

# Five Outside

Oxnard has seven miles of pristine coastline—and many more ways to play outdoors! Here are the five best ways to get on, above or near the water.

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Stand-up paddleboarding in Channel Islands Harbor

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Parasailing over the coast



Pedaling around Marine Emporium Landing

## 1 PADDLE THE HARBOR

Take a guided tour or get "lost" in the network of canals connecting Oxnard's nine marinas with a paddleboard or kayak rental from Channel Islands Kayak Center. For something unique, book a private gondola ride with Gondola Paradiso. (Tip: The sunset ride is spectacular!)



“Channel Islands Harbor is a top destination to visit year-round. However, arguably the best time to go is late September through October. The weather and water are warm, and the sunsets are breathtaking. I like to surf and body board. Near the ocean is my favorite place to be.”

**Michael Tripp**  
Ventura County  
Harbor Director

## 2 FLY OVER THE COAST

Float above the Pacific Ocean with Channel Islands Parasail, soaking in the splendor of the coast from a bird's-eye view. Launch straight off a boat along 1,000 feet of National Park through Central Coast Ocean Adventures.



## 3 SAIL BACK IN TIME

The *Mystic Whaler* is a representation of a 19th century two-masted cargo schooner. It can be booked for deck tours, public sail days and overnight voyages to Channel Islands National Park through Central Coast Ocean Adventures.



## 4 CATCH YOUR DINNER

Hook's Sportfishing provides partial-day, full-day and overnight fishing trips and private charters in the Santa Barbara Channel. (Tip: you can always enjoy fresh seafood at Fishermen's Catch in Seabridge Marina or Otani's Seafood downtown.)



## 5 BIKE THE BEACH TRAIL

Oxnard Beach Park was named the 2023 reader's choice in USA Today's 10Best Beaches on the West Coast. Home to Ed Hunt Rehab Point, a network of accessible trails, and the Pacific Coast Bike Route, it's the perfect place for ambling or pedaling along palm tree-lined paths. (Tip: Rent e-bikes or Surrey bikes from Wheel Fun Rentals on Mandaley Beach.)



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