



DANA POINT SCAVENGER HUNT PASSPORT



June 2026

A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME DISCOVERING
DANA POINT'S HIDDEN GEMS

WELCOME EXPLORERS!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY SPONSORS
HELPING BRING THE
2026 DANA POINT CITYWIDE SCAVENGER HUNT TO LIFE!

This month-long adventure would not be possible without the support of the local businesses, organizations and community leaders who believe in creating fun, family-friendly experiences that celebrate Dana Point's history, coastal culture and community spirit!



DANA POINT HARBOR PARTNERS



YOUNG'S BEACH SHACK





HOW TO PLAY THE 2026 DANA POINT CITYWIDE SCAVENGER HUNT

Welcome to a month-long adventure exploring Dana Point's hidden gems, coastal history and ocean-inspired stories!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS



Solve the Clue

Each stop includes a clue that will lead you to the next destination somewhere around Dana Point.



Discover the Stop

Once you arrive, explore the location and uncover:

- Fun facts
- Local history
- Environmental insights
- Hidden stories about the community



Get Interactive

Some locations also feature fun hands-on activities and family-friendly experiences along the way!



Collect Your Stamps

Visit all 10 stops and collect a stamp at each location in your passport for your chance to win the Grand Prize!



Keep Your Passport!

Your Scavenger Hunt Passport is also a keepsake from the adventure and includes special discounts and offers from participating sponsors throughout the month.



Thank you for supporting local businesses, exploring Dana Point and helping protect the places we love. 🌊

SCAVENGER HUNT CLUE STOP 1

Two brothers watched the waves roll in,
And built their seaside camp to begin.

A fishing pole collected the fee,
For visitors spending the day by the sea.

Today you'll find food, fun and ocean views too!

Head to the beach shack waiting for you!



Bonus Activity

Endless Summer Pic!


Salt Creek Beach became world famous as the backdrop for the iconic Endless Summer poster.

Now it's your turn to recreate the legendary photo!

Grab your friends or family, strike your best surfer pose and snap your own "Endless Summer" inspired picture!

Be creative, have fun and capture the spirit of Dana Point's surf culture!



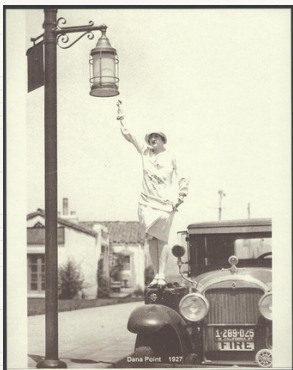
 Pick up your passport and get it stamped at Young's Beach Shack

SCAVENGER HUNT CLUE STOP 2

Before the town was filled with stores,
Colorful lanterns lined the shores.


Ruby, Amber, Violet too,
Each glowing light gave the streets their hue.

Head where lantern colors still shine bright,
And discover the village that glows at night!





Bonus Activity – Lantern Color Hunt!

The streets of Lantern Village were named after the glowing colored lanterns that once lit the town. Can you spot them today?

-  Look around and try to find:
A lantern street name
A colorful lantern

Something matching one of the historic lantern colors (Ruby, Amber, Violet, Blue, Green, or Golden)

 **Bonus:** Snap a colorful photo in Lantern Village and recreate your own “Community of Enchantment by the Sea” moment!

 Pick up your passport and get it stamped at The Chamber of Commerce

SCAVENGER HUNT CLUE STOP 3

Climb high above the crashing blue,
Where whales pass by with quite a
view.

Headlands and trails and stories unfold,
Nature's secrets waiting to be told.



Dana Point Headlands Explorers Challenge!

**How many different animals can you spot inside
that call our coastline home?**



Headlands Habitat Hunt

Find or identify:

- 1 native coastal plant
- 1 marine animal
- 1 terrestrial/land animal
- 1 ocean fact they didn't know before
- 1 reason the Headlands are important for wildlife



SCAVENGER HUNT CLUE STOP 4

Long ago beside the crashing tide,
Guests gathered where the cliffs collide.

Lobster dinners, ocean breeze,
Picnics served beneath the trees.



Find the cove with history tucked within,
And discover the site of the old Scenic Inn!



Bonus Activity – Seaside Picnic Memory

The Scenic Inn was once a gathering place where visitors enjoyed oceanfront picnics and unforgettable coastal views.

Take a moment to soak in the scenery and imagine what this coastline looked like in the 1920s!

 Pick up your passport and get it stamped at Captain Dave's Dolphin & Whale Watching Safari! 

SCAVENGER HUNT CLUE STOP 5

A sailor once journeyed far from home,
past towering cliffs and seas of foam.

His famous book helped tell the tale,
of California before the rail.

Find the statue watching over the bay,
where Dana's legacy still lives today!



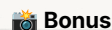
Bonus Activity

Two Years Before the Mast Challenge

Richard Henry Dana kept a journal during his long voyage at sea that later became one of America's most famous books.

📖 Imagine you're a sailor arriving in Dana Point nearly 200 years ago...

👉 In one sentence, describe what you think the coastline looked like before roads, cars and buildings existed.



Bonus

Strike your best "Captain pose" next to the statue and snap a photo!



