

# Community Information

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## Dana Point





## DANA POINT

Incorporated in 1989, the City of Dana Point is named after Richard Henry Dana Jr. (1815-1882), a Harvard-trained lawyer, seaman, and author of the classic sea journal, *Two Years Before the Mast* (1840). In his journal, Dana documents his voyage from Boston around Cape Horn to California on the merchant ship, *Pilgrim*. Therein, Dana describes the area once known as Capistrano Bay, as “the most romantic spot in California.” Today, Capistrano Bay is known as Dana Point.

On January 1, 2009 the City of Dana Point celebrated its 20th anniversary. In commemoration of the date The Dana Point Historical Society hosted a reenactment of the cityhood establishment ceremony. The event was well attended by residents, visitors and politicians. To view the related photos use the following link. Among other highlights was a presentation by The Historical Society of a chronology of the City’s history, viewable at the following link. If you would like to purchase a copy, please visit The Dana Point Historical Society’s website or call (949) 248-8121.

Dana Point is home to 36,765 residents and is characterized by nearly seven miles of prominent coastal bluffs and rolling hills along the Pacific Ocean. Most noteworthy of these bluffs is a unique promontory known as the “Headlands” which overlooks Dana Point Harbor, one of the most significant manmade alterations of the Orange County coastline.



Dana Point Harbor provides slips and mooring for over 2,500 boats along with over 50 specialty shops and restaurants. The Harbor attracts thousands of visitors annually for shopping, sport fishing, walking, bicycling, parasailing and a host of recreational activities. The Dana Point Harbor is also considered the gateway to Doheny State Park, one of California’s most popular beach facilities. The 62-acre State Park offers camping, picnicking, swimming, surfing, bicycling, tide pool exploration and more.

Dana Point provides over 1,900 hotel rooms ranging in accommodations and services from economy to five star hotels. Convention and meeting facilities are available at the larger resort facilities, and all provide access to Dana Point’s unique coastal amenities.

Located in southern Orange County, California, Dana Point is approximately one-half way between Los Angeles and San Diego, and is bordered by the cities of Laguna Niguel and Laguna Beach to the north, San Juan Capistrano to the east, and San Clemente to the south.

### Mission Statement

The City of Dana Point encourages community involvement and is committed to:

- Develop and ensure the highest possible quality of life for our residents, businesses and visitors.
- Provide a safe and healthy environment within a sound economic atmosphere.
- Provide an efficient and effective government which is open and responsive to the needs of the community and works for the benefit of all.





## Points of Interest

**Dana Point Harbor:** The Harbor houses 2,500 boats within two marinas, inside a one-and-a-half mile jetty. Complete facilities include guest slips, fuel dock, shipyard, launch ramp, boat rentals, yacht sales, community class instruction, fishing, windsurfing, jetskiing, kayaking, boat charters, two yacht clubs, sailing association, ocean classroom labs, shops, restaurants, picnicking, and even a baby beach for young swimmers.

Thirty intriguing shops are loaded with unexpected treasures. Visitors discover custom-designed jewelry, Indian artifacts, art collectibles, hand-formed chocolates, unique gifts, toiletries, fragrant oils, designer perfumes and sunglasses, leisure clothing, full service hair salon, art gallery, unique cards, international coffees and teas, and quality ice cream. There are seventeen different restaurants in the Harbor to please every palate.

Dana Point is the home of the popular sport fishing and whale watching vessels. The Ocean Institute also offers a variety of programs for the whole family. Enjoy sea adventure cruises day and evening and summer programs on the Pilgrim. The OC Sailing and Events Center attracts hundreds of people each week for its wide variety of programs. Catalina Island is just a short boat ride away. For more information on the Dana Point Harbor, please visit their website at <http://www.danapointharbor.com>.



**Salt Creek Beach Park:** This long, sandy beach is a popular surfing spot for the locals. Walking paths lead to the beach and to the grassy seven-acre Bluff Park, which has benches, barbecue grills, picnic tables, and restrooms.

