

COAST WALK TRAIL HISTORY & SELF-GUIDED TOUR

COAST WALK TRAIL • LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA



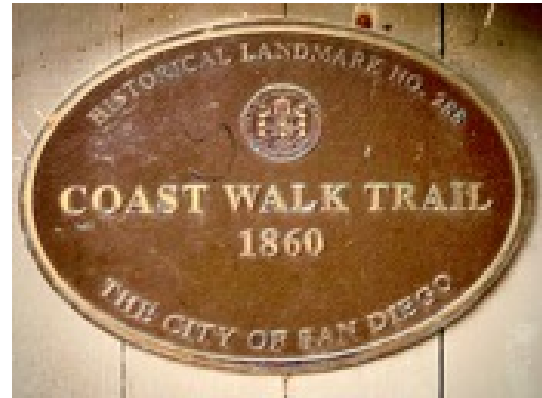
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WELCOME TO COAST WALK TRAIL

The friends of coast walk (FOCWT) hope that you enjoy your self-guided tour along this amazing stretch of shoreline beauty. Once named "Angel's Walk", it affords a panoramic view of the Pacific Ocean, beach and shoreline. It is located within a dedicated street and serves as a buffer against residential or commercial development and the fragile coastal environment below.



COAST WALK TRAIL MAP



The Coast Walk Trail is located directly along the shoreline of the Pacific Ocean. The trail not only offers beautiful scenery and views, but it is full of history that we aim to preserve for years to come. Read along as you walk the trail in order to uncover the rich history that lies within the La Jolla coastline.

DONATE TO FRIENDS OF COAST WALK

All funds to preserve the history of this trail are privately raised. Please consider donating on our website www.friendsofcoastwalk.org if you enjoyed the hike.



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A BIT OF HISTORY | AT A GLANCE

EARLY BEGINNINGS

1860

Since the 1860's, the trail has been the only practical means of lateral pedestrian access along the bluffs.

1893

In the 1890s, sightseers would ride hot-air balloons over this area in hopes to see local showman, Professor Horacle Pool, who was known for diving off the cliffs into the ocean 100 feet below.

Miss Hazel Keyes was famous for ascending in a hot-air balloon then parachuting off- usually with her husband and their pet monkey.

1899

The San Diego and Pacific Railroad built a steep, wooden stairway along a canyon area below the trail known as "Devil's Slide."

1902

The Historic Sunny Jim Sea Cave and Gift Shop opens its doors.

1932

The La Jolla Coast Walk trail was first built in 1932, although it was believed to have been used some 9,500 years ago by Native Americans as an access point for hunting and fishing.

COAST WALK TRAIL DEBUTS

1963

This foot path once named "Angels Walk" was formally renamed Coast Walk Trail in 1963.

1970

Scripps Coastal Reserve was created to protect the fragile ecosystems of which the trail overlooks 100 feet above the water. This underwater park and ecological reserve, occupies nearly 1,000 acres and is visited by hundreds of thousands of people each year.

PRESERVATION BEGINS

1990

The Trail" is a dedicated City street including Devil's Slide Footbridge located between Coast Blvd. and Torrey Pines Road was deemed historic by the City of San Diego on September 26, 1990.

2010

Friends of Coast Walk Trail (FOCWT) is established as a non-profit 501 (c) 3 in 2010. Made up of volunteer residents, the organization is dedicated to preserving the history and beauty of the trail. First Right of Entry Permit issued.

THE TRAIL TODAY

2020

Third Right of Entry Permit issued for a 3-year period. Year 1 focus was on Trail Restoration projects to improve access and safety for pedestrians. Work included La Jolla Sunrise Rotary Slope Repair.

2021

Year 2 focus was on Goldfish Point fence and trail repair. Initial native plant restoration.

LOOKING FORWARD

2022

Year 3 will focus on native plant restoration and ongoing trail maintenance.

The Coast Walk Trail Offers a 0.6- mile gentle hike of breathtaking views, beginning at the Historic Sunny Jim Sea Cave and Curio Gift Shop (Est. 1902) and ending at Torrey Pines Road.



**THE HIKE YOU ARE ON TODAY
IS A SELF-GUIDED WALKING
TOUR OF THIS AMAZING
COMMUNITY ASSET.**





(Photo courtesy of La Jolla Bluebook)

In the 1890's sightseers would ride hot-air balloons over the area once known as "Dead Man's Leap" in hopes to see local showman, Professor Horacle Pool, who was known for diving off the cliffs into the ocean 100 feet below.



(Photo courtesy of the Oregon Historical Society)

Miss Hazel Keyes, shown here in a photo from 1893, was famous for ascending in a hot-air balloon then parachuting off- usually with her husband and their pet monkey. La Jolla Light 4/17/2019.



(photo courtesy of City of San Diego)

PRESERVATION BEGINS

Due to the growing tourist population in La Jolla, the railroad commissioned unemployed locals to build a bridge in order to preserve the beautiful coastline of hiking trails and to safely cross Devil's Slide. Erosion control check dams and cobblestone brow ditches were also added and are still used today. If you look hard you will find one FOCWT dug out this past Spring!

DEVIL'S SLIDE

About a decade later in 1899, the San Diego and Pacific Railroad call "The Abalone Limited" built a steep wooden stairway along a canyon area below the trail known as Devil's Slide. The stairs went all the way down to the shoreline, the current site of Coast Walk Trial Bridge.



