

County: **Santa Barbara**
 USGS Quad: **Pitas Point**

Thomas Guide Location
 1018 H-J x 2-3
 NOAA Chart: **18725(a)**

Latitude N Longitude W
 34.37333 119.4775

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SITE DESCRIPTION:

THIS SITE IS LOCATED IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY DIVISION T. Area SE of Carpinteria State beach to just NW of Rincon Pt. Approx. 1.5 miles of fine to medium-grained sand beach. Wave-cut platforms begin just NW of Rincon Point and extend WNW. Beach is backed by steep bluffs. Rincon Beach Co. park is located at SE end of site.

SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

All year for Pismo clams. Note: Western snowy plovers may be present, possibly nesting Spring - Summer.

RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

A few southern sea otters were observed in 2008.

Pismo clams (Jun-Sep).

CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES

Cultural, Historical, and Archeological sites are known to exist in the area, however, the exact locations of these sites must be ascertained by contacting the Native American Heritage Commission at (916) 373-3710 and State Office of Historical Preservation (916) 445-7000, and/or the Central Coast Archeological Information Center (805) 893-7341.

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

Type	Name / Title	Organization	Phone
T	Federally listed T/E species - Ventura Office	USFWS	(805) 644-1766
C	Lynn Gambell Coordinator	Central Coast Archeological Information Center	(805) 893-7341
T	Kai Lampson Marine Biologist	CDFW - (Nearshore Species)	(805) 965-7216
C	Office of Historic Preservation (SHPO)	California State Parks (Sacramento Office)	(916) 445-7000
E	Santa Barbara County Parks Department	Santa Barbara County	(805) 568-2461
O	SB County Sheriff's Dispatch (24 Hrs)	Santa Barbara County	(805) 683-2724

ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:

REFERENCES: 1. RPI-ESI MAPS SOUTHERN CAL ATLAS

4-695 -B Site Strategy - Rincon Point: Wave Area, North-West

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CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:

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Primary spill threat from marine source. Inshore waters and shorelines contain sensitive habitat for invertebrates, birds, and marine mammals which can be injured or killed by oil. Because there are no practicable onshore response strategies for protecting these resources, it is best to collect and/or disperse oil offshore, before it reaches inshore areas or the shoreline. During pre-cleaning and/or cleanup, responders should minimize disturbance in the dunes and on upper beaches; drive vehicles on wet sand, and follow protective conditions from IC and resource biologists.

HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:

Water Contamination - Unhealthy levels of coliform bacteria have been found intermittently in streams and on beaches in the Santa Barbara County area. Check with the Santa Barbara Ocean Quality Hotline, 805-681-4949, regarding health conditions prior to engaging in any activities which would require direct water contact. Use appropriate PPE, safety procedures, and include reference to potential health problems in any site safety plan.

SITE STRATEGIES

Onshore response strategies for protecting onshore and nearshore resources in this area are extremely limited. Whenever possible, attempt to collect and/or disperse oil in offshore locations before it reaches inshore areas or the shoreline.

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

Going southbound or northbound US 101, exit Bates Rd (towards the ocean) to either of two large parking lots; the north lot is under the jurisdiction of the county of Santa Barbara at Rincon Beach, and the south lot is a part of Carpinteria State park. Both have pedestrian access to the beach. The best heavy equipment access is from the north parking lot. Area SE of Carpinteria State beach to just NW of Rincon Pt.

LAND ACCESS:

Shoreline Access – Beach access point from Rincon Park may require regrading before vehicles can enter or exit beach. Beach access road from may require regarding; contact the SB County Parks for information. Barriers to longshore movement are variable according to tide, ocean conditions, and sand levels. Suitable for foot traffic, 4WD, and heavy equipment.

WATER LOGISTICS:

Limitations: depth, obstruction

Launching, Loading, Docking
and Services Available:

Santa Barbara Harbor is the nearest full service civilian harbor for full service berthing, launching and fueling. Casitas Pier located just south of Carpinteria is operated by Venoco and may be used to load response vessels with permission from Venoco.

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

Due to the probable occurrence of Snowy plovers and/or Least terns at this site, please review the Sandy Beach Site Summary and Strategies (Site 4-000-A) for information on response operations when dealing with these sensitive species.

California Department of Fish and Game must be consulted before the staging of motorized equipment and heavy traffic are permitted.