Just south of Ritz Carlton Dr., a pedestrian gate leads through the Ritz Carlton along the bluff above Salt Creek Beach. The path, which skirts the southern perimeter of the grounds, has benches that overlook gray whale migration routes, popular surfing spots, Catalina Island, and the coastline.

Several stairways lead from the multi-use trail to the beach, changing rooms, outdoor showers, restrooms, snack bar, fire pits, and a path along the seawall. Paths lead north and east through a golf course and along Salt Creek, a scenic corridor featuring small parks and several miles of trails.

**Doheny State Beach** is administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The 62 acre site features over one mile of sandy beach and some of the best swimming and surfing in California. During low tide, tide pools are prime for exploring. The campground features 120 developed family campsites and the picnic area has 170 picnic tables and 99 barbecue grills. For more information, visit [www.dohenystatebeach.org](http://www.dohenystatebeach.org).



**Ocean Institute:** Founded in 1977, the Ocean Institute is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to ocean awareness and preservation. The Institute owns and operates the Pilgrim, the Spirit of Dana Point, and the research vessel Sea Explorer. The new Ocean Education Center, which has replaced the Institute's old laboratories, now serves 135,000 students annually. For complete info visit their site at <http://www.ocean-institute.org>.

**Public Trail System and Nature Interpretive Center:** A public trail system, over three miles in length, links all the parks and open space areas of the



Headlands. The system includes pedestrian trails, coastal and beach access, scenic overlooks, and the Nature Interpretive Center. The trails maximize public coastal access and ocean view opportunities. These trails implement the policies and guidelines of the Dana Point General Plan and provide a comprehensive system that reinforces the relationship between the Headlands, the beaches, the Harbor and the Pacific Ocean.

### Beach Information

The City of Dana Point is characterized by its seven miles of prominent coastal bluffs and scenic rolling hills along the Pacific Ocean. County, State and private beaches adorn the coastline, including world-famous surfing spots at Doheny Beach, Dana Strands, and Salt Creek. The Dana Point Harbor provides slips and moorings for more than 2,500 boats. Doheny State Park, one of California's most popular beach facilities boasts 62 acres of open space, offering camping, picnicking, swimming, surfing, bicycling, and tide pool exploration, with over 2 million visitors annually. Other beaches in Dana Point include Salt Creek Beach, Monarch Beach, Dana Strand Beach, Baby Beach, Poche Beach and Capistrano County Beach.

For more information on beach water quality, please visit Orange County's Beach Information website at [www.ocbeachinfo.com](http://www.ocbeachinfo.com).



### Senior Services

**Dana Point Senior Center:** Operated by Age Well Senior Services within the Dana Point Community Center. 34052 Del Obispo Street (949) 496-4252.

We offer a wide variety of programs and services designed for any age senior to meet their educational, recreational, social and human service needs. Activities vary each month and reflect the needs and interests of the community, as well as the resources. We invite Dana Point seniors to join us for our weekday lunch program, or any of the other great activities listed below. You'll meet new people, in a warm, welcoming, friendly atmosphere.

### Utilities

**Southern California Gas Company:** (800) 427-2200 / [www.socalgas.com](http://www.socalgas.com)

**Water:** South Coast Water District (SCWD): (949) 499-4555 / [www.scwd.org](http://www.scwd.org)  
Moulton Niguel Water District (MNWD): (949) 831-2500 / [www.mnwd.com](http://www.mnwd.com)  
San Juan Capistrano Water Dist.: (949) 493-1515 / [www.sanjuancapistrano.org](http://www.sanjuancapistrano.org)

**San Diego Gass & Electric:** (800) 411-SDGE (7343) / [www.sdge.com](http://www.sdge.com)

**Phone:** AT&T (800) 288-2020 / [www.att.com](http://www.att.com)

**TV & Internet:** Cox Communications (800) 234-3993 / [www.cox.com](http://www.cox.com)

**Trash:** CR&R (877) 728-0446 / [www.crrwasteservices.com](http://www.crrwasteservices.com)





## City of Dana Point

33282 Golden Lantern, Dana Point, California 92629

Phone (949) 248-3500 / Fax (949) 248-9920 / [www.danapoint.org](http://www.danapoint.org)

## Recreation Activities

The Community Services Division of the Community Services & Parks Department creates community through people, parks and programs by providing recreational and cultural arts programs for all to enjoy. We offer a wide variety of activities for youth, adults and seniors.