(Photo courtesy of City of San Diego)

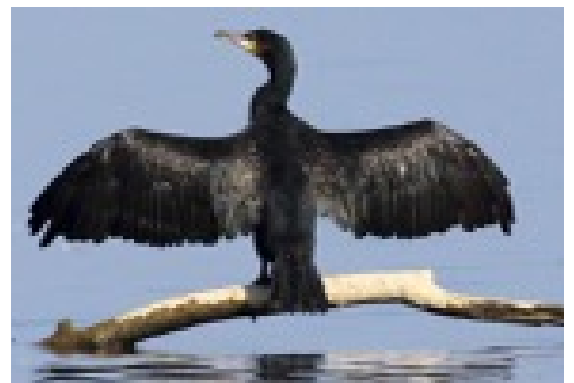
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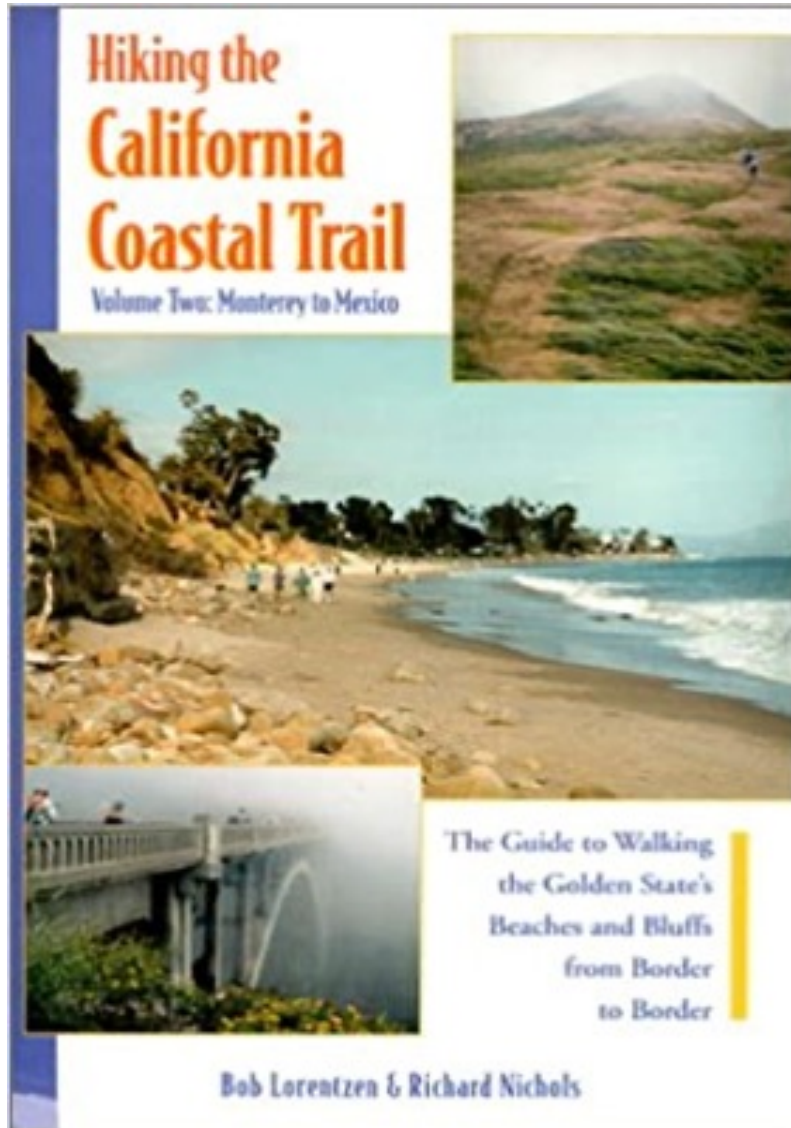
In the early 1970's, an underwater park and ecological reserve were created to protect the fragile ecosystems of which the trail overlooks 100 feet above the water. Scripps Coastal Reserve occupies nearly one thousand acres ranging across a complex landscape. Hundreds of thousands of people visit annually, so environmental awareness is essential for protecting the rare and sensitive habitats and species. There are two distinct parts to the reserve: the shoreline and marine protected area, and the upland area, commonly referred to as the "Knoll" or "Cliffs".



BIRDS OF THE COAST

The Sandstone Cliffs serve as rookeries for the Common Gull, the endangered California Brown Pelican, and Black Cormorant, which are considered sacred birds to Native Americans.





THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL TRAIL

While the Coast Walk encompasses a beautiful 0.6-mile stretch of the La Jolla Cove, the entire trail is part of the California Coastal Trail, a 1,200 mile long hiking trail beginning from the Coast of Mexico all the way to Oregon.

COAST WALK TRAIL TODAY

The City of San Diego oversees the Coast Walk Conservation with help from the Friends of Coast Walk Trail (FOCWT) a non-profit 501 (c)3 started in 2010, made up of volunteer residents to support improvement projects along the trail.



The Friends of Coast Walk Trail's primary mission is safety, environmental preservation, and restoration specifically for Historic Coast Walk Trail to ensure continued use and enjoyment for the community today and in the future.

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BENCH REPAIRS
VEGETATION REPLACEMENT
FENCE REPAIRS
BRIDGE REPAINTING

2020 PROJECTS

SLOPE REPAIR J - 12K
SLOPE REPAIR F - 13K
GOLDFISH POINT FENCE AND TRAIL
REPAIR - 41K
TORREY PINE REPLACEMENT 9K

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