

## Channel Islands National Park in California

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Island Cove at the Channel Islands National Park, California, USA

Channel Islands National Park is one of the treasures of [North America](#). The park includes five California Channel Islands - [Santa Rosa](#), [Santa Cruz](#), San Miguel, [Santa Barbara](#) and Anacapa and their wealth of resources. It is interesting to note that two islands in the park namely, Anacapa and Santa Barbara had initially been designated as a national monument and used as a refuge for nesting threatened marine animals. Later on these two islands and the others joined the national park but the mission of refuge continued. Bridging two bio geographical provinces, the region is home to more than 2,000 species of plants and animals. Marine life on the islands ranges from microscopic species to blue whales. Archaeological and cultural resources in the region are older than 13,000 years. The protection of these fragile resources was ensured in 1980, when Congress established a program in order to gather information on the present and as well as to predict the future of the resources. Today, the ecological research program managed in the park may be the best in the system and among the resources that it protects are about a thousand kinds of fish and giant kelp forests.

## Channel Islands National Park Location Map

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### Channel Islands National Park Facts

About 145 of the species found in the Channel Islands are not found anywhere else in the world.

Chumash Indians were residents of the islands until the 19th century and they traveled from one island to another in plank canoes.

The oldest human remains on the continent were discovered on Santa Rosa Island in 1959. Tectonic forces created these islands about five million years ago causing them to rise from the ocean.

Santa Rosa is the only island that is accessible by air and is home to more than 195 species of birds.

### Where Is Channel Islands National Park

The park is located in California about 70 miles from Los Angeles.

The only way to get to the site is by boat. There are a few official concessionaries that provide boat service.

### Best Time To Visit Channel Islands National Park

Although views are extremely clear in the winter, fall is the best time of the year to visit the region. The smooth seas and clear waters also attract many visitors in autumn.

#### **Channel Islands National Park Address**

1901 Spinnaker Drive  
Ventura, CA 93001

#### **Channel Islands National Park Hours**

The park is open all year except for the Santa Barbara and Ventura visitor centers that are closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## Channel Islands National Park Tickets

Only boat and air services charge a fee while entrance to the park is free of cost. Charges are also applicable for camping permission inside the park.

### More On Channel Islands National Park

**Main Attractions :** The SeaCaves, National Marine Sanctuary, East Anacapa Loop Trail

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