

# Newport Beach

► Address: California, United States



Newport Beach is a coastal city in southern Orange County, California, United States. Newport Beach is known for swimming and sandy beaches. Newport Harbor once supported maritime industries; however today it is used mostly for recreation. Balboa Island draws visitors with a waterfront path and easy access from the ferry to the shops and restaurants.

The Upper Bay of Newport is a canyon, which was carved by a stream in the Pleistocene period. The Lower Bay of Newport was formed much later by sand that was brought along by ocean currents, which constructed the offshore beach that is now recognized as the Balboa Peninsula of Newport Beach.

Before settlers reached the coasts of California, the Newport area and surrounding areas were very prominent Indian lands. Indian shells and relics can still be found today scattered throughout the area. Though, throughout the 1800s, settlers began to settle the area due to the availability of land. The State of California sold acre-plots of land for \$1 a piece in the Newport area, Anglo-American inhabitation in the area grew substantially following the events of 1870 when a 105-ton steamer named The Vaquero, captained by Captain Samuel S. Dunnells (against warnings posted by surveyors) safely steered through the lower and upper bay of Newport where it unloaded its cargo, James Irvine, after hearing the astonishing news, quickly traveled from his home in San Francisco to the San Joaquin Ranch, Meeting in. Irvine's ranch house near current day UC Irvine with his brother, Robert Irvine, and friend James McFadden, they all agreed that the newly found port should be named simply. Newport thus where Newport Beach gets its name.

In 1905, city development increased when Pacific Electric Railway established a southern terminus in Newport connecting the beach with downtown Los Angeles. In 1906 (with a population of 206 citizens). the scattered settlements were incorporated as the City of Newport Beach.

Settlements added in on the Peninsula, West Newport, Newport Island, Balboa Island and Lido Isle in 1923 Corona del Mar was annexed and in 2002 Newport Coast, East Santa Ana Heights and San Joaquin Hills. were annexed in 2008, after a long battle with the city of Costa Mesa, Newport Beach annexed West Santa Ana Heights,



# Craig Regional Park

- Website: [www.ocparks.com](http://www.ocparks.com)
- Address: 3300 N State College Blvd, Fullerton, CA 92835



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Craig Regional Park, completed in 1974, is characterized by rolling hills, a large variety of mature trees, open space, a small lake, three year-round creeks and a rose garden. This unique landscape contributes to an overall sense of serenity and beauty. Walkways, picnic tables and park benches are scattered throughout the park's 124 acres providing abundant shade.

## Activities

A variety of recreational opportunities exist at Craig Regional Park, both open and shaded turfgrass and picnic areas are available. Bicycle and hiking/walking trails are also offered for visitor enjoyment. A three-acre lake is visited by many annual migratory waterfowl. Fishing for catfish and bluegill is allowed with a California Fish and Game License. Launching of model radio-controlled sailboats is also permitted. The park is also a wildlife sanctuary and is very popular as a bird-watching destination. Six picnic shelters and two group areas provide shade with tables and barbecues. In addition, there are picnic tables and barbecues scattered throughout the facility. The park offers a variety of recreational activities including three softball fields, one baseball field, jogging trails, and a sports complex with basketball, volleyball, and racquetball/handball courts and horseshoe pits. No fields for soccer are available. Three tot lots are also available for children.

Shelters and Group Areas can be reserved on weekends and holidays.

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