball court, two tennis courts, picnic tables, barbecues, restrooms and a children's play area. (Loma Vista Road and Kimball Road)

- 18 JUNIPERO SERRA PARK**
Named after Franciscan Father Junipero Serra, founder of Mission San Buenaventura, this three-acre neighborhood park offers a children's play area, picnic tables and benches. (Neath Street and Swansea Avenue)
- 19 MARINA PARK**
A 15-acre, park featuring a beach, children's play area sailing facility, barbecues and restrooms. See reverse side for details. (South end of Pierpont Boulevard)

- 20 MARION CANNON PARK**
Basketball courts, picnic/barbecue facilities, a children's play area and restrooms are offered at this five-acre park. (Saratoga Avenue between Ralston and Shenandoah)
- 21 MISSION PARK**
Located downtown across from Mission San Buenaventura,

Mission Park includes a large open grass area, benches and restrooms. (Main Street and Figueroa Street Mall)

- 22 OCEAN AVENUE PARK**
Picnic/barbecue facilities, outdoor basketball courts and a children's play area are available at this one-acre neighborhood park. (West end of Ocean Avenue)

- 23 OLIVAS ADOBE HISTORICAL PARK**
A 22-acre historical landmark. See reverse side for details. (4200 Olivas Park Drive, 644-4346)

- 24 OLIVAS PARK GOLF COURSE**
An 18-hole, championship course. Rental services: golf clubs and golf carts. See reverse side for details. (3750 Olivas Park Drive, 642-4303)

- 25 ORTEGA ADOBE HISTORIC RESIDENCE**
Built in 1857, the residence is the only remaining adobe from the many that once were found along Main Street. Grounds open daily. See reverse side for details. (215 W. Main Street)

- 26 PLAZA PARK**
One of the oldest and largest Moreton Bay fig trees in California (planted in 1874) can be seen at the four-acre Plaza Park which also includes a children's play area, gazebo, picnic tables, bench swings and restrooms. (Santa Clara and Chestnut Streets)

- 27 PROMENADE PARK**
A one-acre oceanfront park located on the site of the ancient Chumash Indian village of Shishlop. (Figueroa Street at the Promenade)

- 28 SAN BUENAVENTURA CITY PIER**
Located along Ventura's beachfront promenade, the historic wooden pier offers a seafood restaurant, bait shop, snack bar, fishing and spectacular views of the Channel Islands and nearby coastline. (Harbor Boulevard near California Street)

- 29 SEASIDE WILDERNESS PARK**
On the beachfront at the mouth of the Ventura River, Seaside Wilderness Park offers 24-acres of undeveloped land including sand dunes, a marsh area, two marked walking trails and more. Access is limited to pedestrians via the beach or nearby Emma Wood State Beach.

- 30 SURFERS' POINT AT SEASIDE PARK**
One of the most popular surfing and windsurfing beaches in the area with showers, picnic facilities, restrooms and a sand beach. The scenic Promenade walkway and Omer Rains Bike Trail both connect the park to the Ventura Pier. (Figueroa Street at the Promenade)

- 31 WESTPARK COMMUNITY CENTER**
A seven-acre athletic/recreational complex and neighborhood park. See reverse side for details. (450 W. Harrison Avenue, 648-1895)



The San Buenaventura City Pier, completed in 1872, was operated by the San Buenaventura Wharf Company for passengers and cargo during the City's early beginnings when it served a bustling harbor of steamships waiting to load and unload lumber, barrels of oil, beans and grain. Renovated in 2000, the pier's wooden deck features an octagonal end with an opening in the center for viewing the waves and sea life. Amenities include benches, interpretive display panels, a bait shop, snack bar, restrooms and a full service seafood restaurant and gift shop. Visitors to the pier can enjoy fishing, dining or a leisurely stroll.



