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Guides



**Dana Point
Headlands
Trail System**
California



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opportunity for all ages to learn about the local ecosystem and endangered species within the Headlands Conservation Area. Please be aware, that dogs are not allowed along the dirt hiking trails in order to protect the endangered bird and mammal species.

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About the Route

The trail system is a mix of natural-surface hiking trails and paved shared-use paths. Several overlooks offer an opportunity to take in the gorgeous ocean vistas and breathe in the salty air. Uniquely, the trail also connects to a funicular on Strands Beach. Free to ride, the inclined elevator transports visitors from the bluff to the beach and vice versa.

The nearby Nature Interpretive Center offers an



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States: California

Counties: Orange

Length: 3.1miles

Trail end points: 34001 Dana Strand Rd. (Dana Point) to Harbor Point Conservation Park, 34558 Scenic Dr. (Dana Point)

Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Concrete, Dirt

Trail category: Greenway/Non-RT

Trail activities: Bike, Walking

Parking & Trail Access

The Dana Point Headlands Trail System runs in two loops around Dana Point, California.

Parking is available at:

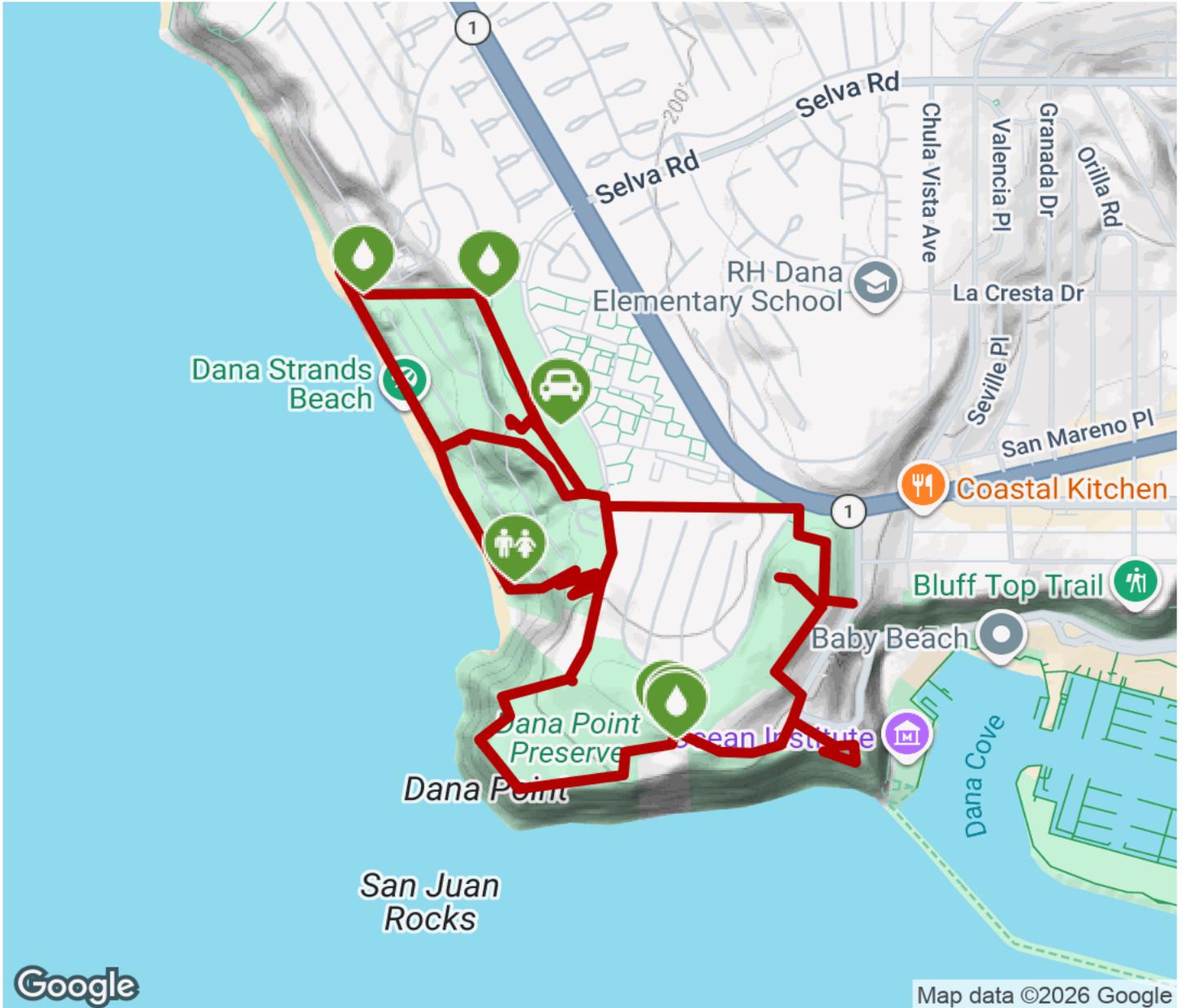
- 34558 Scenic Dr. (Dana Point)
- 34116 Selva Rd (Dana Point)
- 34001 Dana Strand Rd (Dana Point)

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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