RICHARD H. DANA, JR., IN 1842

📍 Pick up your passport and get it stamped at The Chamber of Commerce!

SCAVENGER HUNT CLUE STOP 6

Before whale watching tours
became world renowned,

A young fisherman worked the SC Pier grounds.

In 1958, his journey began at sea,
sharing the ocean with the community.

He helped protect whales for generations to see,
and founded a festival beside the sea.

Find the plaza honoring this harbor great,
whose love for marine life
shaped Dana Point's fate!




Bonus Trivia Challenge

Don Hansen helped introduce thousands of people to
the wonders of whales, dolphins and marine life
right here in Dana Point Harbor.

**? What year did Don Hansen start the very first business
operating in Dana Point Harbor?**

- A. 1966
- B. 1971
- C. 1984
- D. 1992

 Pick up your passport and get it stamped at Dana Wharf!

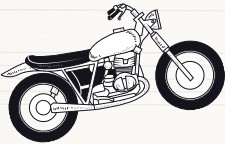
SCAVENGER HUNT CLUE STOP 7

Before surfboards ruled the coast with thrill,
crowds gathered to watch riders conquer the hill.

Motorcycles raced up dusty terrain,
as thousands cheered again and again.

Today the story still survives nearby,
where surf culture and local history collide.

Head to the shop named after a famous wave,
To uncover the legends the hillside gave!



🚩 Trivia Challenge

? **What was the name of the rider who first conquered Motorcycle Hill?**

- A. Steve McQueen
- B. Calvin Lambert
- C. Bruce Brown
- D. Hobie Alter



📍 Inside Killer Dana Surf Shop, explore the surf history that helped shape Dana Point into a world famous surf town!

📍 Pick up your passport and get it stamped at Killer Dana Surf Shop

SCAVENGER HUNT CLUE STOP 8

Where legends of surf and sailing stand,
bronze watermen watch over the land.

A filmmaker, shaper, champions too,
helped make Dana Point famous for ocean views.


Find the plaza honoring those who rode the sea,
near the waves where surf history came to be!



Watermen's Plaza Trivia Challenge

The legends honored here helped shape surfing, sailing, filmmaking,
and ocean culture around the world!

Can you match the person to their accomplishment?

 **Who invented the famous Hobie Cat sailboat?**

- A. Bruce Brown
- B. Hobie Alter
- C. Phil Edwards
- D. John Severson


 **Who created the iconic surf film *The Endless Summer*?**

- A. Joyce Hoffman
- B. Steve Boehne
- C. Bruce Brown
- D. Phil Edwards

 **Who founded *Surfer Magazine*?**

- A. John Severson
- B. Hobie Alter
- C. Barrie Boehne
- D. Phil Edwards



 Pick up your passport and get it stamped at Westwind Sailing!

SCAVENGER HUNT CLUE STOP 9

Long ago a grand beach club stood,
built of stone and ocean wood.

A seaside dream for visitors to see,
Along the bluffs beside the sea.

Though the clubhouse is gone today,
the beach and views still draw people this way.

Head toward Capo where sunsets glow bright,
your next stop is waiting near the shoreline light!



Bonus Activity

Capo Beach Time Capsule

Imagine you're visiting Capistrano Beach in the 1920s during the grand opening of the famous Capistrano Beach Club!



What would you bring to a beachfront party nearly 100 years ago?



Bonus Challenge:

Snap a vintage-style beach photo with your group pretending you're guests arriving at the glamorous seaside club.



Pick up your passport and get it stamped at Sunsets Bar & Grill!

SCAVENGER HUNT CLUE STOP 10

High on the bluff with ocean views wide,
an artist once found inspiration beside the tide.


Named for a local who cherished the sea,
This peaceful park is your next place to be.

Find the spot where sunsets glow bright,
above Capo Beach and waves in sight!




Bonus Activity **Blufftop Artist Challenge**


Louise Leyden was known for capturing the beauty of the
coastline through art and creativity.

 Take a moment to enjoy the incredible ocean view
and create your own inspiration from the scenery!

Choose one

- Sketch the coastline or palm trees
- Write one word that describes the view
- Take a creative scenic photo of the ocean below

 **Bonus:** Try to capture the perfect "postcard view" of Dana Point from the bluff!

-  Pick up your passport and get it stamped at Frank's Irvine Subaru or
The Chamber of Commerce

STAMP PAGE

You've discovered the stop,
now visit the sponsor to get your
passport stamped to mark your adventure!



SCAVENGER HUNT DISCOUNTS & SPECIAL OFFERS

Your Adventure Comes With Perks!

Be sure to hold onto your passport and enjoy exclusive discounts, giveaways and special offers from participating Dana Point Scavenger Hunt sponsors throughout the month of June!

Dana Wharf

25% off Whale Watching

Use code "Scavenge26" at checkout!

Capt. Dave's Dolphin & Whale Watching Safari

Participants who stop by Capt. Dave's can enter to win 2 tickets for a Dolphin & Whale Watching Signature Safari and receive a free wildlife souvenir while supplies last!

Westwind Sailing

20% off paddleboard / kayak rentals.

One per Scavenger Hunt participant through the month of June.