

**LIFEGUARDS:** In addition to mobile lifeguards: Summer—towers staffed 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Spring/Fall—limited tower staffing; Winter (Nov-March)—no towers staffed. Ask about current conditions/ beach safety before you swim!



### BE SAFE AT THE BEACH

The ocean can be dangerous at any time of the year and in any location. Every year people drown because they do not understand the dangers posed by the massive power and strength of ocean waters. The most important lesson? Learn to swim (before you go) and never swim alone!

#### Ocean Safety Tips

- **Always keep an eye on the surf**—Large waves can hit the shore without warning, crashing much farther up the beach than normal waves. They can knock down both children and adults and drag them into deep water.
- **On steep beaches, be wary of backwash**—Even normal waves can create a dangerous rush of water that can knock you off your feet and pull you out into the ocean.
- **Do not dive headfirst into the surf**—Divers may hit hidden rocks or the shallow bottom, resulting in paralysis or death.
- **Know what a rip current is** and how to free yourself if caught in one.



### RIP CURRENTS

A rip current is a channel of water flowing away from shore. Rip currents, which are quite common, will typically form at breaks in sandbars or near structures, such as piers.

A rip current can be very narrow or may be more than 50 yards wide. They can quickly increase in speed and therefore may change from moment to moment in terms of the threat they pose to swimmers and waders.

The average speed of a rip current is one to two feet per second, but they have been found to be as fast as eight feet per second—faster than an Olympic swimmer!

Rip currents can carry even the strongest swimmer out to sea, sometimes just beyond the line of breaking waves and other times possibly hundreds of yards offshore.

If you find yourself caught in a rip current the first thing to do is stay calm and don't try to fight the current—it will win, not you. Instead, escape the current by swimming in a direction parallel to the shoreline. When you are free of the current, swim away from the rip current and at an angle toward the shore.



# South Carlsbad State Beach

7201 Carlsbad Blvd. • Carlsbad, CA 92008 • (760) 438-3143

This popular bluff-top campground is located 3 miles south of Carlsbad, 50 miles north of San Diego. Stairs lead to the beach. For more information, visit the California State Parks web site at [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov).

**PARK FEES** are due and payable upon entry into the park. Use the self-registration system if the entrance station is closed. Campsite fee covers one vehicle. Extra vehicle fees are collected upon arrival.

**OCCUPANCY: Only eight (8) people and three (3) vehicles per site. No equipment in the planted areas, please.**

**VEHICLE PARKING:** Vehicles must be parked within assigned campsite, not on the roadway, in the planted area or beyond the campsite number. Only three licensed vehicles (includes motor cycles/trailers/RVs) are allowed per campsite.

**CHECK-OUT TIME** is noon. Please leave site clean and on time. Check-in time is 2 p.m. Sorry, no exceptions.

**RE-REGISTRATION:** If you want to re-register, you must contact the entrance station before 9 a.m. the morning you are due out. Re-registration is not guaranteed.

**HOOK-UP SITES:** Not available.

**SPEED LIMIT:** The speed limit is 15 mph. Use good judgment. Children at play!

**PETS/DOGS:** Must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet and under physical control at all times. They are not permitted on the



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beach. Pets/dogs must be confined to a vehicle or tent at night. Noisy/vicious animals are not allowed. Please clean up after your animal.

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**CAMPING RESERVATIONS:** You may make camping reservations by calling (800) 444-7275 (TTY 800-274-7275). To make online reservations, visit our website at [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov).  
**ALTERNATE FORMAT:** This publication is available in alternate formats by contacting the Communications Office at (800) 777-0369, 711, TTY relay service.



**CAMP STORE:** Open April through October; firewood, ice, groceries.

**FIRES AND FIREWOOD:** Fires are allowed only in established fire rings. NO beach fires. Do not leave campfires unattended.

**PLANTS:** All plants are protected. Do not cut, or attach items to plants. Do not damage berm or place equipment in plant area between campsites.

**GENERATORS:** 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. only!

**QUIET HOURS** are from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. To ensure an enjoyable experience for everyone, please do not disturb other campers, regardless of the time of day or night.

**NOISE:** Radios and other sound-producing devices must not be audible beyond your immediate campsite, regardless of the time of day or night.

