

Crystal Cove SMCA

Site description

Name:	Crystal Cove State Marine Conservation Area
Incorporating:	Robert E. Badham State Marine Conservation Area, Crystal Cove State Marine Conservation Area, Irvine Coast State Marine Conservation Area
Type:	State Marine Protected Area Type C: Conservation Area
Local Area Manager:	Big and Little Corona: City of Newport Beach, Dept. of Recreation <i>Marine Protection and Education Supervisor</i> Crystal Cove SP: California Department of Parks and Recreation <i>State Parks Environmental Scientist</i> <i>Crystal Cove State Park Superintendent</i>
Local Designation	Crystal Cove Underwater Park
Partners:	Crystal Cove Alliance

Site Restrictions

Recreational:

The recreational take of finfish by hook and line or by spearfishing, and lobster and sea urchin is allowed. Take of all living marine resources from inside tidepools is prohibited. (Tidepools are defined as the area encompassing the rocky pools that are filled with seawater due to retracting tides between the mean higher high tide line and the mean lower low tide line.)

Commercial:

The commercial take of coastal pelagic species (Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, northern anchovy, market squid, jack mackerel) by round haul net, spiny lobster by trap, and sea urchin is allowed.

Other Regulated Uses:

Allows beach nourishment or other sediment management activities and operation and maintenance of artificial structures pursuant to any required federal, state and local permits or as authorized by the Department.

Site delineation

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

33° 35.373' N. lat.	117° 52.648' W. long.
33° 35.065' N. lat.	117° 52.692' W. long.
33° 32.400' N. lat.	117° 49.200' W. long.
33° 33.233' N. lat.	117° 49.200' W. long.

Approximate Area: 3.45 mi²

Approximate Shoreline length: 4.99 mi

Approximate Depth range (feet): 0 to 245 ft.

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Boundary Access Streets/Markers:

North End: Newport Harbor South Jetty

South End: Abalone Point (Cave on rocky point between El Moro and Irvine Cove)

Northern Boundary



Southern Boundary



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Northern Boundary



Photo taken from top of hill heading down to Big Corona State Park. Boundary extends to end of jetty and then angles slightly north.

Southern Boundary



Photo at left taken from PCH above El Moro lifeguard headquarters. Boat and arrow are on the line of Crystal Cove SMCA and Laguna SMR. Access kiosk to El Moro beach, inland of PCH, shown below.



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Main Access Points



Second access point, after Big Corona SB, is Little Corona Del Mar Beach, formerly Robert E. Badham SMCA. Access is at the end of Ocean Blvd and Poppy Ave.

State Park Access Points:

- Little Treasure Cove
- Treasure Cove
- Pelican Point
- Los Trancos north
- Historic District
- Rocky Bight
- Scotchman's Cove
- Muddy Creek
- Moro Beach



Access to Historic District off of Los Trancos.



Access from Reef Point traffic light.



Access to Moro beach from campground, under PCH