

Public Comment Received for the Proposed Installation of the Beach Access Mat at Clam Beach:

Emailed Public Comment:

- Hello, I live in McKinleyville and frequent this beach access on a regular basis and encounter many persons from the area and out of state. The proposed mat is a logical and welcomed improvement for this location. I support greater access and use of our beaches and natural resources for recreation and enjoyment where we can. This seems like a good location and I'm pleased that the County is pursuing this improvement. Ongoing maintenance and cost may be a concern. I would support some kind of voluntary annual park pass or supporter pass/donation with some sort of sticker or hanger/display card showing support and that entrance fees are paid as a means to specifically support our park maintenance. This may be fashioned on the federal annual park pass. Since there is an existing wide access path and need to accommodate persons with wheelchairs the potential environmental impacts should be out weighed by this condition and need for access. I think it is a great idea and it has my support.

Thank you,

Kevin Metcalfe

- We would be very pleased. We love the beach but are limited, this could bring such comfort and joy!

David Siegrist

- Hi,
Wheelchair access to our beaches in Humboldt is sadly non existing. This compared to other counties and states which provide very good access to their coastal beaches at many of their parks and day use areas. Clam Beach would be nice for ADA access to families with disabled wheelchair bound family members so all may enjoy the beach and ocean together. Something worth considering would be potential fishing opportunities. Clam Beach does at times offer clamming but is too shallow for surf fishing. An access point across the freshwater lagoon to the beach would also provide a surf fishing option for family day use and picnicking. Facility Improvements are already available on the north end of the beach but no access beyond the sand dunes. Other sand beaches between Samoa and the north jetty may also offer good beach and surf access potential.

Thank You for your consideration

Henry Avelar

- I think it is a wonderful idea. King tides will be a challenge but ADA access will be a gift for many.

Anne Pierson

- Hello, I'd like to express my support for the beach access mat project. My family has been waiting for years to be able to visit the beach with relatives and friends who use wheelchairs. This is a wonderful idea, please consider expediting this project so our community members can enjoy our beautiful beaches. Thank you!

Fae

- I am writing about the new beach access... I am all for it... I've lived here for 34 years and for the last 15 I have not gotten to enjoy our beaches often because of my disabilities.. it causes me extreme pain to walk on the sand..it would be glorious to be able to get out there again with less pain and constraint.. please please let this happen it needs to happen on more public beaches

Nikki Lovely

- Hello,
I use a walker and am unable to get to the beach. This beach mat has me very excited so I enjoy the beach again. I reviewed the exhibits and have a couple of questions.
First, will my walker with regular wheels be able to use it, or will only large wheeled walkers and wheel chairs be able to travel easily on the mat?
Second, if only large wheeled mobility aids will be able to travel easily on the mat, then the large wheels or wheel chairs and walkers will need to be provided at the parking lot. Otherwise it will be as if the mat doesn't exist.
Lastly. Are you proposing a 10ft wide path? 5' mat & 5' sand path? Is that necessary.

Sincerely,
Janine Lauritzen

- Hello,

I just wanted to add comment about the proposed beach mat at Clam Beach. I think it is a really wonderful addition to the county parks and long overdue to have a more accessible beach. I think it will improve quality of life for a lot of residents and families who would be able to enjoy the outdoors together.

I really hope this is approved. There are so many people in our community that are living with various disabilities that affect mobility, but would love to spend more time outdoors.

I also appreciate that it is removable and able to be adjusted for changing conditions.

Best regards,

Sarah Nelson

- I think installing these access mats at Clam Beach is an excellent idea. I can't wait to use them!

Best,

Allison Martin

Eureka CA

- I applaud the initiative but would dearly love to see the mat not made from petroleum byproducts ...

Pat Bitton

Eureka, CA

- I love Clam Beach and believe all people, with or without mobility issues, should have the opportunity to visit. I think we *should* add the accessibility mat to the north parking lot beach access.

Thank you,

Stephanie L. Porrazzo

- Hi,
I think this will be a great addition and increase access for less abled people. The route on the image I saw has the mat leaving the parking lot closest to the toilet (SW corner). This area is frequently flooded after rains, so to make this a reasonable solution additional drainage and possibly fill/pavement will be needed. There might be a less costly option by creating a new path further to the north. This would also allow closing off the existing frequently flooded route.

Sincerely,

Joe Wagenbrenner, Arcata

- I would like more wheelchair accessible beach access points nearby. Would also like some fishing access to the ocean, like at freshwater

Thanks,

Michael

- Hello,

I just read the article in the Mad River Union about an accessibility mat being installed at clam beach and this makes me beyond happy!! I work at Cal Poly Humboldt and we have been trying to increase accessible activities within the community and one of our biggest barriers locally is outdoor activities that are wheelchair accessible or accessible to people with any mobility issues. The installation of this mat would provide the first local beach destination that we can provide for our community trips! Please install!!!

