The Reserve Underwater

Half of the Reserve is all you see unless you’re a diver. Three classes of animal live here. The bottom-dwelling sea floor is home to sessile invertebrates, and the creatures that feed on them. The Reserve's biodiversity is rich in species that are fully protected by state law from any disturbance.

The Reserve Underwater offers a variety of life forms and locations. In spring and summer, primordial jellyfish called the "bloom" are common. Even small jellyfish can cause harm to swimmers. The jellyfish's bright yellow tentacles seem to glow as they hang from the boat's fishnet. You can see them at the surface of the water in winter. This is the only time they are easy to see.

Close to the sea and at the mercy of salt spray and wind, the Reserve Underwater offers a different view. The waves, lavender baths of tender green, and the colors of the reef are beautiful. Here, you can see fish feeding on plankton. Many rocky cliffs, channels, and schools of grouper are visible. The Reserve Underwater is a unique and pristine environment.

In summer, the sun paints the Reserve Underwater's colors of orange and purple. The Reserve Underwater is a popular destination for scuba divers and snorkelers. The sun sets behind the horizon, and the remaining light illuminates the water. The Reserve Underwater is a place of beauty and wonder.
Cypress Grove Trail

This trail offers some of the best views in the park. It is a short trail with a steep climb, but the views are worth it. The trail provides a great opportunity to see some of the unique plant life found in the park. Be sure to bring plenty of water as the trail can be quite challenging.

Cumberland Point Trail

This trail is a great place to bird watch and see some of the unique plant life found in the park. The trail provides a great opportunity to see some of the unique plant life found in the park. Be sure to bring plenty of water as the trail can be quite challenging.

Granite Point Trail

This trail is a great place to bird watch and see some of the unique plant life found in the park. The trail provides a great opportunity to see some of the unique plant life found in the park. Be sure to bring plenty of water as the trail can be quite challenging.

Whalers Cove & Cabin

This is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel River State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel River State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel River State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel River State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel River State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel River State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel River State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel River State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel River State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel River State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel River State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel River State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.

Carmel State Beach

This beach is a great place to swim and relax. The water is cool and refreshing, and the views are stunning. Be sure to bring sunscreen and a swimsuit as the sun can be quite intense.