Laguna Beach SMR

Site description

Name: Laguna Beach State Marine Reserve

Incorporating: Heisler Park State Marine Reserve, Laguna Beach State Marine Conservation Area

Type: State Marine Protected Area Type A: Reserve

Local Area Manager: City of Laguna Beach, Department of Marine Safety

Marine Protection Officer

Partners: Laguna Ocean Foundation

Site Restrictions

Recreational: No Take Allowed

Commercial: No Take Allowed

Major Changes: No lobster, spearfishing, shore or boat hook and line

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° 33.233’ N. lat. 117° 49.200’ W. long.
- 33° 30.800’ N. lat. 117° 49.200’ W. long.
- 33° 30.800’ N. lat. 117° 45.631’ W. long.

Approximate Area: 6.27 m²
Approximate Shoreline length: 5.88 mi
Approximate Depth range (feet): 0 to 1171 ft

Local Codes

Laguna Beach Municipal Code, Parks and Beaches, Section 29

LBMC 18.29.030 Unlawful acts. No person shall take, possess or disturb specimens of live or dead intertidal marine animal or plant life, or willfully injure, destroy or alter marine intertidal zone habitats.
Boundary Access Streets/Markers:

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

Northern Boundary

Southern Boundary
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Note: The Southern Boundary line off of Goff Point is not shown because there is no change in take regulations. In addition this line may change to the City/County line south of Treasure Island. It is currently in the clean-up package to be evaluated by the Fish and Game Commission.

Photo taken at the top of the ramp heading to Irvine Cove Beach.

Private access with manned kiosks, on right side for north bound traffic, and right side for south bound traffic.

Photo taken above ramp/road to Little Irvine Cove (north side)
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Main Access Points (Private)

Irvine Cove
Emerald Bay

Access Points (Public)

Crescent Bay
Shaws Cove
Boat Canyon
Divers Cove
Heisler Park Picnic Beach
Heisler Park Monument Point
Heisler Park Rockpile
Heisler Park Bird Rock
North Main Beach
Main Beach (Broadway)
Laguna Avenue
Sleepy Hollow
Cleo Street
St. Ann’s
Thalia St.
Anita St.
Oak St.
Brooks St.
Cress St.
Mountain Rd.
Bluebird
Agate St.
Pearl St.

Woods Cove North
Woods Cove South
Moss Cove
Victoria Stairs
Victoria Ramp
Treasure Island Christmas Cove Ramp

(Treasure Island Goff Cove Stairs)
(Treasure Island South Ramp/Stairs)

Crescent Bay Ramp (South)

Cleo Street - surf stretch, access at end of every street off PCH

Treasure Island north ramp down to Christmas Cove and Goff Beach. Point at bottom of the ramp is the SMR south boundary.