

PureWow

19 Under-the-Radar Beach & Lake Destinations Around the Country

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When it's scorching outside, all you want to do is be near the water. Unfortunately, a million other people do, too. Enter: the race for towel space. So rather than fight the crowds at the most popular lakes and beaches this summer, head to these lesser known—yet still totally worthy—havens. They have all the same perks (scenic views, great hotels and dining options)...just a few less tourists to contend with. See you there.



REDONDO BEACH (CALIFORNIA)

Hermosa, Manhattan and Santa Monica Beaches may get all the love in Los Angeles, but don't forget about the other South Bay area gem: Redondo Beach. This coastal playground makes for the ideal summer jaunt, thanks to its close proximity to LAX and reputation as a surfing, sailing and volleyball mecca. It's also known for [The Portofino Hotel & Marina](#), where you'll be greeted by nautical-chic decor and free-flowing libations on the private balcony.

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