

**WHO:**

Boaters, fishermen, kayakers and other ocean goers can use this brochure to learn about boundaries and general regulations of the marine protected areas located along the Bay Area coastline.

**WHAT:**

California's network of coastal marine protected areas (MPAs) is the first of its kind in the nation. These MPAs safeguard unique habitats and a diversity of marine species.

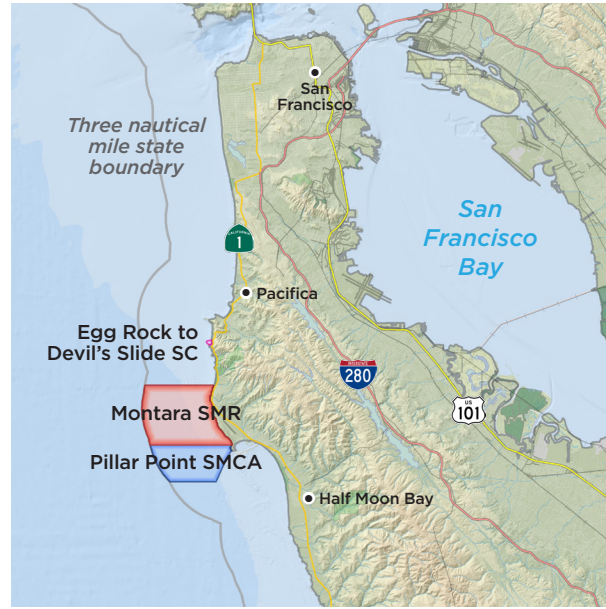
**HOW:**

The San Mateo MPA Collaborative is dedicated to assisting with education, outreach and enforcement of the MPAs located off San Mateo County. Our goal is to raise awareness of these special areas to protect them for future generations. We are local vessel captains, volunteers, scientists, aquaria, government agencies, nonprofits and docents.

[www.mpacollaborative.org](http://www.mpacollaborative.org)

## Marine Protected Areas in San Mateo County

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For MPA information, visit:  
[www.wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/MPAs)

## Marine Protected Areas in

# SAN MATEO COUNTY



## Help officers protect our fish and wildlife

If you see someone poaching or polluting, call CalTIP, anonymously, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Together we can make a difference! 1-888-334-CalTIP (1-888-334-2258)

Text an anonymous report to CALTIP: 847411 (tip411): Message: Caltip "your report".

## How to explore tidepools



Never remove animals, shells, seaweed, plants, or rocks from tidepools.



Stay at least 300 feet away from all marine mammals – for your safety and theirs.



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



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



Never turn over rocks.

To check local tides, visit [www.tides.net/california](http://www.tides.net/california).

A community guide for recreational and commercial fishermen, beach-goers, kayakers, boaters, and ocean stewards in San Mateo County



This document does not replace the official laws and regulations found in the California Fish and Game Code or the California Code of Regulations Title 14.

