



## CGear Sand Free Mats: Camping, at the Beach, or a Picnic in the Park

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Going to the beach is supposed to be fun and relaxing. You pack your gear up and get away for the day...or longer. Too often a bit of the beach comes back with you at the end of your trip. Those days can be comfortably relegated to the past with a functional and stylish sand free mat from CGear.

There are a lot of products out there that claim to work wonders but fail to live up to the marketing hype. [CGear's sand free mats](#) are a welcome exception. They really work and work well. The company got its start making sand free / dust abatement landing mats for helicopters used by the Australian military. Their lightweight technology works so well CGear expanded into the commercial market with a range of sand free products, including their popular SANDLITE mats.

The CGear SANDLITE mat introduces a completely new "sand free" experience constructed in a soft material that is easily folded into a small carry bag. With more softness and comfort, together with great colors and patterns, a SANDLITE is better than any towel or picnic mat. Unique to the SANDLITE range is its ability to roll up into its own carry case.

I picked one up for use on a [recent surf and camping trip](#) at San Onofre State Beach in Southern California and was thoroughly impressed with the CGear SANDLITE mat's performance.

I initially expected the sand free mat to have a coarse exterior and was pleased to learn first hand that was not the case. The fabric is deceptively soft, yet firm enough to easily unpack & pack the mat. I chose a large (6'6" x 6'6") SANDLITE for its versatility both at the beach and also as a ground cloth in the vestibule section of my four-person basecamp tent. The design is eye catching and solicited a number of compliments during my trip. Best of all, I simply rolled it up at the end of the day. No need to shake it out or allocate it to the laundry pile when I got home.

If you're tired of lugging around towels and tarps, I recommend giving a sand free mat from CGear a try. It will work great for picnics in the park, camping trips or simply a day at the beach.