



# EMERALD KEEPERS

For an Emerald Green, Ocean Blue Coronado



## BEACH WALKING TOUR: GOLDEN SANDS AND PRISTINE SEAS

Get in touch with your inner marine scientist, conservationists, and historian on a **FREE** 1.5-mile walking tour by Emerald Keepers at one of the top beaches in the United States. Start at Stan's Beach (Coronado Shores boardwalk above the parking lot) and end at Dog Beach to learn about the ocean and the flora and fauna that live there.

### Download the app:

Scan the QR code, create an account or use the VoiceMapp from the App Store or Google Play and search for San Diego. **Enjoy!**

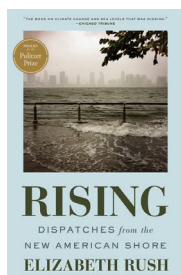


## EMERALD READ

*Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore* by Elizabeth Rush

With every passing day, and every record-breaking hurricane, it grows clearer that climate change is neither imagined nor distant—and that rising seas are transforming U.S. coastlines in irrevocable ways. A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.

Join Emerald Keepers and the Coronado Public Library for Emerald Read Events in September. For details, visits [EmeraldKeepers.org](http://EmeraldKeepers.org).



# KEEP PARKS GREEN

If there is one thing most Coronadans can agree on, it is an appreciation and passion for the beauty of the great outdoors. While Emerald Keepers is dedicated to keeping our community “emerald green, ocean blue,” we are devoted to environmentally responsible behavior everywhere. With nine national parks in California and 22 in Arizona, visits to these treasures and the many California state parks of our region are on many residents’ travel agenda. Here’s what you need to know to be environmentally responsible when you go.

### TRIP PLANNING: What You “Pack In” and “Packing It Out”

More than 100 million pounds of waste are generated inside of America’s national parks every year. To reduce this figure consider what you bring into the park and your plan for packing it out.

Fortunately, studies show most folks who visit national parks are inclined to deposit trash and recyclables properly. However, one study reveals 66% of visitors surveyed brought items into a park that were disposed of within the park, and another 30% purchased items inside of the park that were later disposed of within the park.

Experts say bringing and refilling reusable bottles, alone, would make a significant improvement. Try to bring only what you will consume in reusable containers and sort waste into trash and recyclable material before disposing. Be sure to keep all human contaminant well away from watersheds and waterways.

### WILDLIFE VIEWING

The well-being of wildlife also depends on our behavior. Catching sight of beautiful birds or lumbering brown bears is exciting, but human-wildlife interaction is risky for both visitors and animals. The National Park Service reports over 330 million visitors annually, and studies show these visitors are approaching wildlife more closely than in years past.

As part of the NPS #RecreateResponsibly campaign, the following guidelines are offered.

**1. Know before you go.** Every park has specific guidelines. Be sure to read them.

**2. Give animals room.** Many parks



require visitors to stay a minimum of 25 yards from most wildlife and 100 yards from predators. In general, if animals react to your presence, you are too close. If you’re close enough for a selfie, you’re too close.

**3. Do not disturb.** It’s illegal to feed, touch, tease, frighten or intentionally disturb wildlife. Stay on trails, and if dogs are allowed, keep them on-leash, pick up fecal matter and ensure they are vaccinated. Do not use bird calls or wildlife calls and attractants.

**4. Keep your eyes on the road.** Vehicle strikes are deadly. When you want to watch wildlife, pull your vehicle completely off of the road into a designated pull-out.

**5. Store your food and stash your trash.** To an animal, anything that smells like food is treated like food. Once they recognize people as a source of food, wildlife can become aggressive, putting you at risk of injury and wildlife at risk of being euthanized.

Keep a clean picnic area or campsite, store your food in wildlife-resistant containers and dispose of garbage in specified containers.

**6. See something, say something.** Tell a ranger if you come into physical contact with wildlife and if you see wildlife that is sick, dead or acting strangely. When you see people who aren’t following the guidelines, let them know what they can do or contact a ranger, if necessary.

**7. Be responsible.** Ultimately, staying safe and keeping wildlife wild is up to you

### LEAVE NO TRACE

Our public lands offer incomparable opportunity for immersion in the natural world, but conservation demands individual environmentally responsible behavior. We can leave no trace, preserving these national treasures for our children and grandchildren.

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