

3-570 -A Site Summary- Limekiln State Park**3-570 -A****County:** Monterey**Thomas Guide Location****Latitude N****Longitude W****USGS Quad:** Lopez Point

B

36° 14.0'

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NOAA Chart:**Last Page Update:** 6/30/2014**SITE DESCRIPTION:**

Scenic views of the Big Sur Coast, where redwoods meet the rocky, convoluted shoreline. This beach is a small pocket beach encased by a steep rocky cliff to the north and a rocky point to the south. An perennial stream deposits on the beach. Managed under CA State Parks. The site also offers the cultural history of limekilns. Site is within the California Sea Otter Game Refuge. Site is associated with BLM California Coastal National Monument resources. The beach is composed of course-grained sand with a gentle sloping fore-shore. There is abundant marine life attracting scuba divers. Steep, unstable ocean cliffs are north and south of the beach. Limekiln Creek deposits on southern beach front. Campground at this site is the only safe access to the shoreline for several miles either north or south.

SEASONAL AND SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Year round

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

A Redwood riparian plant community flourishes along the creek. Creek supports run of steelhead trout (FT).

Brown pelicans use area to forage and roost. California Condors (SE/FE) occur in and around the site.

Sea lions use offshore Harlan Rock as a haul-out. While not a significant gathering site, Southern Sea Otters (FT) are common throughout Santa Cruz and Monterey counties and may be present near-shore year round.

Steelhead trout (FT) exist in the creek.

Site is located within Black Abalone Critical Habitat. Actual presence of black abalone is unknown.

Kelp beds are common near-shore.

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CULTURAL, HISTORIC, AND ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

At the upper end of the property are the remains of an old, historic lime kiln. Vigorous vegetative growth has taken over the structure. Contact the California Dept of Parks and Recreation - Office of Historic Preservation (Eric Allison: 916-445-7044), and the Northwest Information Center (Bryan Much, Sonoma State College: 707-588-8455) for specific information on historic or cultural resources in this area.

KEY CONTACTS: Trustee (T); Entry/Owner/Access (E); Cultural (C); or Other Assistance (O)

Type	Name	Title	Organization	Phone
		Monterey District	CA Department of Parks & Recreation	(831) 649-2836
T		Northern Communications	CA Department of Parks & Recreation	(916) 358-0333
O		Dispatch	US Forest Service, Los Padres	(805) 961-5727
T	Scott Kathey	Emergency Response Coord.	Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary	(831) 647-4251
E/T	David Ledig		BLM California Coastal National Monument	(831) 630-5006
E/T	James Weigand	Ecologist	BLM	(916) 978-4656

ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Recreational area with 43 campsites and easy beach public access. Other nearby (downcoast) U.S. Forest Service (805-961-5727) sites are: Kirk Creek 2 miles south of Limekiln, Mill Creek 3 miles south, Sand Dollar Beach, and Plaskett Creek Campground 7-8 miles south, Jade Cove 10 miles south and Willow Creek at 12 miles south.

About 9 miles north is Landels-Hill Big Creek Reserve, a recreational and research area (two adjacent reserve areas, Reserve Manager 831-667-2543).

About 5 miles north is Lopez Point, which has an anchorage affording some protection from northwest weather, 1 mile southwest of Lopez Point in 10 fathoms.

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CONCERNS AND ADVICE TO RESPONDERS:

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HAZARDS AND RESTRICTIONS:**SITE STRATEGIES**

Strategy 3-570.1 Objective: Offshore Containment and Recovery Activities to Minimize or Avert Oil From Impacting Shoreline Habitats and Wildlife. Elevation gradient precludes on-water product from entering waterway.

This site is difficult to protect as is most of the outer coast. No on-site protection is feasible.

a) Recommended response strategy is on-water containment and recovery

b) Pursue feasibility of alternative response technologies (e.g. dispersants and in-situ burning) to reduce the volume of oil reaching the site.

Table of Response Resources

strategy number	harbor boom	swamp boom	Other boom type	sorb boom	Anchoring no type and gear	Boom boat	Skiffs punts	Skimmers No Type	Special Equipment or comment No and kinds	staff deploy	Staff tend
3-570.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

LOGISTICS

DIRECTIONS: to site (by land and/or by water, to nearest launch ramp and are access permits required.)

Traveling south on Highway 1, Limekiln State Park is 2 mi. south of Lucia. Access is at the south end of the bridge. A narrow paved road leads down to a semi-flat area which can support approximately 44 campground spaces adjacent to the beach and Limekiln Creek. This site is the only safe access to the shoreline for several miles either north or south from here. Scenic views of the Big Sur Coast, where redwoods meet the rocky, convoluted shoreline. This beach is a small pocket beach encased by a steep rocky cliff to the north and a rocky point to the south. An perennial stream deposits on the beach. Managed under Ca State Parks. The site also offers the cultural history of limekilns. Site is within the California Sea Otter Game Refuge. Site is associated with BLM California Coastal National Monument resources.

LAND ACCESS**WATER LOGISTICS:**

Limitations: depth, obstruction

launch small skiffs from the beach

Launching, Loading, Docking

and Services Available:

FACILITIES, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE FIELD POSTS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:**COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:****ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL COMMENTS:**

