

Dana Point SMCA

Site description

Name:	Dana Point State Marine Conservation Area
Incorporating:	<i>Niguel State Marine Conservation Area, Dana Point State Marine Park</i>
Type:	State Marine Protected Area Type C: Conservation Area
Local Area Manager:	City of Dana Point <i>Natural Resource Protection Officer</i>
Partners:	Orange County Parks, the Ocean Institute, City of Laguna Beach

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° 30.050' N. lat.	117° 44.771' W. long.
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33° 27.300' N. lat.	117° 43.300' W. long.
33° 27.478' N. lat.	117° 42.276' W. long.
33° 27.622' N. lat.	117° 42.425' W. long.

Approximate Area: 3.45 m²

Approximate Shoreline length: 5.25 mi

Approximate Depth range (feet): 0 to 152 ft.

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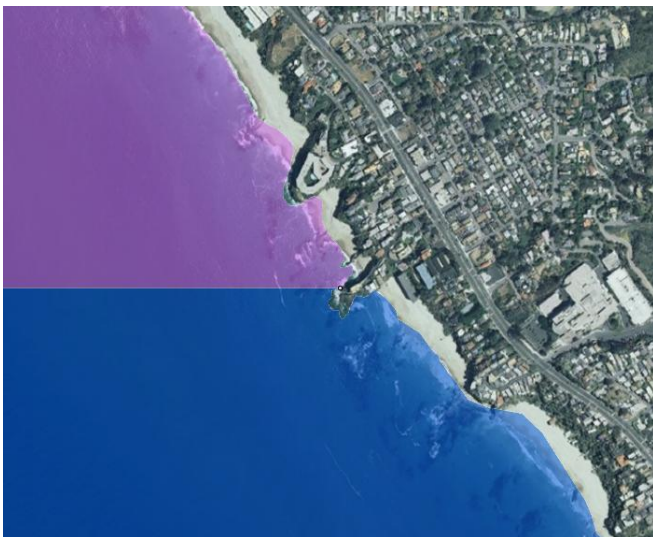


Boundary Access Streets/Markers:

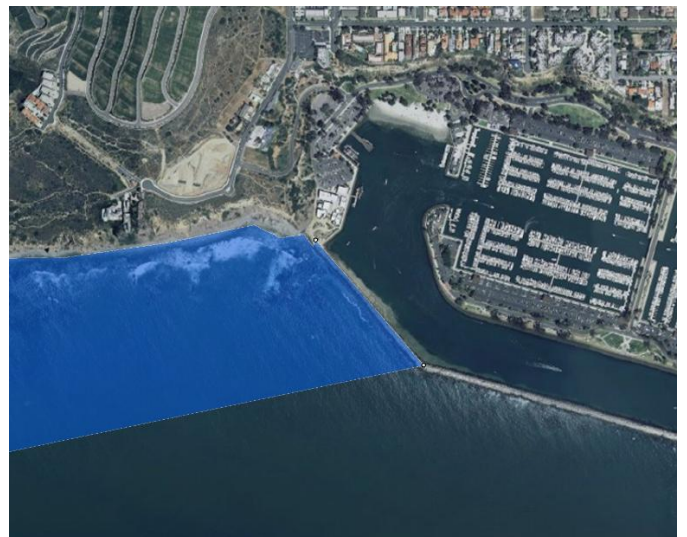
North End: Seaclyff Drive (small point with house south of Table Rock Beach)

South End: Dana Point Harbor West Jetty (to elbow)

Northern Boundary



Southern Boundary



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Photo taken from private staircase at southern side of Tablerock Beach, at point off of Seacliff Drive.

Southern Boundary



Line extends from elbow of jetty. Photo taken at MPA entrance behind the Ocean Institute.

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Main Access Points:

- Thousand Steps
- Three Arch North
- Three Arch South
- Monarch Bay (Private)
- Salt Creek
- Strands North
- Strands South
- Harbor Point Beach



Thousand steps access, 9th street off of PCH



Salt Creek ramp from lot off of Ritz Carlton Drive



Strands north access with funicular off of Selva Road



Harbor beach access behind Ocean Institute at end of Dana Point Harbor Drive