

Double Cone Rock State Marine Conservation Area

Established December, 2012



What is a California marine protected area (or “MPA”)?

An MPA is a type of managed area whose main purpose is to protect or conserve marine life and habitats in ocean or estuarine waters. California's MPA Network consists of 124 areas with varying levels of protection and 14 special closures, all designed to help safeguard the state's marine ecosystems. Most marine conservation areas such as Double Cone Rock State Marine Conservation Area provide some opportunity for commercial and/or recreational take (species and gear exceptions vary by location - see reverse).

One goal for California's MPAs was to strategically place them near each other to form an interconnected network that would help to preserve the flow of life between marine ecosystems. Within that network each MPA has unique goals and regulations, and non-consumptive activities, permitted scientific research, monitoring, and educational pursuits may be allowed.

Why was this location chosen for a state marine conservation area?

One of the goals for Double Cone Rock State Marine Conservation Area is to protect the rocky shore, sandy seafloor, and kelp forest habitat found there. Flatfish such as Pacific halibut, California halibut, and rock sole hunt and shelter in the sandy sediments, while Dungeness crab seek out small mollusks, crustaceans, clams, and fish to eat. Near shore, rocky reefs harbor kelp forests and invertebrates such as anemones, crab, and octopus, and many types of groundfish, such as rockfish, lingcod, and cabezon. Salmon feast on the conservation area's fish, squid, eel, and shrimp. Gray whales can be spotted just a few miles offshore during their annual migrations. Dolphins, sea lions, and harbor seals can also be seen as they forage along this stretch of coast.

Placing a state marine conservation area here provides moderately high levels of protection for marine life and the habitats they use.



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Quick Facts: Double Cone Rock State Marine Conservation Area

- **MPA size:** 18.49 square miles
- **Shoreline span:** 4.9 miles
- **Depth range:** 0 to 391 feet
- **Habitat composition:**
Sand/mud: 17.03 square miles
Rock: 3.55 square miles



Non-Consumptive
Activities



Fishing
See Regulations
On Back



No Collecting

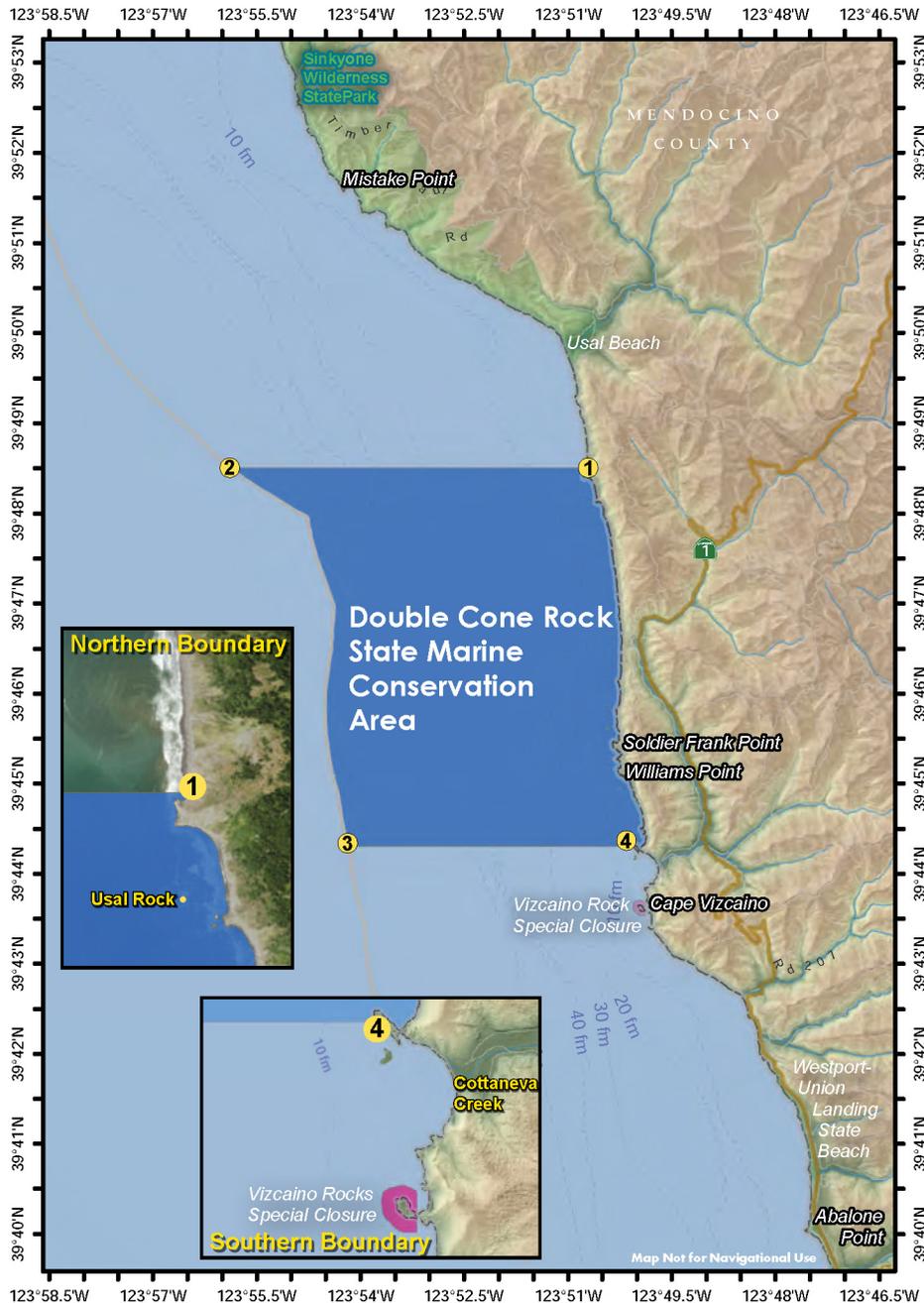
Further Information:

- MPA Website: www.wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs
- MPA and Sportfishing Interactive Map: www.wildlife.ca.gov/OceanSportfishMap
- Email: AskMarine@wildlife.ca.gov

Photos - Upper: Shoreline at Double Cone Rock State Marine Conservation Area. photo © Calla Allison, MPA Collaborative Network **Lower right: Fish-eating anemone at the conservation area.** photo © Carolyn Belak, HSU **Lower left: Stalked jellyfish on red algae at the conservation area.** photo © Carolyn Belak, HSU

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Northern California - Mendocino County



Double Cone Rock State Marine Conservation Area Boundary and Regulations from California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 632

Boundary:

This area is bounded by the mean high tide line and straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed except where noted:

- 39° 48.500' N. lat. 123° 50.713' W. long. ①;
- 39° 48.500' N. lat. 123° 55.875' W. long. ②; thence southward along the three nautical mile offshore boundary to
- 39° 44.300' N. lat. 123° 54.178' W. long. ③; and
- 39° 44.300' N. lat. 123° 50.055' W. long. ④

Permitted/Prohibited Uses:

1. It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource for recreational and/or commercial purposes, with the following specified exceptions:
 - a. The recreational take of salmon by trolling and Dungeness crab by trap, hoop net or hand is allowed.
 - b. The commercial take of salmon with troll fishing gear and Dungeness crab by trap is allowed.
 - c. The following federally recognized tribes (listed alphabetically) are exempt from the area and take regulations for Double Cone Rock State Marine Conservation Area and shall comply with all other existing regulations and statutes:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Big Valley Rancheria • Cahto Indian Tribe of the Laytonville Rancheria • Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians • Elem Indian Colony of Pomo Indians of the Sulphur Bank Rancheria • Guidiville Rancheria • Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake • Hopland Band of Pomo Indians of the Hopland Rancheria • Lower Lake Rancheria • Manchester Band of Pomo Indians of the Manchester-Point Arena Rancheria | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians • Pinoleville Pomo Nation • Potter Valley Tribe • Redwood Valley Rancheria of Pomo Indians • Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians • Round Valley Indian Tribes of the Round Valley Reservation • Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians • Sherwood Valley Rancheria of Pomo Indians |
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