

Secrets of Haskells Beach Goleta, CA



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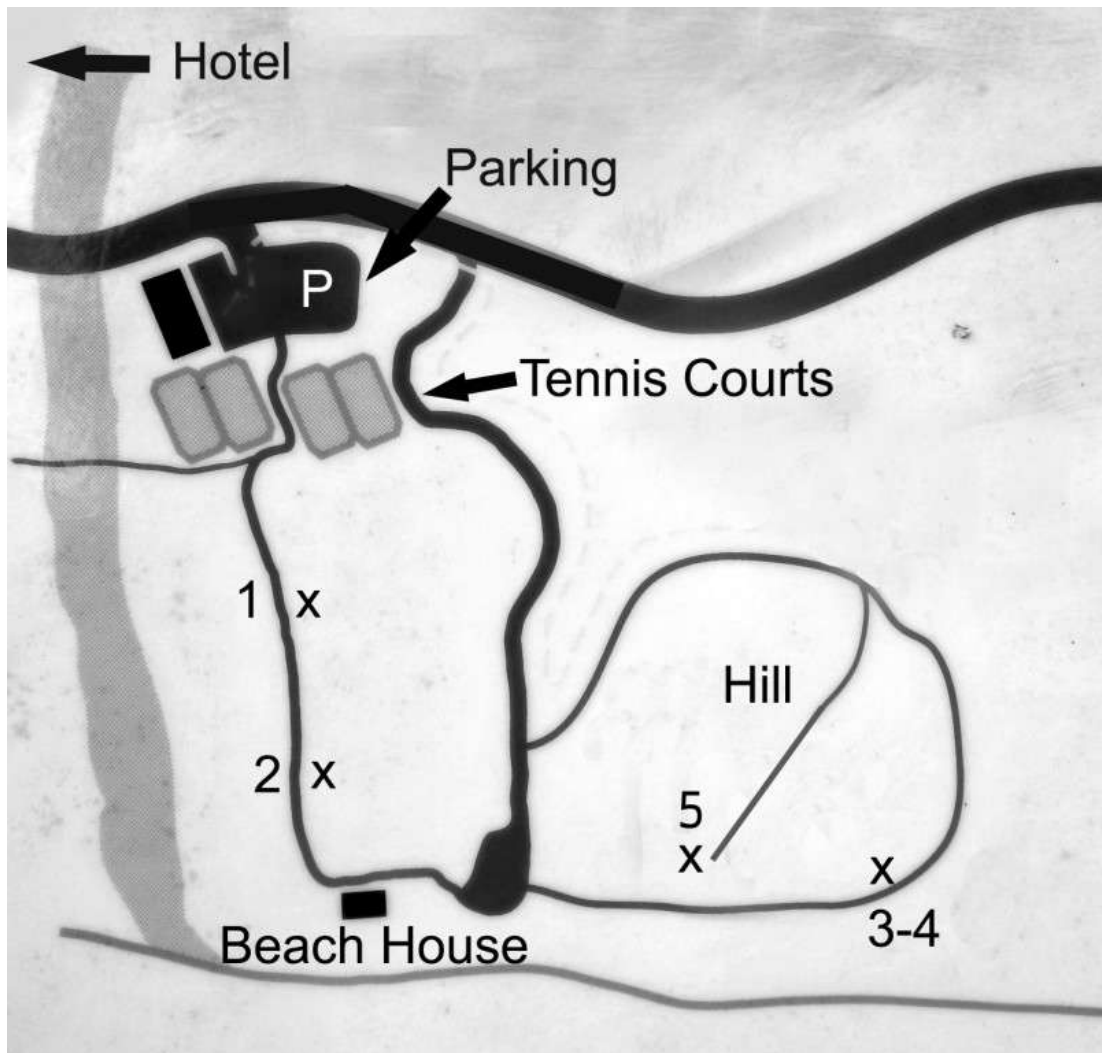
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Tour Summary

Haskells Beach was a secret surf spot for decades before an exclusive resort was built there in 1999. Since then, it has become more popular, but most folks still don't know all the historic events that have happened in this area. Enjoy a short walk through the natural beauty while learning about the first people to live there, early attempts to capitalize on the pristine coastline, how an early landowner used a scruffy cactus to predict the biggest oil gusher in history, why the Japanese Navy chose this beach to attack by submarine, and more interesting tidbits of history!

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Overview - Secrets of Haskells Beach



Chapter Start Locations Shown



Tucked away at the far end of Goleta is a well kept secret that locals have enjoyed for years. Haskells Beach has long been one of Goleta's best little hideaways, full of history and natural beauty, and easily accessible to all. This short walking tour will show you

around and share the historic tales that make this location so unique. From record breaking oil gushers to Japanese submarine attacks, from gentle Chumash villagers to aggressive local surfers, it all happened in this one little area. So join us for a fun, scenic walk to explore the Secrets of Haskells Beach.



I'm Tom Modugno, and I'll be your guide. This is where I grew up surfing and diving with friends and family. Later I became interested in the rich history of this area and started a

popular website about the surrounding area of Goleta, California. Today I am a small business owner, an avid surfer, an accomplished photographer, and a hiking enthusiast.



Haskells Beach is a hidden jewel that has been popular with Goleta locals for decades. A quiet sandy beach surrounded by natural wilderness that takes you back to simpler times. But this is much more than just another pretty beach. Haskells is also the location of a lot of amazing history that most folks don't know about.

