

Channel Islands MPAs Detailed Descriptions

Santa Barbara Island State Marine Reserve

No take of living, geological, or cultural resources is allowed in the area bounded by the mean high tide line, the three nautical mile offshore boundary and the following points:

33° 28.5' N. lat. 119° 01.7' W. long.;

33° 28.5' N. lat. 118° 58.2' W. long.;

33° 24.9' N. lat. 119° 02.2' W. long.;

33° 27.9' N. lat. 119° 02.2' W. long.

Shoreline Length: 1 nm

Area: 13.2 nm²

Depth Range (feet): 0 - 1,800

Anacapa Island State Marine Reserve

No take of living, geological, or cultural resources is allowed in the area bounded by the mean high tide line and the following points:

34° 04' N. lat. 119° 24.6' W. long.;

34° 04' N. lat. 119° 21.4' W. long.;

34° 01' N. lat. 119° 21.4' W. long.;

34° 00.4' N. lat. 119° 24.6' W. long.

Shoreline Length: 3.3 nm

Area: 11.7 nm²

Depth Range (feet): 0 - 600

Anacapa Island State Marine Conservation Area

No take of living, geological, or cultural resources is allowed except for;

- 1) Recreational take of spiny lobster spiny lobster (*Panulirus interruptus*) and pelagic finfish¹ and,
- 2) Commercial take of spiny lobster

in the area bounded by the mean high tide line and the following points:

34° 04' N. lat. 119° 26.7' W. long.;

34° 04' N. lat. 119° 24.6' W. long.;

34° 00.4' N. lat. 119° 24.6' W. long.;

34° 00.8' N. lat. 119° 26.7' W. long.

Shoreline Length: 2.2 nm

Area: 8.1 nm²

Depth Range (feet): 0 - 600

No net or trap may be used in waters less than 20 feet deep off the Anacapa Islands commonly referred to as Anacapa Island.

A brown pelican fledgling area is designated from the mean high tide mark seaward to a water depth of 20 fathoms (120 feet) on the north side of West Anacapa Island between a line extending 345° magnetic off Portuguese Rock to a line extending 345° magnetic off the western edge of Frenchy's Cove, a distance of approximately 4,000 feet. No person except department employees or employees of the National Park Service in the performance of their official duties shall enter this area during the period January 1 to October 31.

¹Pelagic Finfish are defined as: northern anchovy (*Engraulis mordax*), barracudas (*Sphyraena* sp.), billfishes** (family Istiophoridae), dolphinfish (*Coryphaena hippurus*), Pacific herring (*Clupea pallasii*), jack mackerel (*Trachurus symmetricus*), Pacific mackerel (*Scomber japonicus*), salmon (*Oncorhynchus* spp.), Pacific sardine (*Sardinops sagax*), blue shark (*Prionace glauca*), salmon shark (*Lamna ditropis*), shortfin mako shark (*Isurus oxyrinchus*), thresher sharks (*Alopias* spp.), swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*), tunas (family *Scombridae*), and yellowtail (*Seriola lalandi*). **Marlin is not allowed for commercial take.

Scorpion (Santa Cruz Island) State Marine Reserve

No take of living, geological, or cultural resources is allowed in the area bounded by the mean high tide line and the following points:

34° 06.2' N. lat. 119° 35.5' W. long.;
34° 06.2' N. lat. 119° 32.8' W. long.;
34° 02.8' N. lat. 119° 32.8' W. long.;
34° 02.9' N. lat. 119° 35.5' W. long.

Shoreline Length: 3.3 nm
Area: 10.3 nm²
Depth Range (feet): 0 - 750

Painted Cave (Santa Cruz Island) State Marine Conservation Area

No take of living, geological, or cultural resources is allowed except for; Recreational take of spiny lobster spiny lobster (*Panulirus interruptus*) and pelagic finfish¹

In the area bounded by the mean high tide line, the one nautical mile offshore boundary, and the following points:

34° 05.2' N. lat. 119° 53' W. long.;
34° 05' N. lat. 119° 51' W. long.;
34° 04' N. lat. 119° 51' W. long.;
34° 04.5' N. lat. 119° 53' W. long.

Shoreline Length: 2 nm
Area: 2.1 nm²
Depth Range (feet): 0 - 300

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Gull Island (Santa Cruz Island) State Marine Reserve

No take of living, geological, or cultural resources is allowed in the area bounded by the mean high tide line and the following points:

33° 58' N. lat. 119° 53' W. long.;
33° 58' N. lat. 119° 51' W. long.;
33° 57.7' N. lat. 119° 48' W. long.;
33° 55.2' N. lat. 119° 48' W. long.;
33° 55.2' N. lat. 119° 53' W. long.

