

## Self Guided - San Diego Bay, Coronado and Imperial Beach

Google Maps route link: <https://goo.gl/maps/JC1XyNLPXLXx69L37>

### Stop 1: Chicano Park

Designated a National Historic Landmark in 2017, Chicano Park has the largest concentration of Chicano murals in the world. There are 80+ paintings to see.

In addition to street parking, there is small lot off Logan Ave (NE side of the park) and one off National Ave (SW side).

### Stop 2: 1st St Parking (Coronado Island)

Public parking area for beach access and views of Downtown.

### Stop 3: Coronado Sand Dunes & Hotel Del Coronado

Years ago, a storm created a seaweed mess on the beach. Instead of removing the seaweed, the decision was made to cover it up with sand. The "personal joke" was that the crew arranged the seaweed to spell out "Coronado". It's clearly visible from the air, but not so much from the ground. The views from the beach of the Hotel Del Coronado are photo worthy!

### Stop 4: Dunes Park / Imperial Beach Pier

Access to the beach with views of the pier. The bonus at this stop is the "Ocean Riders" bronze sculpture by Wyland. There are picnic tables here if you want to grab some take out and enjoy some beach time. The pier is about a 0.2 mile walk. There is street parking closer to the pier and a pay lot along Seacoast Dr. If you stroll down to the pier, make sure to stop and take a photo at the Imperial Beach "Surfhenge" sculpture (at the intersection of Seacoast Dr & Evergreen Ave). There is a public restroom here.

### Stop 5: Tijuana River National Estuary Visitor Center (3 stamps for the National Park patch)

The Tijuana River Estuary is one of the few salt marshes remaining in Southern California. It is a stop along the Pacific Flyway - a migratory path from the Arctic tundra to South American wetlands. It is estimated that 370 species visit the marsh, including six on the endangered species list. There are restrooms located just outside the visitor center.