**VISITORS:** Non-registered guests must exit by 10 p.m. (Quiet hours)

**CURFEW:** All visitors under the age of 18 must be in their campsites between 10 p.m. – 6 a.m.

**ALCOHOL** and glass containers are NOT allowed on the beach or beyond your campsite.

**TRUCKS:** Passengers may not ride in the beds of pick-up trucks (including those with camper shells). California Vehicle Code (CVC) laws apply.

**THEFT WARNING:** Keep your vehicles locked and your valuables out of sight. Report any suspicious activity to the park staff.

**BICYCLES:** Are allowed only on paved roads. Bicycle riders under age 18 must wear a helmet. Bicycles ridden after dark must have a light. Please ride safely.

**MOTORIZED SCOOTERS:** Operators must have a driver's license or permit to operate. Helmets are required (CVC 21235).

**INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS:** Ask staff about upcoming programs.

**GARBAGE:** Household garbage only. Please take your large items (chairs, carpet, boxes, etc) home.

**NO SUBSTANCE** (Comet, Ajax, diatomaceous earth, etc.) may be scattered on the ground. These poison nearby plants, marine life, and are harmful to children and adults on direct contact.

**RECYCLE:** Recycle bins are provided for your aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Recycling supports the Junior Ranger programs!

**SQUIRRELS/WILDLIFE:** Don't feed them. It promotes disease, overpopulation and property damage.

**WI-FI Service:** Park visitors with wireless-enabled laptop computers or personal digital assistants (PDAs) may access the Internet. You can access Wi-Fi service if you are within a 150 foot range of the campground office in the park.

**ACCESSIBLE PARKING:** All vehicles registered in the campground must park within campsite limits. Please leave accessible parking spots available for those using restroom facilities.

**ACCESSIBLE** campsites are 16, 77, 87, 97, 108, 119, 126, 148, 153, 184. Prior to arrival, visitors with disabilities who need assistance should contact the Supervising Ranger at (760) 438-3143.

**GROUP EVENT INFORMATION:** The South Carlsbad campfire center is available for group events. Restrictions and a fee apply. For event applications and information, call (760) 438-0707.

**MOTORHOMES AND TRAILERS are limited to 35'. Vehicles over these length limits may not enter the park, as of 1/1/2010.**

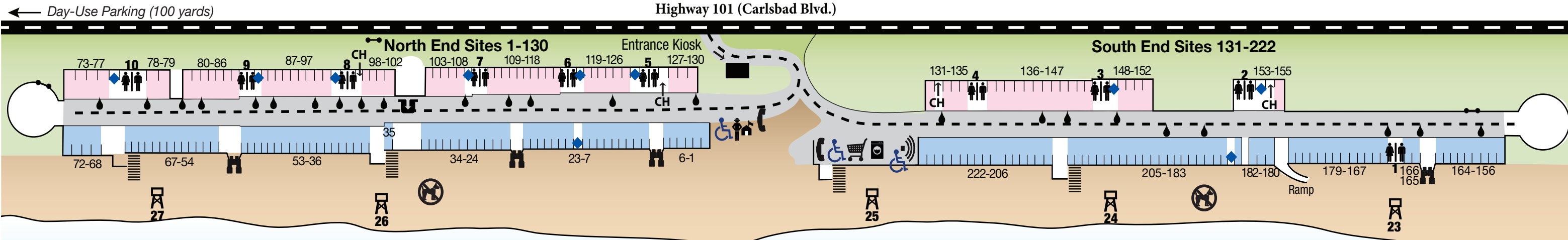
**LEGEND**

- ◆ Accessible Campsite
- ♿ Accessible Feature
- 🔥 Campfire
- CH Camp Host Site
- 👤 Campsite Office
- 🧺 Laundry
- 🚰 Lifeguard Tower
- 🏠 Lookout Point
- 🚫 No Dogs Allowed
- ♿ Restrooms
- Road
- U RV Sanitation Station
- 🪜 Stairs
- 🛒 Store
- ☎ Telephone
- 🚶 Walk-In Gate
- 💧 Water Faucets



# South Carlsbad State Beach Campground

Your Site # \_\_\_\_\_



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