

Elkhorn Slough Paddling Trip April 11- 14, 2019

Come paddle the beautiful Elkhorn Slough with us! The slough is located north of Monterey, with access in Moss Landing, off Highway 1.

We have campsites 1 and 2 reserved at Sunset State Beach in Watsonville, CA (see map). for Thursday through Sunday night, leaving on Monday morning. Sunset State Beach is about 15-20 minutes from our launch site, depending on traffic. Bob and Sheila will arrive on Thursday evening at the campsite. There is room for another tent to share both sites or you can try to reserve a site on your own. If you are planning to share a site, please contact Sheila at sheila.pisa@gmail.com . As of April 1, there was only one site available for all 4 nights and it is an ADA site. There are some that are staying at a nearby motel.

Park Contact Info:

Sunset SB

201 SUNSET BEACH RD

WATSONVILLE, CA 95076

831-763-7063

The beach is 16 miles south of Santa Cruz via Highway One and San Andreas Road.

Customer Support Information :

<https://www.reservecalifornia.com/californiawebhome>

8 A.M. to 6 P.M. Daily

800-444-7275

We plan to meet on Friday morning at 9 AM the Moss Landing marina parking lot, near the kayak shops (see map). We will paddle toward Kirby Park, which is about 4 miles from the launch site. Depending on people's comfort, we will vary the distance. It is usually easier to paddle in than out, so we will keep that in mind. After the paddle, we will have lunch at the famous Phil's Fish Market. Phil beat Bobby Flay in a cioppino (a spicy seafood stew) challenge. There are all kinds of yummy fish specialties to choose from.



We are keeping plans open for the remainder of the trip. We will meet after the paddle to discuss day-by-day events. Some possibilities:

- Paddle in Monterey Bay
- Visit the aquarium in Monterey
- A paddle in the Moro Cojo Slough

- Visit Santa Cruz
- Hike the trails and see redwoods at Mount Madonna county park

Elkhorn Slough

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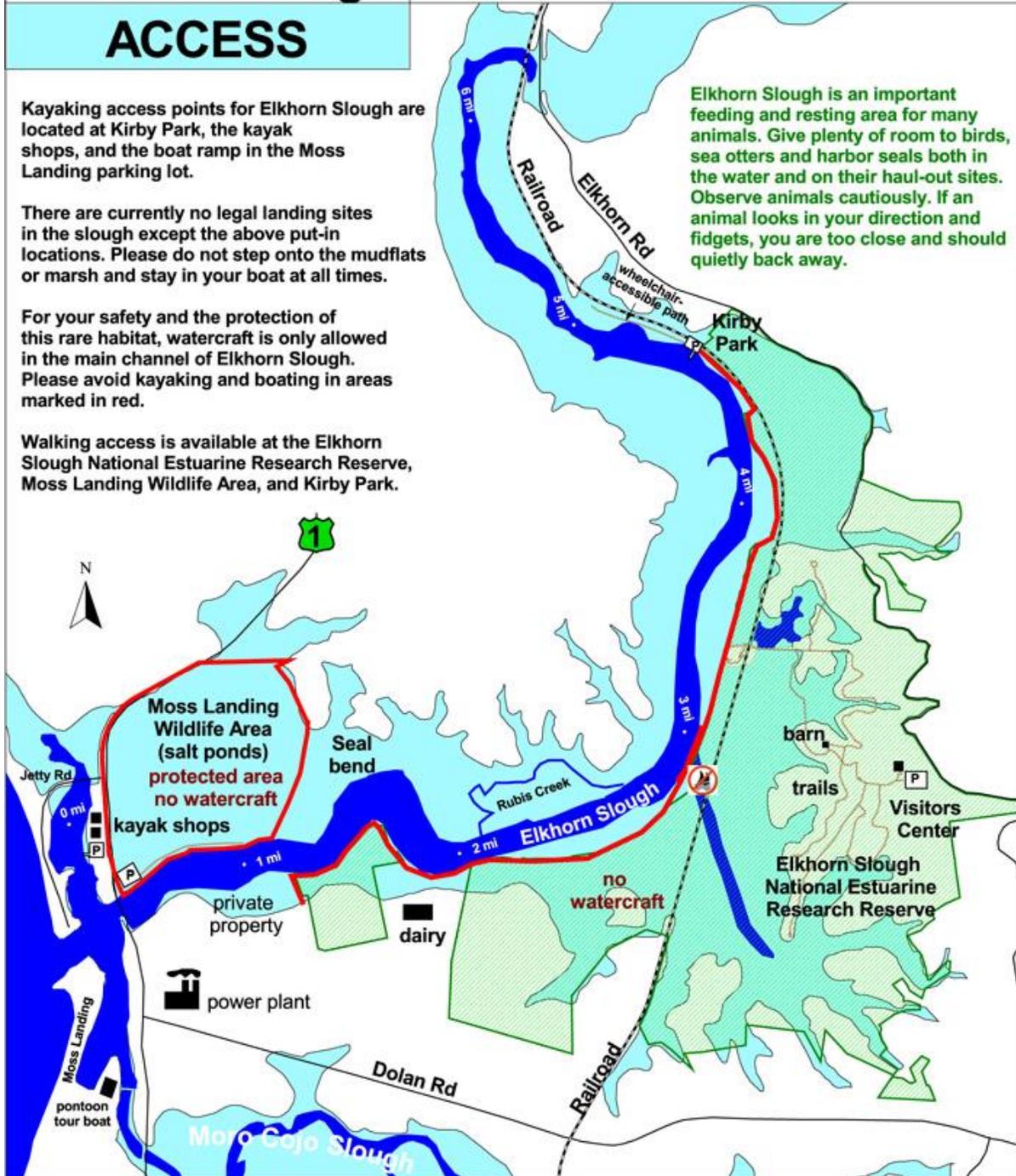
Kayaking access points for Elkhorn Slough are located at Kirby Park, the kayak shops, and the boat ramp in the Moss Landing parking lot.

