



## Los Angeles Coastal Area Special Resource Study Newsletter





The National Park Service (NPS) is pleased to announce the launch of a special resource study of the Los Angeles coastal area in California. We would like to share information about the study process and seek your input in evaluating the study area as a potential unit of the National Park System.

Public Law 117-328 directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of “the coastline and adjacent areas to the Santa Monica Bay from Will Rogers State Beach to Torrance Beach, including the areas in and around Ballona Creek and the Baldwin Hills and the San Pedro section of the city of Los Angeles, excluding the Port of Los Angeles north of Crescent Avenue.” The National Park Service is preparing this study on behalf of the Secretary. Through a study process, the National Park Service will determine whether any resources in the study area meet the criteria for inclusion in the National Park System. The study findings and any recommendations by the Secretary of the Interior will then be submitted to Congress for its consideration for further action.

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### How to Participate

We encourage you to learn more about the special resource study process and to share your ideas. Here are some ways to do so:

-  Visit the study website: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/LosAngelesCoastal>
-  Share your thoughts and feedback by commenting on the study questions posted to the above website during the open comment period of February 5 through April 6, 2026. The study questions are also listed on the last page of this newsletter.
-  Attend a virtual public meeting on February 11 or March 11, 2026, to learn about the study. (See the website above for meeting information.)
-  Submit comments by mail to:  
National Park Service  
Denver Service Center  
Attn: Los Angeles Coastal SRS  
One Denver Federal Center, Building 50  
Denver, CO 80225



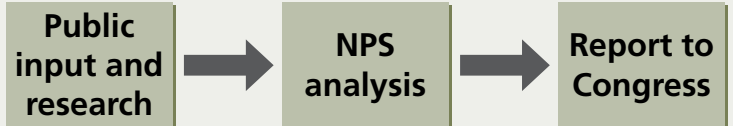
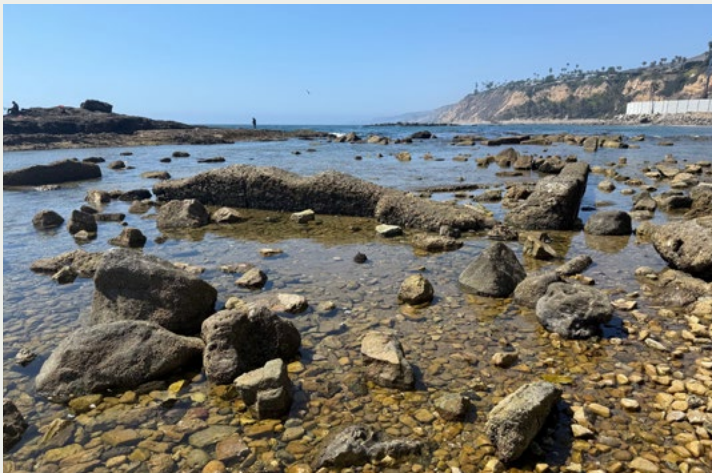
## About the National Park Service

The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The National Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world. The National Park Service is a bureau within the US Department of the Interior and manages more than 400 park units that comprise the National Park System. Administration of park units occurs in many ways, from traditional units that are federally managed to nontraditional units that rely on partnerships and may have little, if any, federal landownership.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is a special resource study?

A special resource study evaluates the eligibility of an area to be designated as a national park or other special designation. The National Park Service collects and evaluates information about the resources in the study area. If the resources meet the criteria for national significance and suitability, the National Park Service evaluates the potential for visitor enjoyment and analyzes the feasibility and appropriateness of different management options compared to existing management. The study findings and any recommendations will then be submitted to Congress for consideration. Regardless of the outcome of the study, new units of the national park system can only be established by an act of Congress or by presidential proclamation.



### How will the Los Angeles coastal area be evaluated?

Title 54 United States Code 100507 and [NPS Management Policies 2006](#) established the process for conducting studies of potential new national park units. Resources in a study area must meet all four of the following criteria to be recommended as an addition to the National Park System.

1. National significance: Contains nationally significant natural and/or cultural resources.
2. Suitability: Represents a natural or cultural resource that is not already adequately represented in the National Park System or is not comparably represented and protected for public enjoyment by another land-managing entity.
3. Feasibility: Must be (1) of sufficient size and appropriate configuration to ensure long-term protection of the resources and visitor enjoyment, and (2) capable of efficient administration by the National Park Service at a reasonable cost. Important feasibility factors include landownership, acquisition costs, maintenance costs, access, threats to the resource, and staff or development requirements.
4. Direct NPS management: Requires direct NPS management that is clearly superior to other management approaches.

### How will this study affect local communities and private property?

If the study's analysis identifies resources that meet all four of the required criteria listed above, for those resources the National Park Service will only analyze potential management scenarios that respect and retain the authorities of the local government and private property owners. The National Park Service seeks to work collaboratively with individuals, landowners, local communities, and agencies and to learn their input, desires, and/or concerns to inform the study's analysis.

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
Preliminary Study Area Under Evaluation

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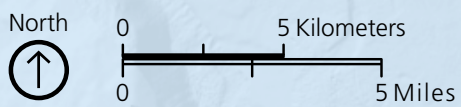


## About the Study Area

As directed by the study legislation (Public Law 117-328), this study area consists of the Los Angeles coastline from Will Rogers State Beach to Torrance Beach and the San Pedro coastline. It also includes the areas in and around Ballona Creek and the Baldwin Hills. Coastline areas are interpreted as the area from the mean high tide line of the sea to approximately 200 yards inland from the mean high tide line. The National Park Service will evaluate these resources to see if they meet the study criteria.

-  Preliminary study area under evaluation\*
-  Ballona Creek

\*Due to map scale limitations, the size and precise location of the study area boundaries are approximate



## Share Your Thoughts and Comments

We are particularly interested to hear your thoughts and ideas about the following questions:

1. What are the nationally significant cultural resources in the study area that should be managed and protected by the National Park Service?
2. What are the nationally significant natural resources in the study area that should be managed and protected by the National Park Service?
3. What role, if any, would you like the National Park Service to serve in the management of resources in the study area?
4. What concerns do you have that the National Park Service should be aware of and/or address in the study process?
5. Do you have other comments you would like to share with us?

You may submit feedback in the following ways:



Online during the open comment period of February 5 through April 6, 2026.

Visit the study website

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and click the “Open for Comment” link to enter your responses to the above questions.



By postal mail to:

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One Denver Federal Center, Building 50

Denver, CO 80225

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Thank you for your interest in this study!

