PICNICING  Bring your own blanket for beach picnicking or select a picnic table on an adjoining turf area. Picnic areas are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Cooking pits are provided. Reservable picnic areas are available for groups of 25 or more. Reserve tables by calling (510) 636-1684 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Neptune and Crolls Garden reservable picnic areas are accessible to persons in wheelchairs.

FISHING  Fishing is allowed from shore subject to State Fish and Game regulations. Persons 16 years and older must have a California State Fishing License. No Park District Fishing Access Permit is required.

ANNUAL SAND CASTLE AND SAND SCULPTURE CONTEST is held during June on a Saturday morning. See www.ebparks.org in late spring for details.

SWIMMING  During the summer, swimming and wading are popular activities at Crown Beach. There are no lifeguards. Changing rooms are provided at the bathhouse, which is near the main parking lot at the foot of Eighth Street along Westline Drive.

DOGS  City and Regional Park ordinances, as well as State Health Department rules, prohibit dogs on the beach. At Crown, dogs are allowed only on lawn areas and along the paved pathways. Dogs must be on leash (six-foot maximum) and under control at all times. Please clean up after your dog.

MARINE RESERVE  The Crab Cove area of the bay has been designated a marine reserve. The collection or disturbance of plant or animal marine life in this area is prohibited. Please observe and obey the signs marking the marine reserve.

ALCOHOL  The consumption of beer, wine and liquor is prohibited at Crown Beach, per EBRPD Ordinance 38, Section 410.1(a). Violation of this restriction is a misdemeanor and is punishable upon conviction by a maximum $500 fine and/or six months in jail. For information regarding permits to serve beer and wine, available to those holding group picnic reservations, call (510) 636-1684.