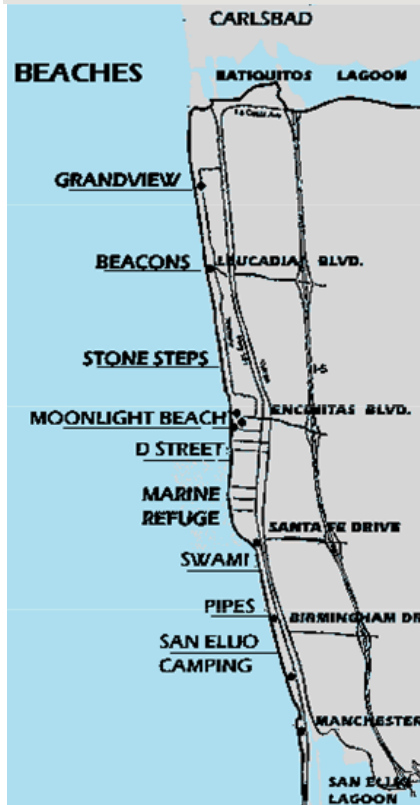


Maps of Encinitas Beaches



Grandview Beach This is the northernmost beach in Encinitas with an entrance framed by palms, making it a picture perfect place to spend an afternoon. Unfortunately, at high tide, the beach is completely covered in ocean. Still, this hidden paradise is worth a visit for the views alone.

Beacon's Beach This beach is best known to locals because of how difficult it is to find. Only about ½ block wide, and found only by trekking down a 10-story bluff path, surfers come here to get away from crowds and enjoy the waves. Also popular at Beacon's is surf-fishing due to the kelp beds and offshore reefs that are home to a wide variety of fish.

Stonesteps Beach Stonesteps has become somewhat of a forgotten spot in Encinitas. At one time it was a local favorite; now it is relatively empty compared to some of the more popular beaches in the area. While the summer makes for perfect waves, the winter can bring on treacherous conditions. Locals who frequent Stonesteps welcome anyone to join them in the water.

Moonlight Beach Just a few blocks west of downtown Encinitas sits one of San Diego 's most popular beaches. This spot is perfect for families since the sand is flat, the parking is plentiful, and the playground and snackbar are wonderful conveniences. Another perk of Moonlight is the dolphin spotting ♦ so don't be afraid if you see a fin in the water!

Swami's Beach Swami's is probably the most famous surf spot in North County, considering its mention in The Beach Boys ♦ Surfin USA. ♦ It sits directly below Seacliff Roadside Park and was named after a Swami who founded the Self-Realization Fellowship Retreat, Gardens and Hermitage (a few hundred yards north). The beach's reputation for some of the best waves in San Diego draws surfers by the dozens.