The Community Services office is located at the Dana Point Community Center, 34052 Del Obispo St., Dana Point. For the convenience of our customers, we offer extended office hours, Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You may reach us by phone at (949) 248-3530.

## Animal Services

### San Clemente- Dana Point Animal Shelter

221 Avenida Fabricante, San Clemente, CA 92672 / (949) 492-1617



## Education

### Capistrano Unified School District

33122 Valle Road / San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

(949) 234-9200 / Fax (949) 493-8729 / [capousd.ca.schoolloop.com](http://capousd.ca.schoolloop.com)

### Elementary Schools

RH Dana Elementary School

24242 La Cresta, Dana Point, CA 92629

(949) 496-5784 Phone | (949) 488-3867 Fax

RH Dana Exceptional Needs Facility

24242 La Cresta Drive, Dana Point, CA 92629

(949) 234-5505 Phone | (949) 489-8479 Fax

### Middle Schools

Marco F. Forster Middle School

25601 Camino del Avion, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

(949) 234-5907 Phone | (949) 488-3567 Fax

### High Schools

Dana Hills High School

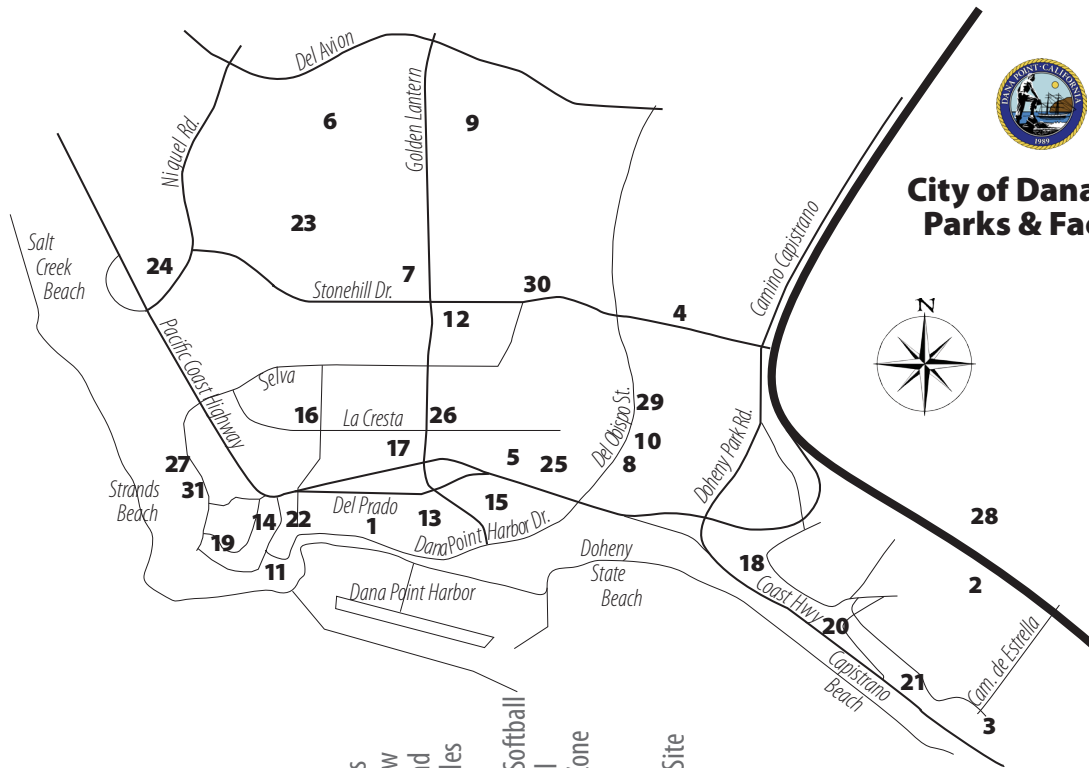
33333 Golden Lantern, Dana Point, CA 92629

