



# PORT OF SAN DIEGO PARKS

*Enhancing the region's  
breathtaking tideland parks*

## *Come play at the Big Bay®*

San Diego Bay is awash with recreational opportunities. The Bay is where the region celebrates and commemorates. Annual events like the floating San Diego Bay Parade of Lights and Port of San Diego Big Bay Balloon Parade that precedes the Holiday Bowl are holiday traditions. There's Fleet Week, a celebration of the U.S. Navy's long-standing relationship with San Diego, and Imperial Beach's internationally renown Sandcastle Days.

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fun is a shore thing.

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First there's the Bay itself: 23 square miles of sparkling blue water that's home to kelp bass, California halibut and dozens of other species. Sailors and fishermen love it. And, why not? The Bay has six fishing piers, four boat launch ramps and six public boat moorings, not to mention plentiful sportfishing and tour operators.

Of course, the Bay's attractions extend beyond water's edge; its 34 miles of public shoreline are truly San Diego's crown, with an array of jewels that include three distinct museums: the Maritime Museum of San Diego, which features the *Star of India*, the oldest iron-hulled sailing ship afloat; the San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum on the *USS Midway*, the Navy's longest-serving aircraft carrier; and the National City Rail Car Museum, which includes the original 1887 No. 1 car of the old Motor Cannon Ball excursion train.



Has the sunshine and the Bay's fresh air put you in the mood to move? Then, get on a bike and pedal the Bayshore Bikeway, a 26-mile paved route through all five member cities of the Port of San Diego: Coronado, San Diego, National City, Chula Vista and Imperial Beach. Along the way, stop at some of the Bay's 17 waterfront parks:

- **SHELTER ISLAND SHORELINE.** Enjoy the mile-long promenade and public fishing pier with panoramic views of the Bay that set off San Diego's glittering downtown skyline.
- **SPANISH LANDING.** History buffs, this is the site where the sea and land parties of Spanish adventurer Gaspar DePortola and California's missionary-colonist Father Junipero Serra met in 1769. The park features a pedestrian path, picnic tables and the Callaway Carillon bell tower.
- **HARBOR ISLAND.** Take in the civic scenery and maritime icons like the *Star of India* while enjoying shoreline walking and jogging paths.
- **CANCER SURVIVORS.** Colorful mosaic tile work is showcased throughout the park, encouraging individuals with a cancer diagnosis to fight the disease.
- **TUNA HARBOR.** You can still see working boats and watch the Bay's other maritime comings and goings from the scenic promenade of this park, honoring the fishing industry that helped create and define San Diego.

- **EMBARCADERO MARINA PARKS NORTH AND SOUTH.** Set between colorful Seaport Village and the San Diego Convention Center these broad, grassy peninsula parks are ideal for listening to the Summer Pops series and watching life sail by on a gentle breeze.
- **CESAR E. CHAVEZ PARK.** Honoring the influential civil rights activist, and developed with San Diego's Barrio Logan community, this park has a fishing pier, picnic and playground areas and plenty of open space for a game of futbol. And, take in the famous murals painted on the footings of the Coronado-San Diego Bay Bridge.
- **PEPPER PARK.** Named after National City's civic leader, Leonard Pepper, this park has a boat ramp, picnic areas and a fishing pier, illuminated for night fishing.
- **CHULA VISTA BAYSIDE.** Surrounded by South Bay's marinas, restaurants and shopping, this park features a fishing pier, picnic and game tables and walking paths.
- **CHULA VISTA MARINA VIEW.** Have a ball here enjoying the open space with a children's playground, picnic tables and a delightful view of the South Bay.
- **CHULA VISTA BAYFRONT.** Here's where you'll find one of the most popular boat ramps on the Bay, along with sculptor Kenneth Capps' oddly enticing "Konoids."

- **PORTWOOD PIER PLAZA.** While you wait for a fish to bite, savor the oceanfront view and public art at this Imperial Beach park and pier.
- **DUNES PARK.** Beyond the lush landscaping there's a terrific playground for the kid in all of us.
- **GRAND CARIBE SHORELINE.** Set beside the Coronado Cays, the park features a meandering path through native plants and educational botanical displays, winding up at the uplifting bronze statue "Sheltering Wings."
- **CORONADO TIDELANDS.** This is the largest of the Bay parks, featuring recreational fields and picnic areas. Build a sandcastle on its small beach.
- **CORONADO LANDING.** Enjoy the panoramic view of the San Diego skyline from this park adjacent to the Coronado Ferry Landing.

