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Omer Rains Coastal Bike Trail *California*



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The Omer Rains Coastal Bike Trail, named after a popular local politician and environmentalist, is an incredibly scenic route along Ventura's Pacific coast. Much of the trail offers dramatic views of the ocean and distant Channel Islands, as well as glimpses of both surfers and dolphins plying their skills in the waves a bit closer. Local wildlife is a common sight along the trail farther from Ventura's downtown, including raccoons, songbirds and great blue herons.

Beginning at San Buenaventura State Beach, the trail travels along the shoreline and soon merges into the city's busy waterfront promenade. Ventura's historic pier, considered to be the longest in California, is accessible from the promenade, and is a popular spot to fish, stroll or simply take in the surrounding views. The promenade ends at Surfers' Point, but the trail continues westward along the edge of the Ventura Raceway before turning north at the mouth of the Ventura River. At W. Main Street, the trail again turns west; follow the signs east instead to take bike lanes or sidewalks a short distance to the start of the <u>Ventura River Trail</u>, which eventually links with the <u>Ojai</u> <u>Valley Trail</u> at Foster Park to form a popular long-distance route from Ventura to Ojai.

Continuing west along W. Main Street, the trail soon passes under US 101 at Seaside Wilderness Park/Emma Wood State Beach and then parallels the active Amtrak corridor and US 101 to an endpoint at the start of the separated Pacific Coast Highway (State Route 1) west of Ventura. Notably, this section was the first Caltrans-managed trail in California to be adopted by a local group for simple maintenance.

From trail's end, bicyclists can easily continue north for miles into Santa Barbara County via bike lanes on the Pacific Coast Highway (SR 1).



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States: California Counties: Ventura Length: 4.1miles Trail end points: San Buenaventura State Beach at San Pedro St. and Pierpont Blvd. to Pacific Coast Highway/SR 1 west of Emma Wood State Beach Trail surfaces: Asphalt,Concrete Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike,Inline Skating,Fishing,Wheelchair

Parking & Trail Access

Parking for the Omer Rains Coastal Bike Trail is available off W. Main Street next to the State Route 33 overpass, along Shoreline Drive, at Ventura Pier and at several large parking lots off E. Harbor Boulevard.



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