

# Surfers for Wetlands



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## Where is the Huntington Beach Wetlands Located?

The Huntington Beach Wetlands are in Huntington Beach, California, extending from the Santa Ana River in the east to Beach Boulevard in the west.

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Beginning in the late 1800s, modern development depleted much of the coastal wetlands. Scientists believe Southern California has lost more coastal wetlands than any other region in the lower 48 states. The Huntington Beach Wetlands was part of a system that contained nearly 3000 acres. Today, a mere 180 acres remain in southeast Huntington Beach. The Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy (HBWC), a non-profit corporation, began in 1985 with the goal to acquire, restore, and protect the coastal wetlands of Huntington Beach. HBWC is passionate about creating, preserving, and promoting the habitats of local wildlife.

## Why are the Huntington Beach Wetlands Important?

Around 90 species of birds have been observed at the Huntington Beach wetlands. In addition to year round residents, thousands of birds use the Huntington wetlands as a rest stop during their long migrations along the Pacific flyway from their nesting grounds in the Arctic to their wintering grounds in South America. Also, public access and education in the value of coastal wetlands are important elements of the Huntington Beach Wetlands.

## How Can You Help Preserve the Huntington Beach Wetlands?

Volunteer with the State Parks to help monitor the endangered California Least Tern in 2-hour weekly shifts. Or volunteer to staff the Education Center during "Open House" hours, currently 10am-2pm on Wednesdays and every second and fourth Saturday of the month: <http://hbwetlands.org/volunteer.php>



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