

National Clean Beaches Coalition

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American's Celebrate National Clean Beaches Week 2012 List of Blue Wave Beaches Released

(Washington, DC) – Today America celebrates its independence from dirty beaches. Five years ago, the United States Senate and House of Representatives passed the National Clean Beaches Week Resolution by unanimous consent.

More than 50 events are occurring throughout the country in celebration of National Clean Beaches Week, from beach cleanups, to art fairs, to seafood festivals and recreational activities, all with the focus of appreciating and respecting our Nation's beaches.

In honor of National Clean Beaches Week, the Clean Beaches Coalition is urging beachgoers young and old, to apply these simple reminders at the shore:

7 Things You Can Do To Keep Beaches Clean and Safe

1. Leave no trace (if you carry it in, carry it out)
2. Use public restrooms (help keep beach water clean)
3. Don't tread the dunes (prevent beach erosion/use walkovers)
4. Know your limits (swim, surf, and boat safely)
5. Respect native habitats (wildlife and plants)
6. Mind your pet help keep beaches sanitary)
7. Get involved (contact us at www.cleanbeaches.com)

The Clean Beaches Coalition today also released its annual list of "Blue Wave" beaches that have been officially certified as clean, healthy and environmentally well managed. The announcement was made as record numbers of beach-lovers prepare to flock to the beach for the July 4th weekend, the biggest beach-going weekend of the year.

Blue Wave is the first environmental certification program for beaches in the U.S. Now in its 12th year, the program has been called the "LEEDS" certification for beaches. To become certified, beaches adhere to best management practices in the following areas: water quality, beach and intertidal conditions, hazards/safety, services, habitat conservation, erosion management, public information and education.

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The following beaches have been certified in 2012 as “Blue Wave” around the country:

2012 BLUE WAVE BEACHES

American Samoa

Ofu Beach, National Park of American Samoa
Olosega Beach, National Park of American Samoa

California

Drakes Beach, Point Reyes National Seashore
Wildcat Beach, Point Reyes National Seashore
Limantour Beach, Point Reyes National Seashore
Crescent Beach, Redwood National Park
Gold Bluff Beach, Redwood National Park
Enderts Beach, Redwood National Park

Florida (South Atlantic)

Hollywood Beach
Dania Beach
Fort Lauderdale Beach
Pompano Beach
Deerfield Beach
Lauderdale-by-the-Sea

Florida (Pan Handle)

Johnson Beach, Gulf Islands National Seashore

Florida (Gulf Coast)

Venice Beach
Siesta Key Beach
Caspersen Beach
Lido Beach

Anna Maria Beach
Holmes Beach
Manatee Beach
Cortez Beach
Coquina Beach

Florida (North Atlantic)

Jacksonville Beach

Florida (Mid Atlantic)

Jetty Park (Port Canaveral)

Georgia

Dungeness Beach, Cumberland Island National Seashore

Hawaii

Keauhou Landing, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park
Halape Shelter, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park
Ka’aha Beach, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park

Indiana

Kemil Beach, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
Lake View Beach, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
Mount Baldy Beach, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
West Beach, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

Maryland

North Ocean Beach, Assateague Island National Seashore

Maine

Sand Beach, Acadia National Park
Echo Beach, Acadia National Park

Massachusetts

Coast Guard Beach, Cape Cod National Seashore
Herring Cove Beach, Cape Cod National Seashore
Marconi Beach, Cape Cod National Seashore
Nauset Light Beach, Cape Cod National Seashore
Race Point Beach, Cape Cod National Seashore

Michigan

Pere Marquette Beach
Esch Beach, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore
South Manitou Island, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore
Sand Pont Beach, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore

North Carolina

North Core Banks, Cape Lookout National Seashore
South Core Banks, Cape Lookout National Seashore
Shackleford Banks, Cape Lookout National Seashore

New Jersey

North Beach, Sandy Hook National Seashore
N. Gunnison Beach, Sandy Hook National Seashore

New York

Sunken Forest Beach, Fire Island National Seashore
Watch Hill Beach, Fire Island National Seashore

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Ohio

Huntington Beach, Cleveland

Oregon

Cannon Beach

Texas

Rockport Beach

Malaquite Beach, Padre Island National Seashore

Little Shell Beach, Padre Island National Seashore

Big Shell Beach, Padre Island National Seashore

Virginia

Tom's Cove Beach, Assateague Island National Seashore

Washington

Rialto Beach, Olympic National Park

Kalaloch Beach, Olympic National Park

Wisconsin

Bradford Beach, Milwaukee

North Beach, Racine

Julian Bay Beach, Apostle Island National Lakeshore

Little Sand Bay Beach, Apostle Island National
Lakeshore

Meyers Beach, Apostle Island National Lakeshore

U.S. Virgin Islands

Trunk Bay, Virgin Islands National Seashore

Maho, Virgin Islands National Seashore

Hawksnest, Virgin Islands National Seashore