

THE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY OF AMERICAN SAMOA



The National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa is comprised of six sites, covering

14,376 square miles of nearshore coral reef and offshore open ocean waters across the archipelago. Of these, three sites located on and near Tutuila are relatively accessible; Fagatele Bay and Fagaluva/Fogama'a are along the southwest coast of the island, and Aunu'u is just southeast of Pago Pago Harbor. The other sites are remote and accessible only by boat; Ta'u, 93 miles northeast of Tutuila, occurs primarily along steep, rugged sea cliffs; Swains Island, located 200 miles northwest of Tutuila, and Muliāva (Rose Atoll), located 150 miles east of Tutuila, are large areas of open ocean surrounding tiny land masses with no visitor facilities.



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Visitors are encouraged to visit the sites on Tutuila, hiking, swimming, and exploring the magnificent reefs within the sanctuary. While the other sites are open to the public, they require a reliable vessel and experienced captain for safe access. These sites are important for scientific research and to protect the unique natural and cultural resources within.