Shoreline Length: 2.9 nm
Area: 16.1 nm²
Depth Range (feet): 0 - 1,800

Carrington Point (Santa Rosa Island) State Marine Reserve

No take of living, geological, or cultural resources is allowed in the area bounded by the mean high tide line and the following points:

34° 04' N. lat. 120° 5.2' W. long.;
34° 04' N. lat. 120° 01' W. long.;
34° 00.5' N. lat. 120° 01' W. long.;
34° 00.5' N. lat. 120° 02.8' W. long.;
34° 01.3' N. lat. 120° 05.2' W. long.

Shoreline Length: 5.3 nm
Area: 13.3 nm²
Depth Range (feet): 0 - 180

Skunk Point (Santa Rosa Island) State Marine Reserve

No take of living, geological, or cultural resources is allowed in the area bounded by the mean high tide line and the following points:

33° 59' N. lat. 119° 58.8' W. long.;
33° 59' N. lat. 119° 58' W. long.;
33° 57.1' N. lat. 119° 58' W. long.;
33° 57.1' N. lat. 119° 58.2' W. long.

Shoreline Length: 2.7 nm
Area: 1.4 nm²

Depth Range (feet):0 - 60

South Point (Santa Rosa Island) State Marine Reserve

No take of living, geological, or cultural resources is allowed in the area bounded by the mean high tide line and the following points:

33° 55' N. lat. 120° 10' W. long.;

33° 53.8' N. lat. 120° 06.5' W. long.;

33° 51.4' N. lat. 120° 10' W. long.;

33° 51.4' N. lat. 120° 06.5' W. long.

Shoreline Length: 3.8 nm

Area: 10.8 nm²

Depth Range (feet):0 - 1,200

Harris Point (San Miguel Island) State Marine Reserve

No take of living, geological, or cultural resources is allowed in the area bounded by the mean high tide line and the following points:

34° 06' N. lat. 120° 23.3' W. long.;

34° 06' N. lat. 120° 18.4' W. long.;

34° 01.8' N. lat. 120° 18.4' W. long.;

34° 03.1' N. lat. 120° 23.3' W. long.

An exemption to the reserve, where commercial and recreational take of living marine resources is allowed, exists between the mean high tide line in Cuyler Harbor and a line between the following points:

34° 03.5' N. lat. 120° 21.3' W. long.;

34° 02.9' N. lat. 120° 20.2' W. long.

Shoreline Length: 6.3 nm

Area: 18.2 nm²

Depth Range (feet):0 - 300

Special Regulations to protect marine mammals:

Boating is permitted at San Miguel Island except west of a line drawn between Judith Rock and Castle Rock where boats are prohibited closer than 300 yards from shore.

Boats may be anchored overnight only at Tyler Bight and Cuyler Harbor. Boats traveling within 300 yards of shoreline or anchorages shall operate with a minimum amount of noise and shall not exceed speeds of five miles per hour.

Landing is allowed on San Miguel Island by permit only at the designated landing beach in Cuyler Harbor. No person shall have access to all other offshore rocks and islands in the reserve.

1. Notwithstanding the 300-yard boating closure between Judith Rock and

Castle Rock, the following shall apply:

a. Boats may approach San Miguel Island no nearer than 100 yards from shore during the period(s) from March 15 through April 30, and October 1 through December 15; and

b. Boats operated by commercial sea urchin boat operators who have been issued permits by the department to take sea urchins from the Point Bennett area of San Miguel Island may enter any waters of the 300-yard area between Judith Rock and Castle Rock for the purpose of fishing sea urchins during the period(s) March 15 through April 30, and October 1 through December 15.

2. The department may rescind permission for boats to enter waters within 300 yards between Judith Rock and Castle Rock upon finding that impairment to the island marine mammal resource is imminent. Immediately following such closure, the department will request the commission to hear, at its regularly scheduled meeting, presentation of documentation supporting the need for such closure.

Richardson Rock (San Miguel Island) State Marine Reserve

No take of living, geological, or cultural resources is allowed in the area bounded by the mean high tide line and the following points:

34° 08.4' N. lat. 120° 34.2' W. long.;

34° 08.4' N. lat. 120° 28.2' W. long.;

34° 03.6' N. lat. 120° 28.2' W. long.;

34° 03.6' N. lat. 120° 34.2' W. long.

Shoreline Length: offshore area

Area: 32.2 nm²

Depth Range (feet): 0 - 360

Judith Rock (San Miguel Island) State Marine Reserve

No take of living, geological, or cultural resources is allowed in the area bounded by the mean high tide line and the following points:

34° 01.8' N. lat. 120° 26.6' W. long.;

34° 01.5' N. lat. 120° 25.3' W. long.;

33° 58.5' N. lat. 120° 25.3' W. long.;

33° 58.5' N. lat. 120° 26.6' W. long.

Shoreline Length: 1.4 nm

Area: 5.1 nm²

Depth Range (feet): 0 - 420