949 496-6666 Phone | 949 489-8317 Fax





## City of Dana Point Parks & Facilities



# on map	PARK/FACILITY	Restrooms	Ocean View	Playground	Picnic Tables	BBQs	Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Dog Fun Zone	Volleyball	Tennis	Wedding Site	ADDRESS
1	Bluff Top Trail	•											Violet Lantern @ El Camino Capistrano
2	Calle Paloma Parkette		•										Calle Paloma @ Calle Los Robles
3	Chloe Luke Overlook		•										Camino Capistrano @ Camino de Estrella
4	Creekside Park	•		•	•			•	•	•			25743 Stonehill Drive
5	Crystal Cove Park		•						•				25044 Via Elevado
6	Dana Crest Park			•	•	•		•					24461 Josiah Drive
7	Dana Hills High School	•					•	•			•		33333 Golden Lantern
8	Dana Point Community Center	•						•		•			34052 Del Obispo Street
9	Dana Woods Park				•	•							24900 Dana Woods
10	Del Obispo Park	•		•	•	•	•				•		34052 Del Obispo Street
11	Harbor Point Park		•										34801 Scenic Drive
12	Harry Otsubo Community Gardens		•										24800 Stonehill Drive
13	Heritage Park		•						•			•	34400 Old Golden Lantern
14	Hill Top Park		•										34331 Green Lantern
15	Lantern Bay Park	•	•	•	•	•						•	25111 Park Lantern Road
16	Lantern Village Community Park												La Cresta @ Violet Lantern
17	La Plaza Park				•								Pacific Coast Highway N of Golden Lantern
18	Louise Leyden Park		•										Dana Bluff W. @ Via Verde
19	Nature Interpretive Center	•	•										34558 Scenic Drive
20	Palisades Gazebo		•										• 26401 Palisades Drive
21	Pines Park		•	•	•	•							• 34941 Camino Capistrano
22	Samson Overview Gazebo		•										• at the end of Blue Lantern
23	Sea Canyon Park	•		•	•	•			•				33093 Santiago Drive
24	Sea Terrace Park		•		•				•				Pacific Coast Highway @ Niguel Road
25	Sea View Park		•	•									25262 Manzanita
26	Shipwreck Park		•	•									33972 Golden Lantern
27	Strands Vista Park	•	•										34201 Selva Road
28	Sunset Park	•		•	•	•							34345 Calle Naranja
29	Sycamore Creek Trail												Del Obispo @ Quail Run
30	Thunderbird Park	•		•	•	•	•	•					33422 Ocean Hill Drive
31	Veterans Memorial Park												34201 Selva Road

**EFFECTIVE APRIL 22, 2010: NO SMOKING IN DANA POINT PARKS**



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33282 GOLDEN LANTERN  
DANA POINT, CA 92629

INCORPORATED: 1989  
AREA: 6.6 square miles  
TELEPHONE: (949) 248-3500  
WEBSITE: www.danapoint.org

## CITY COUNCIL

Mayor	Joe Muller
Mayor Pro Tem	Paul N. Wyatt
Council Members	Jamey Federico
	Debra Lewis
	Richard A. Viczorek

## DEPARTMENTS

City Manager	(949) 248-3513
Community Development	248-3564
City Council	248-3513
Parks & Recreation	248-3530
Fire Authority	(714) 573-6000
Sheriff Services	(949) 770-6011

## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

POPULATION			2010 POPULATION BY AGE (1)			2010 RACIAL & ETHNIC POPULATION (1)		
<b>1960</b>	*			<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>		<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>1970</b>	*		<b>0-4</b>	1,573	4.7	<b>Non-Hispanic White</b>	25,468	76.4
<b>1980</b>	*		<b>5-9</b>	1,554	4.7	<b>Hispanic of any race</b>	5,662	17.0
<b>1990</b>	31,896	(1)	<b>10-14</b>	1,626	4.9	<b>Non-Hispanic Asian</b>	1,037	3.1
<b>2000</b>	35,110	(1)	<b>15-19</b>	1,916	5.7	<b>Non-Hispanic Black</b>	255	0.8
<b>2010</b>	33,351	(1)	<b>20-24</b>	1,812	5.4	<b>All Other NH Races</b>	929	2.8
			<b>25-34</b>	4,028	12.1			
<b>2006</b>	34,090	(2)	<b>35-44</b>	4,233	12.7	<b>Total:</b>	33,351	100%
<b>2007</b>	33,829	(2)	<b>45-54</b>	5,620	16.9			
<b>2008</b>	33,616	(2)	<b>55-59</b>	2,752	8.3			
<b>2009</b>	33,485	(2)	<b>60-64</b>	2,555	7.7			
<b>2010</b>	33,351	(2)	<b>65-74</b>	3,010	9.0			
<b>2011</b>	33,508	(3)	<b>75-84</b>	1,843	5.5			
<b>2012</b>	33,759	(3)	<b>85+</b>	829	2.5			
<b>2013</b>	33,771	(3)						
<b>2014</b>	33,960	(3)	<b>Total:</b>	33,351	100%			
<b>2015</b>	34,124	(3)	<b>Median Age:</b>	44.8				
<b>2016</b>	34,245	(3)	<b>% of County:</b>		1.1			
<b>2017</b>	34,330	(3)						
<b>2018</b>	34,365	(3)						
<b>2019</b>	34,249	(3)						

### CURRENT PROJECTIONS SERIES POPULATION: OCP-2018 (4)

<b>2016</b>	33,627
<b>2020</b>	34,193
<b>2025</b>	34,689
<b>2030</b>	35,214
<b>2035</b>	35,456
<b>2040</b>	35,575
<b>2045</b>	35,622

### VOTER REGISTRATION, 2019 (6)

<b>Democratic</b>	5,841	<b>Peace &amp; Freedom</b>	48
<b>Republican</b>	9,295	<b>Misc.</b>	71
<b>Independent</b>	753	<b>Decline To State</b>	5,526
<b>Green</b>	77		
<b>Libertarian</b>	232	<b>Total:</b>	21,843

### VITAL STATISTICS (5)

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Total Births</b>	326	329	287
<b>Birth Rate</b>	9.7	9.8	8.5
<b>Total Deaths</b>	255	252	235
<b>Death Rate</b>	7.6	7.5	7.0

\*City not incorporated at this date.

Sources: (1) April Decennial Census of Population, U.S. Census Bureau.  
(2) E-8 Released November 2012, State Dept. of Finance, includes errata.  
(3) E-5 (Revised) Released May 2019, State Dept. of Finance.

(4) Center for Demographic Research, CSUF.  
(5) California Department of Public Health rates per 1,000 population. 2016 is the latest published data by city.  
(6) OC Registrar of Voters, 2019.