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# MARINE PROTECTED AREAS IN SAN MATEO COUNTY

### California Marine Protected Areas

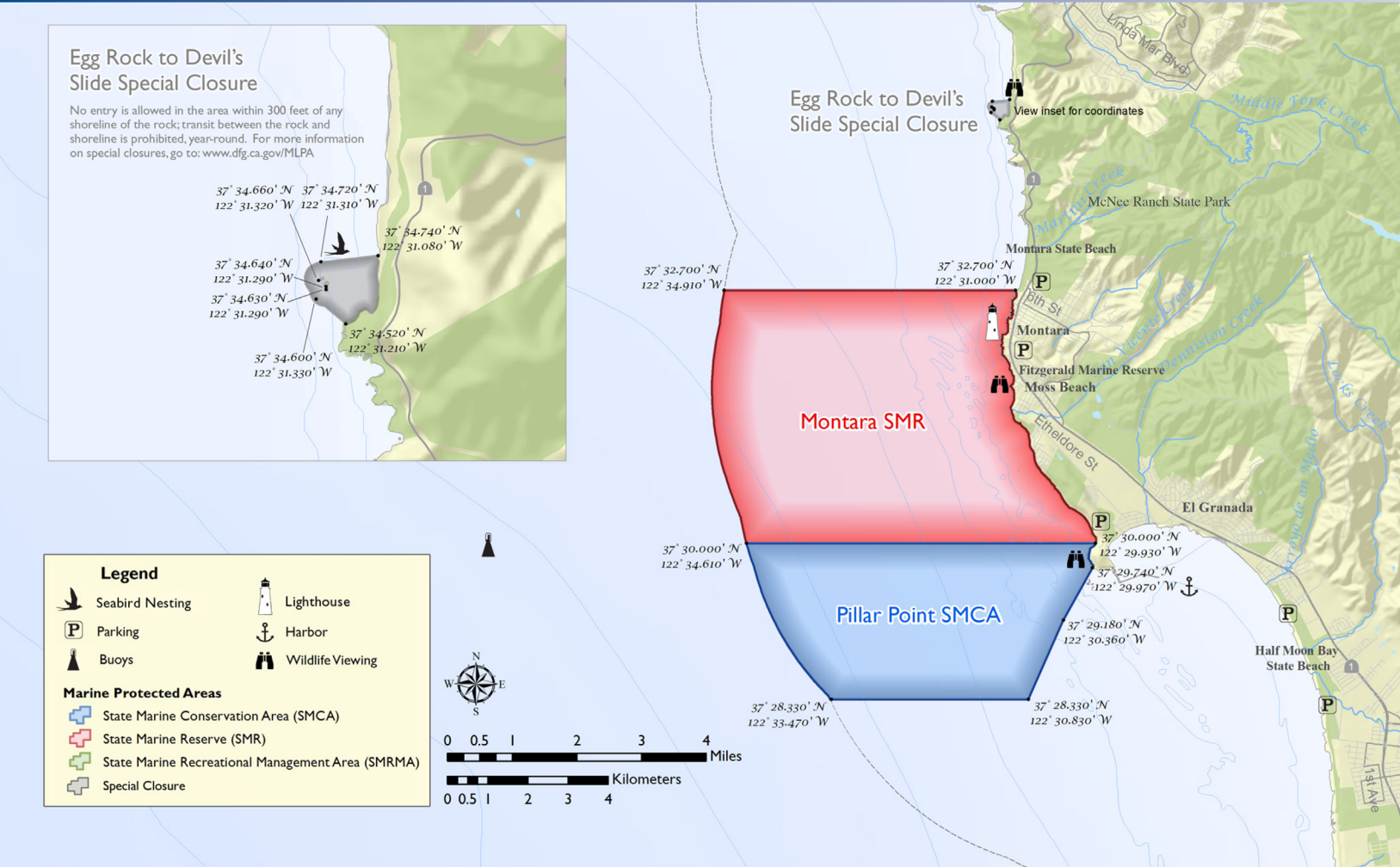
The California statewide MPA network includes different designations that vary in their purpose and level of protection, ranging from limited to no take. The MPA designations include:

- State Marine Reserves:** No injury, damage, take, or possession of living, geologic, or cultural marine resources is allowed.
- State Marine Conservation Areas:** Some recreational and/or commercial take of marine resources may be allowed (restrictions vary).
- Special Closures:** Prohibits access and/or restricts boating activities in waters adjacent to seabird and marine mammal sites.



blue-banded hermit crab (Jerry Kirkhart)

## Montara and Pillar Point Marine Protected Areas



MPA	Allowed uses
Montara SMR	Injury, damage, take, or possession of all living, geological, or cultural marine resources is prohibited.
Pillar Point SMCA	Injury, damage, take, or possession of all living, geological, or cultural marine resources is prohibited, except: Recreational take of pelagic fish by trolling, Dungeness crab by trap, and market squid by hand-held dip net is allowed. Commercial take of pelagic finfish with troll fishing gear or round haul, Dungeness crab by trap, and market squid by round haul net are allowed.
Egg Rock to Devil's Slide Special Closure	No entry is allowed in the area within 300' of any shortline of the rock. Transit between the rock and shoreline is prohibited year-round.

### Regulations

This document does not replace the official regulatory language found in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 632. **A fishing license is required** for any fishing. All existing take regulations are in addition to those listed above. Unless otherwise stated, all non-consumptive recreational activities are allowed.