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Spend a Family Day at the Historic & Stunning Crystal Cove

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Nestled at the base of the cliffs where PCH views of the glittering Pacific and golden sand become more than just a mirage, lies the gem of California's coast – [Crystal Cove](#). This beautiful area not only boasts the 2,791-acre [Crystal Cove State Park](#) with its three separate beach areas, canyon trails, and close proximity to picturesque dining spots, but it also possesses a unique combination of preserved natural beauty and the city's newest modern developments. In its earlier history, the primitive look of Crystal Cove gave this beautiful enclave fame in the 1920s when filmmakers flocked to its untouched beaches that made appearances in films such as *Treasure Island*. Though no longer a mecca for film, Crystal Cove remains to be a hotspot for families of all generations to come and enjoy the variety of activities they offer, and whether that be in outdoor shopping plazas or in the actual wilderness amidst its 18-mile trails, this nature-lover's oasis is sure to keep you occupied and inevitably awe-struck at the surrounding beauty.

After heading down from Reef Point to the popular Scotchman's Cove and checking out the surfers at Muddy Creek, hit up Moro Beach that's well beloved by body boarders, stand-up paddle boarders, and kayakers. Join them in the clear blue waters to try your knack at aquatic sports, play along the pristine protected beach, or simply enjoy the view while reading a book as you relax on the fine sand. If you want to explore an enclave of beauty that's hidden *below* the water, dive under with your snorkeling or scuba gear to swim through Crystal Cove's 1,450-acre underwater park where marine life thrives completely untouched. This stunning beach environment also guards living treasures and other small creatures in tide pools, ensuring the ocean keeps its vibrancy. Check out the inhabitants of the sea without ever having to fully immerse yourself in its water –

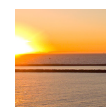
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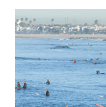
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just make sure to leave as little an impression behind as possible so the ocean dwellers can continue their day in peace and their environment remains to be a seemingly untouched natural haven that can be enjoyed by the public for many years to come.

Once you've gotten a glimpse into the world that exists beyond the hustle and bustle of civilization, walk to [The Beachcomber](#) that's right on the sand to continue your day of splendid ocean views. Lounge on their tropically decorated outdoor patio and feel the balmy breeze caress you whilst you dine on a quick bite or an elegant meal from their menu full of beach favorites. For those wanting an extra kick to their senses, sip on a tropical cocktail from their Bootlegger Bar before taking another stroll along the sand or visit [Ruby's Shake Shack](#) for the kids to grab a delicious milkshake and a hot or cold sandwich. Since the quaint shabby shack is settled right at the edge of the bluff that overlooks the park's Historic District, the joint doubles as an amazing lookout point. Park your car and sit on the hood as you munch on your food or simply walk up to indulge in the simple things in life – a good sandwich, a good shake, and the same beautiful view someone a century ago had the equal pleasure of gazing upon. And due to the parks preservation efforts, the view truly is timeless.

Now with more than enough energy for the rest of your day, it's time to explore the backcountry – 2,400 acres of wilderness home to native vegetation like the endangered coastal sage. The extensive trails offer beautiful vistas of the mountainous surroundings and the Pacific, along with exciting opportunities to spy wildlife such as deer, coyotes, bobcats, and snakes. By having trails accessible to bikes, hikers, and horses, there's no limit to how you can enjoy this blissful solitude in your peaceful trek through natural history. If you're not the traditional outdoorsy type, drive a short distance down PCH to the [Crystal Cove Shopping Center](#) where you can pop in stores like [Banana Republic](#) and designer boutiques. After your shopping spree, feast on rich Mexican food and premium tequila at the popular [Javier's](#) or fresh seafood at the [Bear Flag Fish Company](#). It's the perfect way to end your day of exploring our lovely coast and soaking up the best views of Crystal Cove while dining at some of the best restaurants Newport Beach has to offer.

Don't want this to end? Camp in the backcountry or try "glamping" (glamorous camping) in one of the [46 vintage cottages](#) located in Crystal Cove State Park's Historic District. They're quite important, in fact, as they remain one of the last examples of early 20th century beach development. This quaint seaside colony right on the sand is also steps away from the Beachcomber (conveniently open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner). As an additional plus, the prices to stay overnight in these cottages have been kept low to ensure that this special beach experience is open to as many people as possible.

Crystal Cove's natural environment that allots for rare wild luxuries and their top-of-the-line developments that provide modern indulgences give your family plenty of charming settings to create your next favorite memories. So whether you're eager to jump in the waves or relax on the sand, shop in stores with ocean views or take to the trails to spy all sorts of wildlife, bring the family to Crystal Cove and see why this coveted part of California's coast was (and still is) worth protecting.

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