

10 Fun Things to Do at The Beach (If You Hate the Water)



We residents of Bluff Heights sometimes take for granted that we live minutes away from one of the most enviable features of our community: the beach! With its cool breezes, lower surrounding temperatures, mind-blowing sunsets, thought-provoking endlessness, and lovely sounds, this special perk that comes with living in Bluff Heights is not completely appreciated by all. Some of us just loathe the actual water part of our beach. This can make for a lousy time, especially when your friends and family are frolicking in the surf while yelling over for you to “come on in, the water’s fine!” Well, help is here. Here are 10 ways to have fun at the beach while avoiding the water.

1. Bring a Book

You know that book you’ve been meaning to read? Bring it to the beach. There’s no place as peaceful to settle down with a new read or your favorite classic than on the seashore with those beautiful waves as the backdrop.

2. Buy Some Beach Games

At most beaches, it’s only a short walk to find nets and balls for a game of beach volleyball. If not, you can bring your own activities without having to

spend much money. There’s paddleball, Spikeball, Wiffle ball, and more. Whatever you love to play, bring it to the beach.

3. Try a Skim Board

A lot of boarding activities, like stand-up paddle boarding or boogie boarding, involve going deep in the water, but a skim board is a fun one you can try out without having to go into the big waves. As the name implies, it’s all about skimming in that shallow surf at the water’s edge.

4. Fly a Kite

Bring a kite to the beach for a fun activity that will keep you active and distracted, trying to hoist that thing into the air on the ocean breeze. You’ll be totally satisfied once you manage to get it going, and you can come out with some super cute photos.

5. Build A Sandcastle

It’s not an activity just for kids. You know why you built such good sandcastles when you were young? Your parents. Now that you’re the adult you can trick out your own castle yourself. Go crazy with it, building a totally over-the-top structure on the beach.

6. Go Looking for Shells

The beach is covered in beautiful shells. They fill the sand and sea, making for a constant treasure hunt and great decorations or jewelry for back home once you find some beauties. Spend your beach time sifting through the shore to see what you can discover.

7. Take a Walk

It’s one of the most beautiful things to do at the beach. You get to explore the entire swath of shore as you walk endlessly in either direction. The ground is flat and your feet sink into the warm sand while you explore. Plus it’s a great opportunity to talk and catch up with whoever you’re at the beach with or just delve into your own thoughts.

8. Rent Bikes

I love renting and riding bikes wherever I go on vacation, but riding bikes down the beach is particularly sweet. You’ve got a beautiful coast to take in as you ride and a great ocean breeze flowing through your hair. And you don’t have to get wet or sandy.

9. Have a Picnic

Beach picnics are total bliss. Grab a blanket and bring all of your favorite, portable foods out to a beautiful view for a great afternoon or evening. You could even pack a nice brunch and come out during the early morning before the crowds really hit for a beach all to yourself.

10. Build a Bonfire (where permissible)

If you go to a beach that allows bonfires, this is the perfect evening activity. Okay, so you do need to be able to build a fire, or at least know someone who can build a fire, but after that it’s all a great time on the beach, no water involved. You can make dinner, roast marshmallows, or just chill out and watch the sunset for one of the most Insta-worthy things to do at the beach.

