



Santa Cruz Harbor Activities

- Play Volleyball at the Harbor Beach Courts: The Harbor Beach is a cozy pocket beach that extends east of the jetty and connects to Twin Lakes State Beach. There is a trio of beach volleyball courts that are open to the public (volleyballs are not provided).
- Explore Arana Gulch: Arana Gulch features valuable habitats, including wetlands, central coast riparian scrub, central coast live oak riparian forest, and coastal terrace prairie. Arana Gulch is one of the few remaining sites within the County where the Santa Cruz tarplant, a state endangered species, exists.
- Walk to the Walton Lighthouse: Follow a walking path that skirts the harbor atop the breakwater, and you'll arrive at Walton Lighthouse. The 41.5-foot beacon was dedicated in 2002 and named in honor of Derek Walton who served as a merchant marine and was lost at sea during World War II.
- Explore the Public Art: At Harbor Beach, you're also likely to spy unique art pieces. Inlaid within a plaza overlooking the volleyball courts, a human sundial coaxes visitors to plant themselves on the appropriate month and watch their shadow mark the current date. Also, don't miss a topographical sculpture of the Monterey Bay—located between the Crow's Nest and Beach Market—which details the contours and surprising depths of its grand, underwater canyon.
- Santa Cruz Harbor Self-Guided Tour (See [Teacher Packet](#), page 38).