

Bolsa Bay SMCA

Site description

Name:	Bolsa Bay State Marine Conservation Area
Incorporating:	<i>Bolsa Chica State Marine Park, Upper Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve</i>
Type:	State Marine Protected Area Type C: Conservation Area
Local Area Manager:	California Department of Fish and Game
Partners:	Bolsa Chica Conservancy, Bolsa Land Trust, Amigos de Bolsa Chica

Site Restrictions

Recreational Fishing:

Take of all living marine resources is prohibited EXCEPT: The recreational take of finfish by hook and line from shore in designated areas only.

Other Regulated Uses:

Allows routine operation and maintenance, habitat restoration, maintenance dredging, research and education, and maintenance of artificial structures pursuant to any required federal, state and local permits. Allows activities pursuant to Section 630, Title 14, CCR, or as otherwise authorized by the Department.

Boating, swimming, wading, and diving are prohibited; access restrictions also exist, and access is prohibited between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Site delineation

Boundaries: This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within Bolsa Bay estuary southward of a line that approximates the Warner Avenue bridge located between the following two points:

33° 42.70' N. lat 118° 03.63' W. long.; and 33° 42.70' N. lat 118° 03.61' W. long.;

and northward of a line that approximates the pedestrian bridge located between the following two points:

33° 42.22' N. lat 118° 03.17' W. long.; and 33° 42.19' N. lat 118° 03.18' W. long.

Approximate Area: 0.07 mi²

Approximate Shoreline length: 1.94 mi

Approximate Depth range (feet): not available

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Northern Boundary



View of and from the pedestrian bridge parallel with northern boundary at the Warner Street bridge. Access is left on Warner from PCH, left into interpretive center parking lot.

Southern Boundary



Pedestrian Access only on right side of PCH. Splits Bolsa Bay and Bolsa Chica Basin SMCAs.

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Access Points/Fishing Area



Interpretive Center off of Warner and Pacific Coast Hwy. (northern boundary)

Fishing allowed behind Interpretive Center ONLY



North Access from Interpretive Center



South Access (pedestrian only) from PCH