There are currently no legal landing sites in the slough except the above put-in locations. Please do not step onto the mudflats or marsh and stay in your boat at all times.

For your safety and the protection of this rare habitat, watercraft is only allowed in the main channel of Elkhorn Slough. Please avoid kayaking and boating in areas marked in red.

Walking access is available at the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, Moss Landing Wildlife Area, and Kirby Park.

Elkhorn Slough is an important feeding and resting area for many animals. Give plenty of room to birds, sea otters and harbor seals both in the water and on their haul-out sites. Observe animals cautiously. If an animal looks in your direction and fidgets, you are too close and should quietly back away.

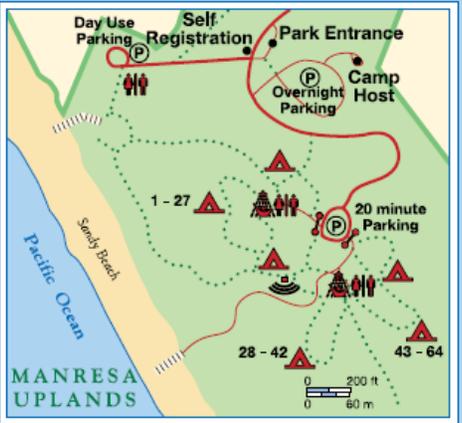


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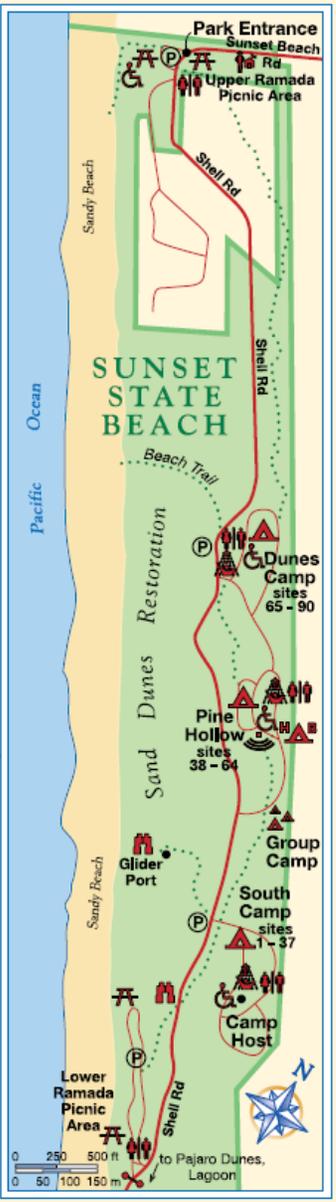
Legend

- No watercraft allowed
- Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve
- Wetlands
- Slough channel
- Railroad
- Submerged hazard

Sunset & Manresa State Beaches



- ### Legend
- Paved road
 - Trail
 - Beach Stairs
 - Beach Area
 - Accessible Feature
 - Campfire Center
 - Campground
 - Hike/Bike Campground
 - Group Campground
 - Locked Gate
 - Marsh
 - Parking
 - Picnic Area
 - Ranger Station
 - Restrooms
 - Pay Showers
 - Viewpoint



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