



Beach Briefs - October 10, 2014

CEPD Prepares Beach Guide for Island Visitors

The Captiva Erosion Prevention District is distributing to Captiva property rental agencies and lodging establishments a guide that can be placed in each of their rental units. The UV coated cards contain important points and reminders for visitors about Captiva's coastal environment and how everyone can do their part to protect our beautiful beach.

On their first day of availability, over 1,100 were requested by local rental businesses. The CEPD is making them available for all rental agents including real estate offices, hotels and private property owners that may rent their home to guests.

Please call or stop by the CEPD office for the guide or more information.

Card Illustration

Important Reminders to Protect Captiva's Beach

Sun, sea, and sand are important to the thousands of residents and visitors that enjoy Captiva Island's beautiful beach. Since travelers to Captiva come from all parts of the nation and world, the Captiva Erosion Prevention District has prepared this guide of important notes about Captiva's beach for anyone unfamiliar with our coastal environment. With good care and stewardship, our beach can flourish!

- ✓ ALL vehicles (including golf carts, ATV's, beach buggies, etc.) are not to be parked or driven on the beach or dune area at any time.
- ✓ Captiva is not a doggie beach. Pets are not allowed at Hagerup Beach Park with the exception of guide dogs accompanying impaired persons. Other areas of the beach require dogs to be on leash. Always have a pet scoop and bag to clean up after your pet.
- ✓ Dispose of your litter in the trash cans provided or take home. Trash including cigarette butts and fishing line can harm beach critters.
- ✓ Please remove all beach equipment such as chairs, umbrellas, tents and canopies at the end of each day and store off the beach and dune area.
- ✓ Please fill any holes you may create if digging in the sand. Holes create a walking hazard for pedestrians and become an obstacle for nesting turtles.
- ✓ Dunes are nature's protection from the waves and tides of coastal storms. Please do not disturb or walk on dunes and dune vegetation.
- ✓ Alcohol, glass containers, and fires are prohibited.
- ✓ Walk with care and avoid nesting areas of shorebirds and turtles. Respect markers around nests.
- ✓ Avoid shining lights on the beach at night. During nesting season (May 1-Oct. 31) state regulations are in place to prevent any lighting use that interferes with nesting female turtles and with baby turtle's ability to find the sea.



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