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Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) are named, discrete geographic marine or estuarine areas set aside primarily to protect or conserve marine life and habitat. State Marine Reserves (SMRs) and State Marine Conservation Areas (SMCAs) are two types of MPA designations.

Why...

California State Legislature adopted the Marine Life Protection Act in 1999 in part to protect and conserve California's ocean and marine ecosystems and natural heritage; improve recreational, educational, and research opportunities; and to ensure that the state's MPAs were designed and managed as a network.

Where...

Orange County MPAs	Allowed Take
Bolsa Bay SMCA	The recreational take of finfish by hook and line from shore is allowed in designated areas only.
Bolsa Chica Basin No-Take SMCA	No take allowed.
Upper Newport Bay SMCA	The recreational take of finfish by hook and line is allowed from shore only.
Crystal Cove SMCA	The recreational take of finfish by hook and line or by spearfishing is allowed, as well as take of lobster and sea urchin; the commercial take of coastal pelagic species (northern anchovy, jack mackerel, pacific sardine, pacific mackerel, market squid) by round haul net, spiny lobster by trap, and sea urchin is allowed; no take allowed from tidepools.
Laguna Beach SMR	No take allowed.
Laguna Beach No-Take SMCA	No take allowed.
Dana Point SMCA	The recreational take of finfish by hook and line or by spearfishing, and lobster and sea urchin is allowed below the mean lower low tide line only; the commercial take of coastal pelagic species (northern anchovy, jack mackerel, pacific sardine, pacific mackerel, market squid) by round haul net, spiny lobster and sea urchin is allowed; no take allowed from tidepools.

*Other regulations may apply. For detailed maps, coordinates, and regulations, please visit www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa

MARINE PROTECTED AREA

THIS BEACH IS A MARINE PROTECTED AREA. TAKING OR POSSESSING TIDEPOOL ANIMALS IS AGAINST THE LAW.

ABSOLUTELY NO COLLECTING

Help preserve our tidepools

Never remove animals, shells or rocks from the tidepools.

Never pick up animals... observe them where they are.

Walk gently, taking care not to step on plants or animals.

Never turn over rocks.

TIDEPOOLS ARE PROTECTED

TO REPORT VIOLATIONS CALL 1-888-DFG-CALTIP
For detailed maps and regulations see: www.dfg.ca.gov/MLPA or visit: www.ocmarineprotection.org

Orange County Marine Protected Area Council

OCMPAC's mission is to collaborate at a regional level to preserve and protect Orange County's marine protected areas through ongoing improvements in research, monitoring, education, outreach and enforcement.

For more information, please visit:
www.ocmarineprotection.org

OCMPAC is proud to partner with the California Department of Fish and Game to inform the local community about the MPAs of Orange County.

For more information, please visit:

www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa

Or view MPAs on your mobile device at:

www.dfg.ca.gov/m/MPA

Orange County Marine Protected Areas

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CALIFORNIA'S SOUTH COAST MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

ORANGE COUNTY AREA DETAIL

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For more information and complete regulations and boundaries, see www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa

