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## **'CASTLE BEACH' HISTORY AT SEABRIGHT STATE BEACH CELEBRATED WITH NEW BILINGUAL EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY**

*Public invited to an event scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 19 at 10 a.m.*

**AUG 3, 2023 — SANTA CRUZ, CA** — Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks (Friends) today announced a community-driven effort to share the history of Castle Beach, a well-known earlier name for part of Seabright State Beach, has culminated with the installation of new bilingual interpretive signs and the replacement of the unique castle-shaped gate at the beach entrance.

[Seabright State Beach](#) used to be home to a castle, the Scholl-Mar Castle. The castle, built in 1929, welcomed visitors for almost 40 years, offering beach fun with everything from volleyball, umbrellas and a snack bar, to oceanview dining and hot saltwater baths.

"State parks evolve with the needs and interests of the community. Seabright State Beach is a wonderful example of a local state beach that has had many uses over the years," said Bonny Hawley, executive director of Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks. "Thanks to a multi-year collaboration between the Seabright Neighbors Association, California State Parks and Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks, this vibrant piece of local history is now on display for the community."

Generous donations from neighbors as well as visitors from as far away as Arizona, Hawaii and Oregon, along with funding from the Friends Board of Directors, made this project possible.

The installation of the new signs and gate will be celebrated with a short program at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19. The public is invited to attend. Meet at the main Seabright State Beach entrance at Mott Avenue and East Cliff Drive in Santa Cruz.

### **About Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks**

Established in 1976, Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks (Friends) is a vital partner with California State Parks, creatively working to ensure our cherished local parks and beaches are thriving and available to all. Friends' innovative and collaborative community partnership provides support and investment for education, equity and inclusion, conservation, facilities improvements, historic preservation and cultural events. Friends currently operates a robust online ParkStore offering nature- and history-themed merchandise for sale to benefit local parks and beaches. Friends also operates ParkStores at Natural Bridges, New Brighton, Santa Cruz Mission, Seacliff and Wilder Ranch. Learn more at [www.ThatsMyPark.org](http://www.ThatsMyPark.org) or via [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [Pinterest](#).

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