

NUDE BEACH ETIQUETTE

Travel Responsibly

- Obey all Parking Rules and Regulations.
- Park only in designated areas.
- Carpool — save both gas and parking spots.
- Try to arrive early — beat the crowds.
- Give others a ride from the parking area to the beach. Someone may do the same for you.

Respect the Environment

- For many species of wildlife, especially birds and sea lions, the beach is their natural habitat. Many are protected species. No matter how cute they may appear, humans should keep their distance.
- Keep out of the dunes, brush or other environmentally sensitive areas. Besides, these are the areas where passersby always think there is misbehavior going on, and you don't want to give them an excuse to call park rangers.
- Do not sit too near any cliffs as rocks often come down without warning to cause injury or even death.
- Bring and use trash bags. Always try to carry out more trash than you carried in. Bring extra bags for others nearby.

Respect Private Property

- Show respect for the private property of others as you go to and from the beach.
- Don't park on private property.
- Don't block access.
- Don't litter or otherwise defile public or private property.
- Don't disturb neighbors with excessive noise.
- Try to not give anyone reasons to complain about the use of the beach.

Respect the Privacy of Others

Many folks come to the beach to enjoy nature and do not want to be disturbed. It is OK to be friendly, but if someone doesn't seem to respond, please respect their right to privacy. If the beach or lawn area is relatively free of users at the moment, it is the height of rudeness to place your blanket alongside the 20-something girls enjoying the sun. Park yourself elsewhere, guy!

Gawking is Impolite

Gawking, or staring at other sunbathers, is impolite. It is always rude to stare at others, but it is especially so when you use binoculars or a camera to look at people on the beach. If you came to the beach to look at the nudies, do yourself a favor and buy a magazine and read it at home.

Avoid Any Sexual Activity

Avoid any hint of sexuality in clothing-optional beach areas. Complaints about sex in public have caused problems at several CO beaches. Please, do not give the prudens an excuse to close down another CO recreation site.

Get Dressed When Leaving Established Clothing-Optional Areas

Many clothing-optional beaches, while not strictly legal, are accepted by the local population. To avoid offending people, do not go nude or semi-nude into parking lots or in beach areas designated for people who prefer to wear bathing suits.

Avoid Taking Photos or Movies

- Few nudists are exhibitionists and even fewer want their picture taken, with or without permission. If you insist on taking a picture, confine it to just the people in your party, and that means avoiding having anyone in the background without their verbal (if not written) consent.
- Also, totally avoid taking photos of nude under-age children at the beach as it just isn't worth the legal hassle you will be inviting.
- In fact, we recommend you leave the camera at home - including the one in your cell phone - lest someone walk up to you and physically remove the film or see how far they can toss your tech toy into the water. Take your pictures at home, before you leave or at the end of the trip, instead.

Speak up for Standards

If you see someone who is violating the accepted standards, please explain to them clearly and politely just how they are violating the rules and just what the proper behavior is. If they deny everything or get belligerent, go find a few fullback-sized friends and return. Be firm, but polite, and you will find most voyeurs will leave at this second sign of intimidation.

Be Prepared!

Most clothing-optional beaches are remote and do not offer the services and amenities found at textile beaches. Therefore, you should bring everything you may need including:

- Water/Beverages
- Food
- Cooler
- Sunscreen (Apply frequently, especially to areas not normally exposed to the sun!)
- Bug Lotion (depending on location and time of year)
- Towels
- Chair, Chaise or Mattress
- Other Items: a guitar, book, or iPod are favorites, but do not bring radios that can disturb others (or wear earphones.)
- A cart or wheeled carrier to tote all your stuff to and from the beach is often recommended if the beach is a long walk from your car. Others prefer to use a backpack, especially if the path to the beach uses steep trail.