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Crystal Cove State Park

Hikes start at 9:20AM

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Driving Directions: Take the 55 Freeway South toward Newport Beach. Take the 73 Toll road SE to Macarthur Blvd. No toll is charged if you get off at Macarthur. Follow Macarthur 2.1 miles SW to Pacific Coast Highway (PCH). Take PCH SE to Crystal Cove. When you turn onto PCH you will see the signs to Crystal Cove (3 miles). Crystal Cove has a number of beachside parking lots on the right that come first, and the El Moro

Canyon parking lot on the left. The El Moro Canyon entrance is 1.8 miles beyond Newport Coast Drive. Watch for the El Morro elementary school at the same street. Refreshments will be at the picnic table at the top of the small hill behind the restroom.

At each hiking trail intersection within Crystal Cove State Park (CCSP) and Laguna Coast Wilderness Park (LCWP) there is a post with a park map on it. This will assist you in navigating within the parks. Paper maps will be provided and are also available in the Visitor Center adjacent to the parking lot.

Bus Shuttle Hikes (details provided at hike)

The following two hikes are one way hikes that use an OCTD Bus as a shuttle. Bus fare is 75 cents exact change for seniors with ID. A bus comes about every half hour.

El Moro Canyon to Laguna Beach. 8-9 miles 1200-1400 ft. elev. gain. Hike up to the park boundary and down into Laguna Beach. The return to the El Morro school stop is a 3 mile bus ride.

Easy Beach Walk. 3-5 miles. Start walking at 9:20AM to the El Morro school stop on PCH and catch the 9:40AM OCTD Route 1 bus. Ride 2.5 miles north to the Pelican Dr. stop. Walk back on bluff and/or beach.

Other Hikes

If you don't wish to use the bus, you can take any number of hikes on the trails in Crystal Cove, for example: Up El Moro Ridge and down El Moro Canyon, etc. Plan your hike using the following map:

<http://www.crystalcovestatepark.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/MoroCanyonTrailMap.pdf>

Bring a State Park Pass or coupon if you have one as the parking fee is \$15.

More details, bus schedules and maps will be provided at the hike.