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North Rincon Beach (locally known as Bates Beach, named after the beach's access from Bates Rd.) is at the southern tip of Santa Barbara County, just north of Rincon Point.

The beach was once a safe, family-friendly environment that attracted several hundred people on summer weekends. On the convenient eastern end, people in bathing suits came to exercise their dogs and watch the world-class surfers practice their skills. The more remote western end served many people who enjoyed a clothing-optional beach experience. These traditional uses of the beach served the public well for over 40 years.



Nude section at Bates Beach

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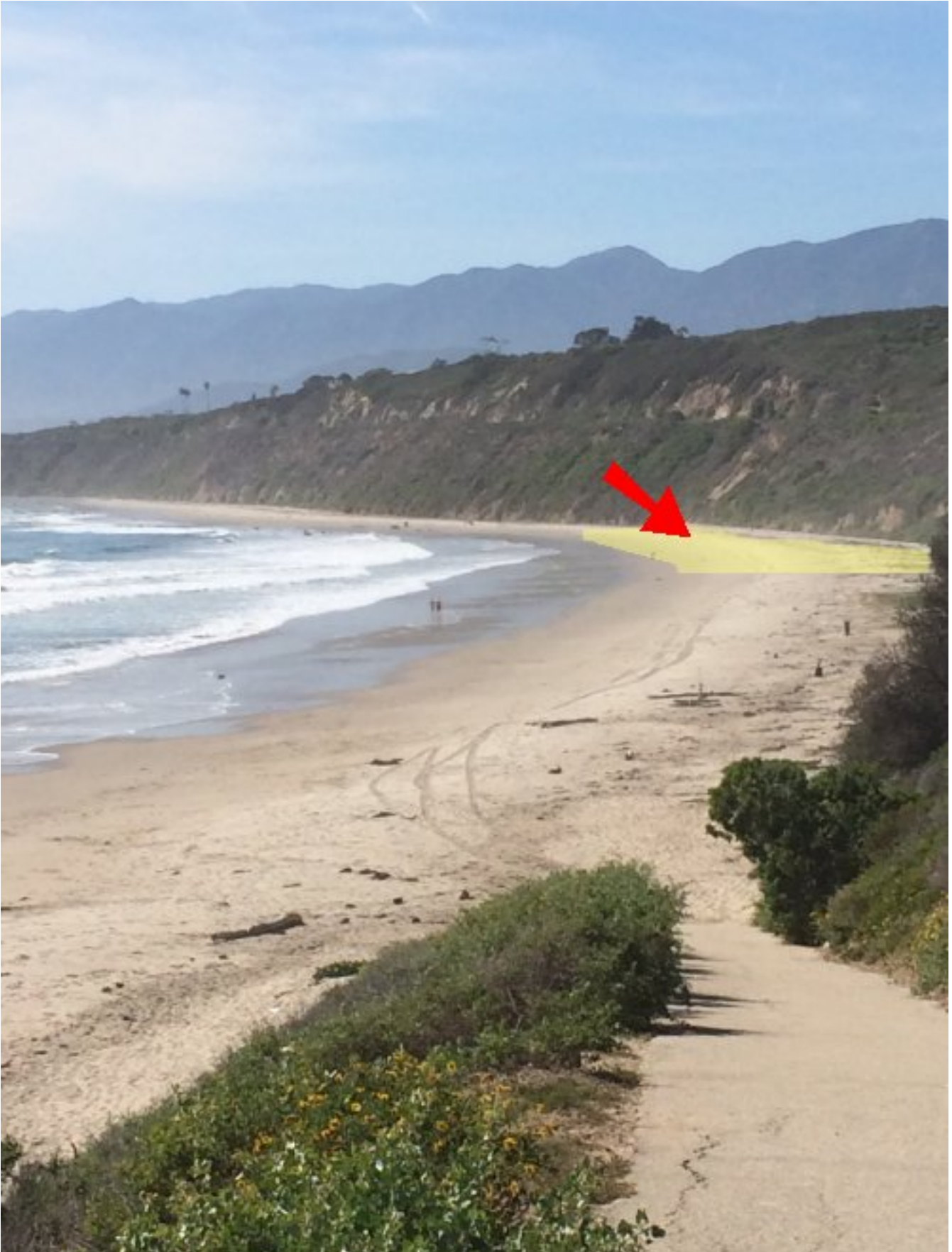




New sign by Friends of Bates Beach: "Entering Clothing-Optional Beach Area"

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