

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

An MPA is a type of managed area primarily set aside to protect or conserve marine life and habitats in marine 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. Fishing and collecting are banned at marine reserves such as Cabrillo State Marine Reserve, providing this MPA with the highest level of protection.

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 reserve?

One of the goals for Cabrillo State Marine Reserve is to protect the diverse kelp forest, surfgrass, sandy seafloor, and intertidal and nearshore rocky reef habitat found there. These habitats are used by a variety of marine species, including kelp bass, California spiny lobster, and rainbow surfperch.

[Cabrillo National Monument](#) has administrative jurisdiction here that extends offshore, and the National Park Service is committed to managing the area in a manner consistent with the goals and values of the National Park Service and California's Marine Life Protection Act. This unique situation enhances the efficiency and effectiveness of managing the MPA through collaborative science, resources, management, protections, law enforcement, education, and outreach. Placing a state marine reserve here provides very high levels of protection for local marine species and the habitats they use.

Quick Facts: Cabrillo State Marine Reserve

- **MPA size:** 0.39 square miles
- **Shoreline span:** 1 mile
- **Depth range:** 0 to 30 feet
- **Habitat composition:**
Rock: 0.60 square miles
Sand/mud: 0.15 square miles



Boating, Diving,
Surfing, Swimming

No Fishing

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

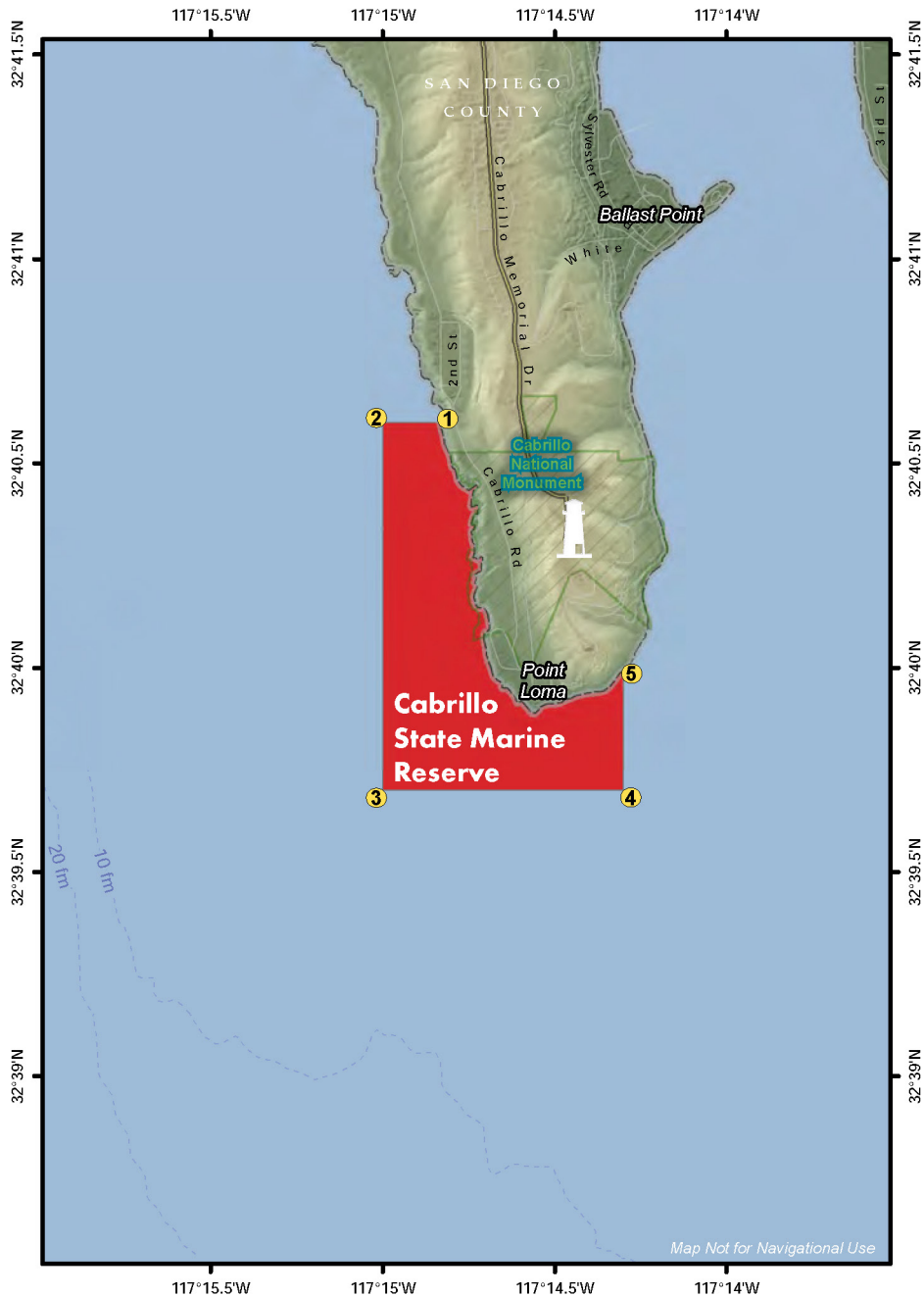
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Lower left: Purple dwarf olive snail at Cabrillo State Marine Reserve, © Stephanie Taylor CC BY-NC 2.0



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Cabrillo State Marine Reserve Boundary and Regulations from California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 632

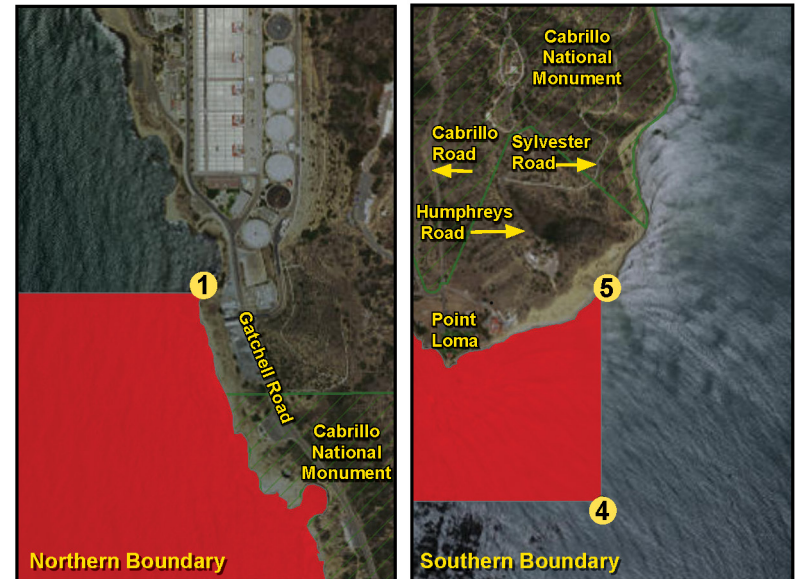
Boundary:

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

- 32° 40.600' N. lat. 117° 14.820' W. long. ①;
- 32° 40.600' N. lat. 117° 15.000' W. long. ②;
- 32° 39.700' N. lat. 117° 15.000' W. long. ③;
- 32° 39.700' N. lat. 117° 14.300' W. long. ④; and
- 32° 40.000' N. lat. 117° 14.300' W. long. ⑤

Permitted/Prohibited Uses:

It is unlawful to injure, damage, take, or possess any living, geological, or cultural marine resource.



Take may be authorized for research, restoration, and monitoring purposes under a scientific collecting permit. See California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 632(a).

The information in this document does not replace the official regulatory language found in the California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 632. View these regulations online at www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/MPAs/Network.