# Dana Point Tracts

Tract Name	Tract Count
ADMIRALTY .....	27
ANTIGUA .....	195
AZUL CIRCLE .....	326
BAL HARBOUR.....	60
BEACH ROAD CUSTOM.....	203
BEACHWOOD MOBILE PARK.....	76
BEAR BRAND SILVERTIDE .....	113
BLUFF AREA PROPERTIES .....	8
BLUFFSIDE VILLAS .....	14
BRIGHTON COURT.....	41
CA CORTINA .....	130
CALIFORNIA HOMES.....	146
CAPE COVE .....	60
CAPISTRANO BLUFFS.....	70
CAPISTRANO CUSTOM HEIGHTS.....	468
CASA DANA .....	22
CHELSEA POINT.....	34
CORNICHE SUR MER 1.....	43
CORNICHE SUR MER 2.....	24
CRYSTAL COVE.....	23
DANA BLUFFS .....	138
DANA BY THE SEA.....	11
DANA CREST .....	218
DANA D'ORO .....	262
DANA KNOLLS .....	319
DANA LIGHT 1 & 2.....	122
DANA VISTA.....	61
DANA WOODS.....	71
DIAMOND RIDGE.....	47
EMERALD RIDGE.....	87
ENCANTAMAR CONDOS.....	136
ENCANTAMAR TOWNHOMES.....	67
ESTATES AT MONARCH BEACH .....	55
GOLDEN LANTERN INCOME .....	61
GOLDEN LANTERN VILLAS .....	17
HAMPTON HILL .....	102
HARBOR COVE.....	164
HARBOR CREEK .....	152
HARBOR HEIGHTS .....	214
HARBOR WALK.....	79
LANTERN BAY ESTATES .....	47
LANTERN BAY VILLAS .....	112
LANTERN HILL.....	63
LANTERN VILLAGE CENTRAL .....	855
LANTERN VILLAGE SOUTH.....	377
LAS MARIANAS.....	35

Tract Name	Tract Count
MARBELLA RACQUET CLUB .....	22
MARINITA .....	80
MARINITA TOWNHOMES .....	122
MARLBOROUGH SEASIDE .....	99
MARLBOROUGH SEASIDE VILLA .....	255
MARLUNA .....	80
MARQUESA.....	153
MILL POND.....	59
MONARCH BAY .....	211
MONARCH BAY TERRACE.....	330
MONARCH BAY VILLAS .....	52
MONARCH DEL MAR.....	22
MONARCH HILLS CONDOS.....	325
MONARCH POINTE .....	45
MONTEGO .....	86
NIGUEL BEACH TERRACE .....	370
NIGUEL SHORES BROADMOOR.....	72
NIGUEL SHORES CUSTOM.....	62
NIGUEL SHORES GARDEN INLAND.....	117
NIGUEL SHORES GARDEN OCEAN.....	159
NIGUEL SHORES SEA TERRACE.....	327
NIGUEL SHORES SEAGATE .....	28
NIGUEL SHORES TERRACE.....	115
PACIFIC ISLAND VILLAS .....	32
PACIFIC TERRACE .....	40
PALISADES.....	924
PILGRIMS BLUFF .....	12
POINT VISTA.....	21
PORTOFINO.....	7
REGATTA .....	131
RITZ COVE .....	97
RITZ POINTE .....	77
SAN CASTLE HOMES .....	11
SEA BLUFF VILLAS .....	113
SEA BLUFFS AT DANA POINT .....	102
SEA BREEZE .....	6
SEA KNOLL.....	65
SEA VILLAS @ ST. REGIS.....	18
SEABOURNE .....	8
SEARIDGE .....	193
SEASCAPE CUSTOM .....	13
SEAVIEW CONDOS .....	29
SPINDRIFTER CONDOS .....	8
SPINNAKER RUN .....	136
STRAND AT HEADLANDS.....	118
STRATFORD AT PACIFIC .....	194



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<b>Tract Name</b>	<b>Tract Count</b>
SUNSET HILL .....	169
TENNIS VILLAS .....	180
TERRACE/BERKUS.....	115
TERRAZA DEL MAR .....	41
THE LANDING .....	120
THE MOORING .....	32
THUNDERBIRD CAPISTRANO.....	287
THUNDERBIRD WEST .....	80
VILLAGE AT DANA POINT .....	71
VILLAS 1.....	44
VILLAS 2.....	36
WATERFORD POINT .....	169
WESTBOURNE .....	63