SCUBA DIVING INFORMATION

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Point Lobos State Reserve
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DIVING RESERVATION SYSTEM

SCUBA and free diving reservations can be made for Point Lobos State Reserve. Reservations can be made as much as two months in advance or as little as one day in advance.

To make reservations use our web site
pointlobos.org
or E-mail us at: pointlobos@parks.ca.gov
or telephone the voice mail (831) 624-8413

There is a $10 fee per dive team reservation plus the $10 vehicle State Park entry fee. The $10 per vehicle entry fee will be collected at Point Lobos State Reserve. To launch an inflatable or other boat there is a fee of $5 collected upon arrival.

Upon arriving at PLSR, each diver must show proof of diver certification. The only acceptable proof is the diver certification card or certificate from a recognized organization such as NAUI, PADI, YMCA, NASDS, SSI, etc. If your C-card does not have a photograph, you may be asked to show your driver's license or other picture ID.

Point Lobos State Reserve provides a special diving experience. Reservations will allow divers to plan ahead. Fifteen teams of divers are permitted in Point Lobos State Reserve each day. All requirements and regulations for diving at PLSR remain in effect.
MAP OF THE DIVE AREA

- Sand channel. Best access through the kelp from Whalers Cove.
- Numerous small caves accessible in calm seas.
- Diving areas; many pinnacles with abundant marine life; 60-100 feet deep.

Dive area defined by dashed line
DIVING REGULATIONS

1. Diving permits are limited to 15 teams per day. Each permit is for a team of two divers. Diving alone is not permitted. All divers must have a partner.

2. All divers on the team must be present to be registered. A valid diver certification card must be in your possession at the time of registration. If the card does not have a photo on it, you may be asked for other photo identification.

3. All SCUBA divers must have a device capable of maintaining positive buoyancy.

4. Divers and boats may enter or exit the water only at the access ramp at Whalers Cove parking lot.

5. The diving area is limited to Whalers and Bluefish Coves. All other areas of the Reserve are closed to diving. Snorkeling is NOT permitted at China Cove or Gibson Beach.

6. No dive teams or boats will be permitted to register less than two hours prior to the Reserve's posted closing time, which currently is one-half hour after sunset (consult tide tables or other source for sunset time).

7. No fishing equipment or collecting tools are permitted in the Reserve. All animals, plants, and natural features in the Reserve are fully protected.

8. The Federal Marine Mammal Protection Act and State laws prohibit you from disturbing or harassing marine mammals. Be cautious in the areas where there are nesting birds. They frighten easily. Please keep your distance!!

9. Hand launchable boats are permitted. Personal watercraft are NOT permitted in the Marine Sanctuary. Four boats per day are allowed (other than those used by divers). If your boat is on a trailer, the trailer must be parked at the Rat Hill boat parking area (see map). Keep speeds under 5 m.p.h. No Wake! Remember there are areas and beaches that are closed to the public for the protection of the wildlife. Do not come ashore at these locales; including, but not limited to, Headland Cove, Bluefish Cove, and Whalers Cove.