City of Good Fortune

A coastal community, located just an hour north of Los Angeles, the City of San Buenaventura is indeed the "City of Good Fortune" with its surrounding mountains, miles of uncrowded beaches and mild year-round climate (average 65 degrees). The City's Parks Division is proud of its numerous historical sites, bike paths and parks, many featuring magnificent views and several located right on the beachfront, providing the best of what Southern California has to offer! Take advantage of the abundant recreational opportunities waiting for you in Ventura with the help of the following information.

Beachfront Parks

Surfers' Point at Seaside Park enjoys a reputation as one of the area's most popular surfing and windsurfing beaches. The park features showers, picnic facilities, restrooms and is connected with the Ventura Pier by a scenic landscaped Promenade walkway and the Omer Rains Bike Trail. Nearby is **Promenade Park** including restrooms and a spacious lawn – all overlooking the beach.

Marina Park is 15-acres of beachfront fun located next to the Ventura Harbor. Colorful sailboats can be seen from pathways and lookout points as they leave the harbor while windsurfers slice across the ocean and children climb aboard the play ship San Salvador. Sailing lessons are offered nearby (with advance



Marina Park, Community Boating Center

reservations) and anglers may drop a line from the park's fishing dock. Individual picnic/barbecue facilities, sand volleyball court, a hand-launch boat dock, children's play area and restrooms can also be found at the park.

Harbor Cove Beach, just across the harbor from Marina Park, is considered to be the City's safest swimming beach, protected from strong currents by a jetty and the marina. Restrooms and a children's play area are also available at this popular site.

Next to Harbor Cove Beach is the Channel Islands National Park Headquarters where visitors can get information about exciting day trips and overnight outings to the islands – located within eyesight of the coast – for camping, hiking, snorkeling or scuba diving.



Surfers' Point at Seaside Park



Olivas Adobe Historical Park

Historical Sites

Olivas Adobe Historical Park, placed on the National Register of Historic Places, affords visitors the opportunity to experience the expansive adobe home and court-

yard built between 1847-49 by wealthy Don Raymundo Olivas on his 4,700-acre Rancho San Miguel. The grounds are open daily while the house, a beautiful example of Monterey-style adobe architecture, is open for tours on weekends or by arrangement.

Albinger Archaeological Museum, located next to Mission San Buenaventura, was once the home to five different cultures spanning 3,500 years of history. Learn about the Chumash Indians, Chinese immigrants and others who resided on the site by viewing displays, a brief slide presentation and archaeological digs uncovered in 1974. Placed on the National Register of Historic Places, the museum is open Wednesday through Sunday.

Mission San Buenaventura, established in 1782, was one of the first of 21 inspiring missions founded each a day's journey apart along the California coastline by Franciscan Father Junipero Serra. The mission is open to visitors daily.

Figueroa Mall Historical Rose Garden is located one block south of Mission San Buenaventura. The garden features over 120 roses of many classes. Specimens date from prior to 1633 ("Rose of Castille") to modern times.

The Ortega Adobe Historic Residence is an architectural example of smaller adobe homes that once lined Main Street in sharp contrast to the residences of wealthy landowners nearby. It was within this adobe that Emilio Ortega first began fire-roasting chiles, believed to be the first commercial food operation of its kind in California.



Ortega Adobe Historic Residence

The **Ventura County Museum of History and Art** contains the major collection of Ventura County artifacts, photographs, exhibits and research library materials. Located across from the Albinger Archaeological Museum, it is open to visitors Tuesday through Sunday. (653-0323)



Arroyo Verde Park

Scenic Parks

Arroyo Verde Park is a beautiful and important natural preserve and recreational resource. The park consists of 132 acres of relatively rugged land – featuring 14 acres of tree lined open grass areas, individual picnic/barbecue sites, three group barbecue areas, a nature center, several miles of hiking trails, restrooms and two children's play areas.

