

Visiting Half Moon Bay



Links – Brochure = https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=531

Reservations = <https://www.reserveamerica.com/>

Four miles of broad, sandy beaches stretch out to welcome visitors to Half Moon Bay. This picturesque setting is ideal for sunbathing, fishing and picnicking. A campground provides accommodations for those who wish to visit longer.

PLEASE NOTE: Half Moon Bay State Beach Campground is now on the reservation system. Campsite reservations must be made through Reserve America by calling 1-800-444-PARK (7275) or through their website at www.reserveamerica.com.

Location/Directions

The beach is located a half-mile west of Highway 1 with 3 parking lots in the City of Half Moon Bay. The three parking and beach access points are below:

Francis Beach, at the end of Kelly Avenue in the City of Half Moon Bay.

Venice Beach, at the end of Venice Boulevard off Highway 1.

Dunes Beach at the end of Young Avenue off Highway 1.

Seasons/Climate

The major weather pattern for Half Moon Bay is fog in the summer; crisp, clear days in the fall and spring; and wet, windy winters. Temperatures are moderate with the summer highs in the mid 60s and

winter lows in the mid 40s. Summer fog is most common in the mornings and evenings.

Facilities/Activities

The Half Moon Bay State Beach Visitor Center is open Saturdays and Sundays. Admission to the Visitor Center is free. The Visitor Center is completely accessible to those with disabilities.

Come on in and learn about the exciting world of the beach and experience the cultural history of the Coastside.

Francis Beach has a campground with 52 individual sites, some suitable for tent camping, others for trailers or recreational vehicles. Some campsites have electrical hookups. Water and sewer hookups are not available, but there is a dump station and a water filling station. Rental RV's are not allowed to be dropped off or picked up from the park.

Coin-operated hot showers are also available. (approximately 2 minutes per quarter)

Venice Beach has outside showers and flush toilets.

Coastside Trail runs along the eastern boundary of the four beaches providing close to a three mile stretch to walk, jog or ride bikes. The trail continues north to Pillar Point Harbor.

A *horse trail* parallels Coastside Trail from Roosevelt Beach to Francis Beach. While in the state parks, horses are restricted to the designated horse trail and are not permitted on State Beaches.

Please, NO beach fires are allowed.

Dogs are prohibited on the beaches at all times. Dogs are permitted in the campground, in the day-use picnic areas, and on the Coastal Trail, provided they are controlled with a leash of no more than six feet at all times.

[Where Can I Take My Dog.pdf](#)

The Ocean - Always use caution when you are in or near the ocean. The ocean water is very cold year round. Even a short swim can cause cramps or hypothermia (a life threatening condition which occurs when your body temperature drops below normal). In addition, strong rip currents can pull even the most experienced swimmers off shore.

Please refrain from removing shells, driftwood, and other natural beach features. Fireworks are prohibited.