

UCSC, Santa Cruz, and Bay Area Recreational Resources, Activities, and Events

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Exercise and Outdoor Activities

[UCSC Office of Physical Education and Recreation \(OPERS\)](#)

[Santa Cruz Fitness Centers](#)

[Simpkins Family Swim Center](#)

[Mountain Bikers of Santa Cruz](#)

[Santa Cruz Sierra Club](#)

[Santa Cruz Area Camping](#)

[Santa Cruz County Outdoor Activities](#)

[Santa Cruz County Parks](#)

[California State Parks](#)

[Wildlife Adventures](#)



Local Beaches and Parks

Año Nuevo State Reserve

Arana Gulch

Big Basin Redwoods State Park

Castle Rock State Park

DeLaveaga Park

Elkhorn Slough

Forest of Nisene Marks State Park

Harvey West Park

Henry Cowell State Park

Highlands Park

Lighthouse Field State Beach

Loch Lomond Recreation Area

Manresa State Beach

Natural Bridges State Beach

Neary Lagoon Wildlife Refuge

New Brighton State Beach

Pogonip

Santa Cruz Circle Trails

Santa Cruz City Neighborhood Parks

Santa Cruz Mission

Santa Cruz Wharf

Seacliff State Beach

Sunset Beach

Twin Lakes State Beach

Wilder Ranch State Beach



Events Calendars

[Santa Cruz Upcoming Events](#)

[Good Times Calendar of Events](#)

[The Tannery Arts Center Events Calendar](#)

[The 418 Project Events Calendar](#)

[UCSC Monthly Calendar \(campus and community\)](#)

Local Annual Events

[Strawberry Festival](#)

[Monte Fireworks](#)



Arts Organizations/Performances/Dance Classes

UCSC Arts Division Events

Actors' Theater

Bay Shore Lyric Opera

Cabrillo Music Festival

Cabrillo Stage

Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County

Jazz Society of Santa Cruz County

Jewel Theater Company

Kids on Broadway

Kuumbwa Jazz Center

Monterey Bay Events Arts Crafts Theater

Mountain Community Theater

Santa Cruz African Dance

Santa Cruz Art League

Santa Cruz Baroque Festival

Santa Cruz Chamber Players

Santa Cruz Chorale

Santa Cruz City Band

Santa Cruz County Symphony

Santa Cruz Mountains Art Center

Santa Cruz Tannery-Dance Events and Classes

Santa Cruz Things to Do

Santa Cruz Antique Faire

Santa Cruz First Friday

Santa Cruz County Recreation Programs

Fun Things to Do in Santa Cruz



Food/Restaurants

[Grocery Store Listings](#)

[Restaurant Guide](#)

[Santa Cruz County Restaurant Guide](#)

Wine Country

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[Santa Cruz Mountains Winegrowers Association](#)

[Monterey County Vintners and Growers Association](#)



Farm Fresh Produce/Gardening/Horticulture

UCSC Arboretum

UCSC Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems

Area Farmer's Markets

Bay Area Gardener

California Certified Organic Farms

California Rare Fruit Growers

Camp Joy Gardens

Community Alliance with Family Farmers

Homeless Garden Project

Monterey Bay Master Gardeners

Live Earth Farm

Local History

[Santa Cruz History](#)

Local Museums

[Santa Cruz Museums Association](#)

[Capitola Historical Museum](#)

[Museum of Art and History](#)

[Santa Cruz Surfing Museum](#)

Local Attractions

[Monterey Bay Aquarium](#)

[UCSC Seymore Marine Discovery Center](#)

[Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk](#)

[Roaring Camp Railroad](#)

[Mystery Spot](#)



Wellness

[Well Within Spa](#)

[Kiva Retreat Spa](#)

[Santa Cruz Wellness](#)

[Santa Cruz Integrative Medicine](#)

[Santa Cruz Yoga Classes](#)

[Free Yoga Classes at Patagonia, Santa Cruz](#)

[Free Qi Gong Classes at UCSC, Tu Thu 2:15 Porter Quad](#)

Other resources

[Community and Diversity: resources and volunteer groups](#)

[Exploring the Greater Bay Area](#)