Grant Park offers a spectacular view of the City, the Pacific Ocean and the Channel Islands. In 1782, Franciscan Father Junipero Serra raised a wooden cross on the mountain overlooking his newly established Mission San Buenaventura. Once used as a landmark by mariners at sea, the cross now rests within the 107-acre park. While much of the mountainous terrain is undeveloped, the park features picnic facilities and restrooms.



Camino Real Park Tennis Courts

Sports-Oriented Parks



Camino Real Park

Camino Real Park is a 38-acre complex including eight tennis courts (lighted), a tennis center, two softball fields (lighted), a regulation softball/baseball diamond (lighted), two youth baseball fields, basketball and sand volleyball courts, snack bar/concession buildings and three children's play areas. Soccer/football field space, group and individual picnic/barbecue facilities and restrooms are also available.



Fritz Huntsinger Youth Sports Complex

Fritz Huntsinger Youth Sports Complex provides two youth softball/baseball fields, a regulation baseball field, two soccer fields, restrooms and picnic/barbecue facilities.

Harry A. Lyon Park offers tennis and basketball courts, regulation softball/baseball field (lighted), two youth baseball fields, a 10-acre open grass area, restrooms and barbecue areas.

Westpark Community Center offers a softball/soccer field (lighted), two handball courts, children's play area, horseshoe pits, restrooms, skateboard facility and a recreation center. The center features a gymnasium with showers, restrooms, game and crafts rooms, kitchen and community meeting rooms – all available for rental.

City Golf Courses

Buenaventura Golf Course is an 18-hole, championship course (Par 72) designed by architect William Bell to offer 6,400 yards of playing enjoyment with a scenic mixture of tree-lined fairways, eight lakes and an abundance of challenging sand bunkers. Course amenities include a full-service pro shop, locker room, complete banquet facilities, snack bar and a group picnic/barbecue area. Tournament groups are welcomed.



Buenaventura Golf Course

Conveniently located near the Ventura Harbor, **Olivas Park Golf Course** appeals to the player who appreciates a traditional 18-hole, championship course with a beautifully landscaped layout featuring broad fairways and expansive greens. William Bell is also responsible for the design of this 6,500-yard course (Par 72) accented by a combination of well-placed holes and sand bunkers and seven lakes. A 300-yard driving range (night-lighted until 10 p.m.), full-service pro shop, restaurant and lounge are also offered.

Skateboard Parks

Skateboard facilities can be found at Westpark Community Center, Hobert Park and the campus of Pacific High School (Dean Drive and College). These facilities were designed for both the novice and advanced skater. Protective gear is required.

Volunteers and sponsors make a world of difference throughout Ventura. If you would like to become involved as a Partner In Progress through the Adopt-A-Beach or Adopt-A-Park program, please call **Partners In Progress For A Beautiful Ventura** at 652-4555.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, this document is available in alternate formats by calling 805/652-4550 or through the California Relay Service.

Bike Paths

The City has established miles of on and off-street bicycle paths while maintaining trails that stretch along the coastline for bicyclists, runners and joggers as part of the Pacific Coast Bike Trail. To obtain a map of the City and County Bike Paths, call the County of Ventura Dial-A-Route Center at 1-800-438-1112.



Linear Park Bike Path

Reservations

Many of the parks and facilities listed within this brochure may be reserved for weddings, meetings, parties, group barbecues, receptions, sports activities or other special events. Fees vary for each of the sites with reservations available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Park and Facility reservations should be made at least two weeks prior to a planned function. Many locations book a year in advance, especially Grant Park – a popular wedding site. For 24-hour recorded information, call Park/Facility Reservations at 652-4594 or 652-4550 for personal assistance.

Phone Numbers

- City of Ventura Parks Division..... 652-4550
- Recreation Classes – Community Services..... 658-4726 (TDD) 654-7788
- Camino Real Tennis Center..... 642-7652
- California State Parks..... 1-800-444-7275
- Channel Islands National Park..... 658-5700
- Ventura County Parks..... 654-3951

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