

Upper Newport Bay SMCA

Site description

Name:	Upper Newport Bay State Marine Conservation Area
Incorporating:	Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve
Type:	State Marine Protected Area Type C: Conservation Area
Local Area Manager:	City of Newport Beach; Department of Fish and Game; County of Orange; University of California at Irvine
Partners:	Newport Bay Conservancy

Site Restrictions

Commercial Fishing: None

Recreational Fishing:

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

Other restricted uses:

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

The following restrictions apply only to waters below the mean high tide line inside the Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve: Swimming is allowed only in the area between North Star Beach and mid-channel; boating speed limit of 5 mph; shoreline access is limited.

Site delineation

Boundaries: This area includes the waters below the mean high tide line within Upper Newport Bay northeastward of Pacific Coast Highway approximated by a line between the following two points:

33° 37.02' N. lat.	117° 54.24' W. long.
33° 37.02' N. lat.	117° 54.32' W. long.

and southwestward of Jamboree Road approximated by a line between the following two points:

33° 39.07' N. lat.	117° 52.02' W. long.
33° 39.03' N. lat.	117° 52.01' W. long.

Approximate Area: 1.28 m²

Approximate Shoreline length: 13.34 mi

Approximate Depth range (feet): not available

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East Boundary



Photo taken of bridge at Jamboree from the north side. Trail accessed at corner of Bayview Way and Bayview Place, off of Jamboree.



Photo taken from south side, at the end of multi use trail /one way road (Back Bay Drive) off of Eastbluff. Fishing allowed by bridge.

West Boundary



Photo taken from the end of Bayside Way, at Bayside Village Marina, off of PCH. Photo looking north.

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Access Points:



Newport Aquatic Center



Castaways access looking across at Newport Dunes.
Access to fishing area.



Big Canyon kiosk off of Back Bay Drive. Access to fishing area.

North side:

Jamboree north of bridge
Bayview Way
Mesa Drive
Muth Interpretive Center (Irvine
Avenue/University Drive)
Irvine Avenue
Newport Aquatic Center
North Star Beach
Castaways

South side:

Jamboree south of bridge
Back Bay Drive at Eastbluff
Big Canyon
Back Bay Drive/San Jaoquin
Back Bay Science Center (off of
Shellmaker)
Newport Dunes Back Bay entrance
Newport Dunes PCH entrance
Bayside Marina