Legal Parking Zones on Silverstrand Beach
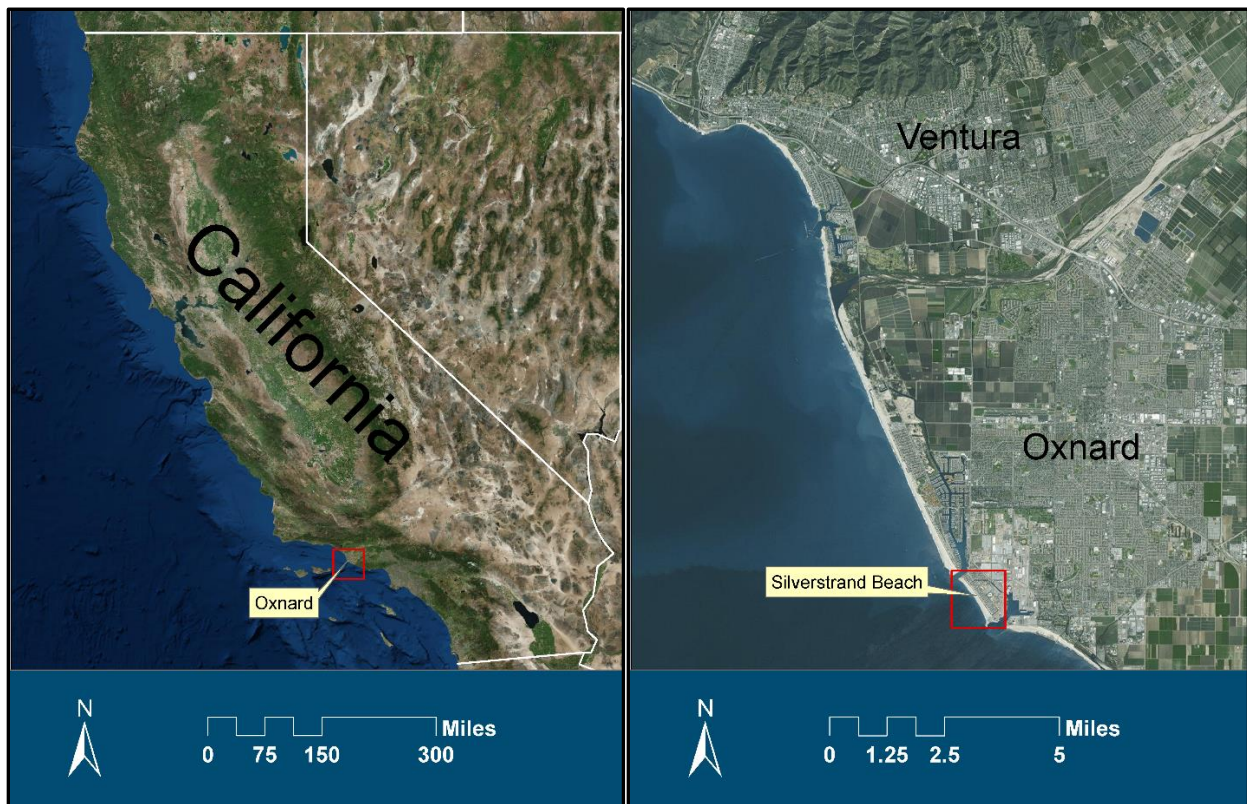
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Abstract

Parking tickets are a nuisance that everyone would prefer to avoid. Unfortunately for those visiting Silverstrand Beach, they can be a common occurrence. This report is intended to help visitors avoid any future citations by showing all areas within walking distance of the beach that offer legal public parking. There are three parking lots and four main streets on which anyone may park. By utilizing these areas people can enjoy the beach without worry of parking citations.

Introduction

Silverstrand Beach located in Oxnard (Figure 1), has long been known as one of the best surf spots in southern California. It is a well-known destination for surfers from all over Ventura County, but can pose a challenge for any who are not within walking distance due to the fact that it is a very small residential neighborhood and was not designed to handle an influx of tourists in motor vehicles. As such parking tickets and towed vehicles have posed a regular problem for those who come seeking out the waves. This report shows where all the legal parking areas within walking distance of the beach are. These include both designated parking lots and streets where curbside parking is permitted.

Figure 1. Map showing the location of Silverstrand Beach, Oxnard, California.

Methods

Two base maps were used (*Esri World_Street_Map* and *World_Imagery*), laid on top of one another with 20% transparency, to help clearly depict the street layout while still showing the actual landscape and neighborhood.

A Garmin GPS unit was used in field to plot points marking the boundaries of parking lots, beginnings and ends of curbside parking zones, and beach access ways. Using this data, polygons were created outlining the public parking lots, and polylines were drawn depicting legal curbside parking. Beach access ways were left as points.

Another polygon was created depicting the Port Hueneme Navy Base which shares a boundary with the Silverstrand Beach neighborhood, and allows no public access.

All data was first checked to see if it was properly georeferenced, all layers were projected into World Geodetic Survey (WGS) 1984.

Results

There are only a few areas in the Silverstrand Beach neighborhood which permit public parking for everyone. These include three parking lots (known as "The Kiddy Beach", "The Jetty" and "The Ship"), and four main streets (Panama Dr, San Nicholas Ave, Island View Ave, and Sawtelle Ave) with available curbside parking.

The Kiddy Beach parking lot along Victoria Ave at the entrance to the neighborhood is open from 6am to 2am, has sixty-five available parking spaces, and public restroom facilities.
The Jetty, the beachfront parking lot at the northern end of the beach, has seventy available parking lots, and also has public restrooms.
The Ship, located at the very southern end of the beach, has thirty available parking spots. No public restrooms are available.
Both beachfront parking lots, the Jetty (north end of beach) and the Ship (south end of beach), are gated. They open at dawn and close at sundown and any cars still present will be locked in overnight and ticketed.

The following map depicts the public parking lots, curbside parking, and beach access points on Silverstrand Beach (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Legal Public Parking on Silverstrand Beach, Oxnard CA

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Conclusion

Parking tickets, and even vehicle towing, are a common occurrence around the Silverstrand Beach neighborhood. To avoid these issues people visiting the beach should make sure to park in the areas shown in the map above (Figure 2), and follow any posted parking signs denoting time limits. (It should be noted that parking at beach access ways is illegal, even where signs are not posted.)

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