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Before heading to the beach, look up tide charts so you're prepared while there. While on the beach, remember to watch the tide and make sure children don't wander too close to the waves.

Once you're there

With picturesque views in every direction, the slight salty breeze brings the crisp sounds of the ocean to beachgoers ears. Take a moment and appreciate the perfect paw prints in the sand. Watch all the happy dogs be in their element chasing the waves and

zipping for tennis balls.

It's the little things that can be appreciated that make the big moments worthwhile.

Notice the slow fog rolling in over the warm haze that hangs over the beach. Watch the tide slowly bring waves closer to shore until they crash

against the rocks and the sand. Hear the faint hum and crash of the Pacific Ocean in the distance. Stroll along in the squishy, damp sand. Watch the foam come in with the surge as it glistens beautifully in the sun.

Enjoy the beach with your family or by yourself. You'll be glad you did.



CLOCKWISE: Seaweed and foam line the coast at Neah-Kah-Nie Beach. A paw print in the sand. A pair of children's shoes left on a piece of driftwood.

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