

BEACH WALK

Santa Monica's greatest natural asset is unquestionably the Santa Monica State Beach, a 3.5 mile strand said to be the most beautiful beach in the entire state. Start at Marine and Ocean Front Walk traveling north toward the world famous Santa Monica Pier. Due to its inspirational setting, motion picture or TV series filming often takes place on the sand, in the water, or on the boardwalk. Head south to California's original Muscle Beach - a renowned seaside workout venue. Established in the 1930's, the area has been fully restored to include an array of gymnastics equipment, an exhibition area, jungle gym for kids and padded gymnastic area. At the foot of the Pier, Chess Park is Santa Monica's sunny answer to New York City's Washington Square Park. Tables with chess boards are provided for use by a wide assortment of players with varied levels of skill for the game. Walk under the Santa Monica Pier Bridge. The Pier is home to an amusement park, historic carousel, full arcade, aquarium, street vendors and restaurants. North of the Pier, Ocean Front Walk will merge with the busy bike trail. Proceed with caution; be aware that the path is shared with fast moving, non-pedestrian traffic. The bike path is one of the best free public athletic amenities in Southern California. Continue walking north to Montana and begin the trip back.

TOTAL NUMBER OF STEPS: 4811 (2.4 miles)

Public amenities available along the walk include outdoor public restrooms, drinking fountains and park benches. This walk is wheelchair accessible.