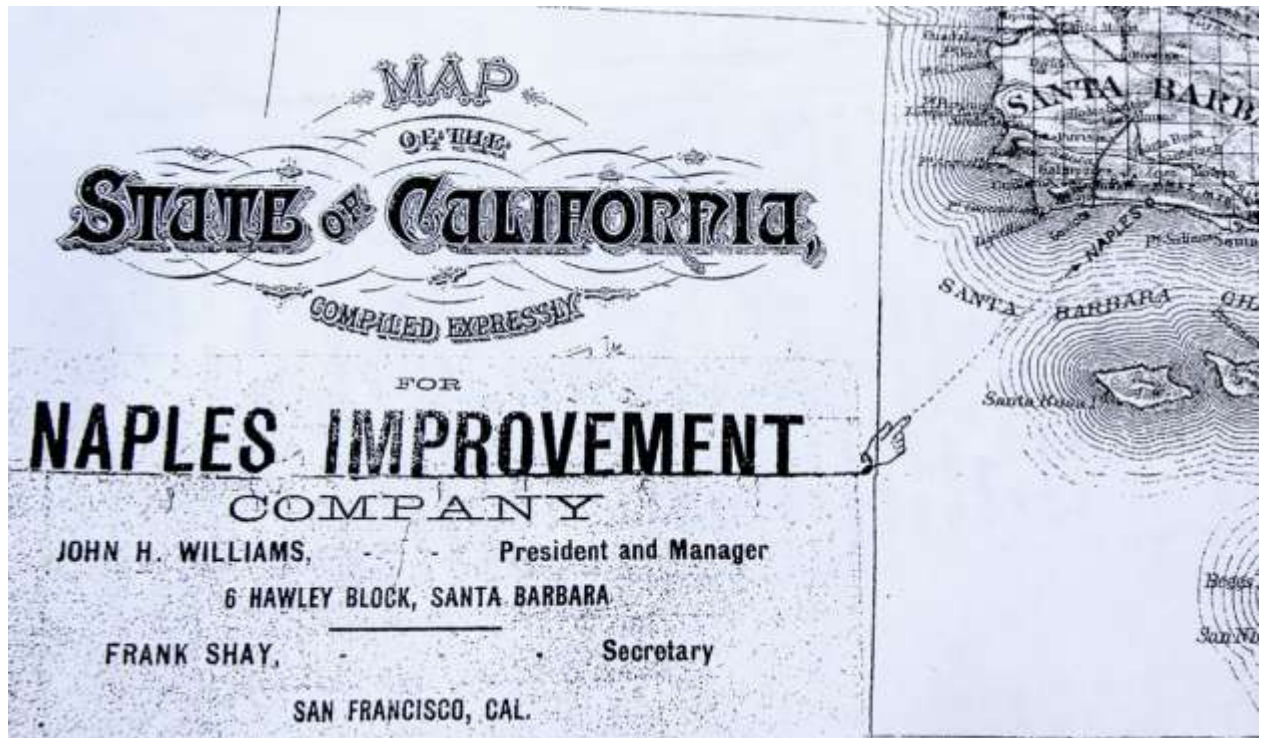


Today Haskells Beach is known to many as the beach in front of the prestigious Bacara Resort. But up until the 1990's it was a little known secret spot with a dirt lot for parking and a narrow trail through a barbed wire fence, down to the beach.



But for centuries before any of that, this was the home of Native Americans that lived in harmony with the land and the sea. The most recent people, the Chumash, were excellent craftsmen and their society was one of the most

advanced in the world. We'll learn more about these earliest known locals and their life here in paradise.



Just up the coast you'll see a point that was the site of an ambitious attempt to build a shining city by the sea called Naples. Unfortunately for the developer, he missed the gravy train by just a few years. We'll find out what went wrong...



After a short walk down the coast, we'll find a thriving old cactus patch. We'll learn the story of how an elderly woman used these rugged old plants to predict the biggest oil strike in history!



In the same area we'll see the remains of some of the piers that popped up almost overnight to cash in on that oil strike, and how the oil boom changed things in Santa Barbara County.



Next we'll learn how that oil boom was also the main reason for one of the few attacks on American soil ever. Just weeks after Pearl Harbor, a Japanese submarine shelled this area, and sent America into a panic.



Looking out to sea, we'll explain what these unusual structures are sticking out of the water, and how they came to be there.



So, keep your camera handy and let's begin our journey from prehistoric times to today, at beautiful Haskells Beach!

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Tips

- 1- If you choose to walk down to the beach, be aware of the occasional tar that seeps naturally from the ocean floor and ends up on the beach. If you do step in it, baby oil is a great way to remove it.
- 2- If you'd like to have a picnic before or after the tour, stop at Cal Taco just down the street at 7320 Hollister Ave and pick up some burgers and fries.
- 3- If you like to golf, Sandpiper Golf Club is right next door at 7925 Hollister Ave! A beautiful course on the edge of the Pacific Ocean with breathtaking ocean and mountain views from every

hole, Sandpiper is truly a memorable experience.

4- Even if you aren't a golfer, there is a cool monument at Sandpiper dedicated to the shelling of Ellwood. It's worth checking that out and the awesome views across the golf course to the ocean. They have a great little restaurant and bar there too!

5- Don't forget your sunscreen!

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