All the best,

Molly Kresl
Student Life Coordinator
Cal Poly Humboldt

- This is a great idea. I can't tell you how many times I've heard an elder client express how much they miss having access to natural settings

I hope this happens

Thank you,

Katherine Zeller

- You need to make sure the coastal commission is aware that it is in plover habitat also. This is why they rejected it. The mat was purchased w County funds before it was approved. Not cool.

Karrie Morse

Comments Received Via Social Media:



County of Humboldt - Government ...

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👤👤 We're seeking public comment on a proposed project to improve accessibility at Clam Beach County Park. The project proposes the installation of a 5-foot-wide polyester mat along the beach access corridor at the northern parking lot of Clam Beach to enable individuals with mobility disabilities to travel to the high tide line of the beach. 🌤️🦽🌊🦽

Public comment on this proposed project will be accepted until Friday, June 17 and you can share your thoughts with us by mail, email and over the phone.

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Sharon Frances Stone

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Tracy Alyn Antonsen

I was just wondering if you were aware of what our high tides are like sometimes? And those are removable, they won't last long!

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Meadow M. Bell

Tracy Alyn Antonsen if you check out the link they talk about high tides etc.

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Sharon Frances Stone

They use these at Waimea bay in HI and it is fantastic.

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Nina Stewart

What a great idea!!

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Brenda Gillespie

What a great idea!! 🙏🙏🙏🙏

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Patty Valtenbergs

Yes!!

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Gayle McKnight

It is a wonderful idea!! If only people wouldn't just take them or damage them!!

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Bill Sines

They have these in San Diego. when I went down to visit my daughter My wife and I went to the beach on Coronado island and they had them. It's pretty awesome for people in wheelchairs to be able to 🙏🙏 enjoy the beach 🙏🙏

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Trinalyn Wilson

I Love it!

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Dick Leahy

Love the idea But they'll be maintenance issues dealing with blowing sand covering the mat



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Tracy FitzPatrick

Great idea!

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Carolyn Cantrall

Please do!!!!



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Diane Fales

What a great idea!!

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Brianna Van Dyke

Recently disabled person (broken leg) here to say this is an amazing way to enjoy humboldt when you can't hike or explore the same way as everyone else. My injury opened my eyes to how inaccessible humboldt county public areas are.



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Tracy Alyn Antonsen

Brianna Van Dyke what would happen if a horse accidentally stepped on one will it break or would it be fine?

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Nora Malone Bragia

A friend rented one for his father in law 2 years ago 89 years old took him to Stinson Beach one last time . He passed away at 91 last week 🙏❤️

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James Murray

How about considering to fix the swamp access at the south end of the beach. Impassable most of the year.

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Jami Dougan

I think it's a great idea

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Jill Levitt-Shelter

Great idea.

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Allison Martin

I thought this was a done deal and they'd be installed soon. Can't wait to use this pathway!

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Bob Sanders

How is it attached,? How will it be maintained?? Will tweezers cut it up for shelter?? Just wondering... oh and what's the cost??? All item's to consider along with the amount of actual use by a person that is disabled.

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Christina Zeck

Its absolutely a great idea

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Christina Zeck

As a person who care for the handicap. There is always a need for the ability to keep them as active as possible physical and mentally. And be able to get out to enjoy our nature 😊

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👤 Today, Friday, June 17 is the last day to make public comment on a proposed project to improve accessibility at Clam Beach County Park! The project proposes the installation of a 5-foot-wide polyester mat along the beach access corridor at the northern parking lot of Clam Beach to enable individuals with mobility disabilities to travel to the high tide line of the beach. 🌤️🦽🌊🚶

👤 Community members are welcome to provide input on the proposed beach access mat by emailing ADA@co.humboldt.ca.us or calling 707-445-7266.

👁️ Please follow the link below to learn more!

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Jackie Bardin Keller

Such a fantastic idea and I think it's very much needed, but I see a problem keeping the sand off of it to make it actually accessible.

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Author

County of Humboldt - Government

Jackie Bardin Keller Thanks so much for sharing your thoughts with us. The proposed mat would consist of a series of removable and adjustable segments because it will require ongoing maintenance and adjustments to account for high tides and blowing sands. The proposed mat will provide more flexibility to make adjustments in response to changing conditions.

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Jackie Bardin Keller

County of Humboldt - Government thank you for your response. Many handicap people love the beach and don't have access to it. Good luck with this project.

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David Daz

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