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Beach access victories
since 2006.

The Surfrider Foundation's dedicated and determined volunteers live in coastal communities, and they are our eyes and ears when it comes to beach access. Our volunteers see first-hand when access to the beach is compromised and work to ensure that our public beaches are accessible for everyone to enjoy.



Beach Access



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Join us to help keep our beaches open and accessible.

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Beach Access

Our beaches mean so much to us. They are where we live, where we work, and where we come to play. Our beaches are the entryway to our ocean and we believe that beaches should be accessible to everyone. This is why our network of staff experts, volunteers and members are determined to keep our beaches accessible for all to enjoy.

Many coastal states have an insufficient number of public beach access points, with some states averaging less than one access point for every ten miles of shoreline. Access to the beach is threatened every day. We believe that beaches should be accessible to everyone. Our network of chapters, clubs and volunteers are determined to keep our beaches accessible for all to enjoy.



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OPEN BEACHES FOR ALL

Imagine if one day you were no longer allowed to visit your favorite beach. The reality is that our public beaches are not always accessible to everyone, and sometimes access is taken away. From locked gates to restricted hours, from exclusive developments to economic barriers, these threats all limit access to our public beaches.

To help combat this problem, the Surfrider Foundation works with decision-making bodies to evaluate each beach access issue that arises. We also pursue litigation to ensure full and fair access to all beaches, for all people. In instances of existing public coastal access, we believe that the access must be retained or that new and increased opportunities should be provided — especially to those beaches or areas that offer recreational activities. Being able to access the places we love is something we take very seriously. We protect and preserve access to these places so that we can enjoy them.