

Cambria State Marine Park and Marine Conservation Area

Size of MPA:

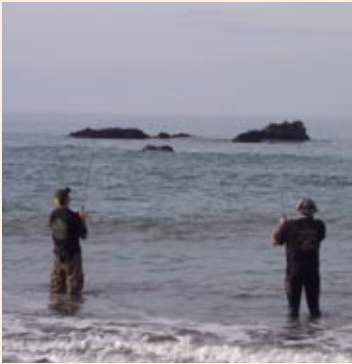
8.58 mi² (combined)

Depth range of MPA(s):

Shore to 105 feet

Key habitats protected:

Steelhead streams, kelp forest, rocky intertidal, sandy and cobble beach, reef and sandy bottom, pinnacles and offshore rocks.



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The coastal village of Cambria attracts year round visitors drawn to its scenic and recreational opportunities and the chance to view sea otters, birds and other ocean wildlife.

- The Cambria State Marine Park will enhance sport-fishing opportunities at a traditional recreational use site used by shore anglers as well as small boaters and kayakers launching from Leffingwell Landing in the village of Cambria.
- The adjacent Cambria State Marine Conservation Area, located immediately offshore of the terrestrial Ken Norris University of California Reserve, allows limited kelp harvesting but protects all other living resources from recreational and commercial harvest.
- The Cambria MPAs provide excellent research opportunities by allowing scientific comparison of fished areas, recreational use only areas, and closed areas. The proximity of the MPAs to the University of California Reserve assists with monitoring and management of these areas.