



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Overview

The La Jolla transects cover two marine protected areas. The area north of the Scripps Pier is the limited-take San Diego-Scripps Coastal State Marine Conservation Area. The area south of the pier is the no-take Matlahuayl State Marine Reserve. Note these sites are incredibly popular and can be very busy on warm days.

Boundary Description

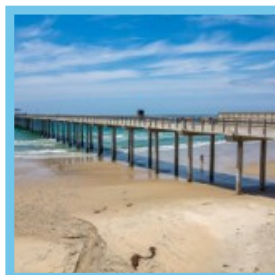
Survey sites cover the beaches from the northern boundary of San Diego-Scripps Coastal SMCA near the southern end of Black's Beach all the way to the southern boundary of the Matlahuayl SMR at La Jolla Cove.

Survey Locations



SCRIPPS 1

Northern boundary of MPA near bottom of Ho Chi Minh/ Saigon Trail to Mushroom House (0.80 miles)



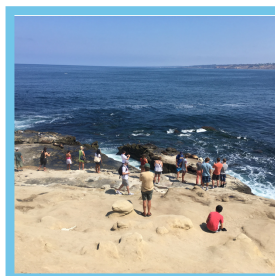
Matlahuayl 1 (MAT 1)

Scripps Pier to Marine Room (1.00 miles)



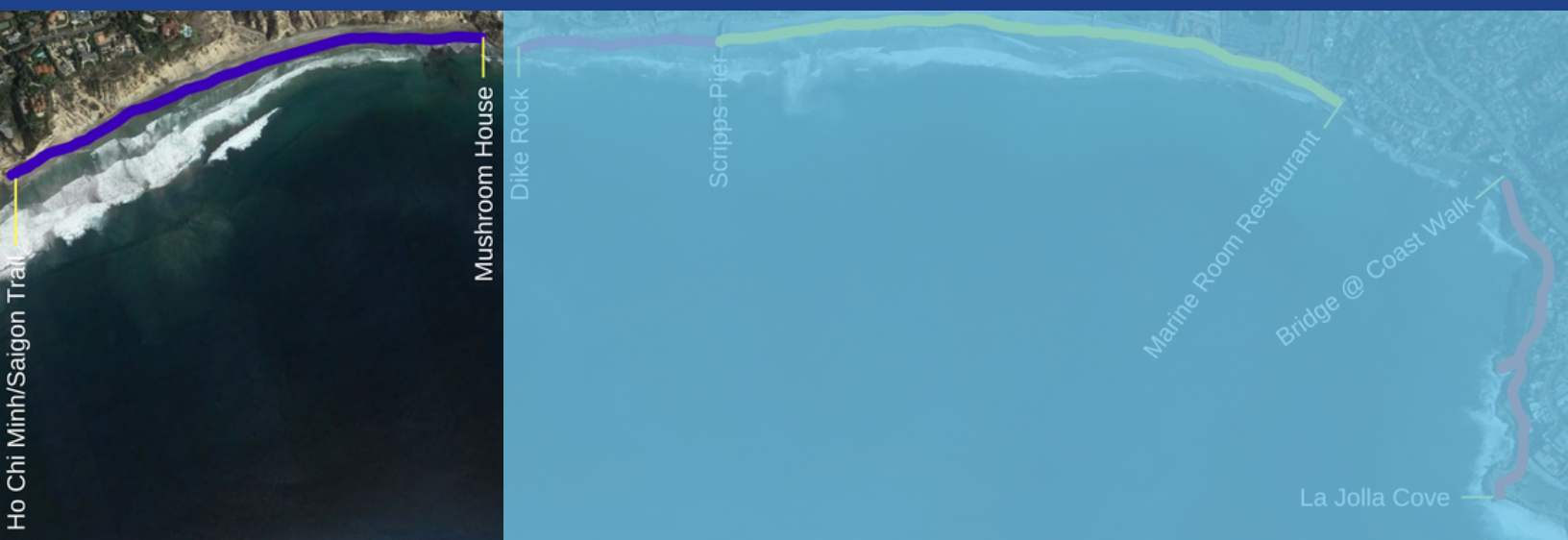
SCRIPPS 2

Dike Rock to Scripps Pier (0.35 miles)



Matlahuayl 2 (MAT 2)

Southern side of Coast Walk Bridge to La Jolla Cove (0.50 miles)



SURVEY NOTES

Advisory

While there are many ways to access this beach, most require steep, narrow climbs down unstable cliffs or quickly passing by rocky outcroppings that will soon be cut off by the tide. If using any other beach access other than that listed here you do so at your own risk! Also note, the beach just north of this transect is "clothing optional" so glance at your own risk.

Parking

This beach is difficult and at times dangerous to access. Please use only the directions listed here.

Park at the Torrey Pines Gliderport and follow the trail to the beach. Walk south along the beach until you reach the bottom of the Ho Chi Minh/Saigon Trail.

Location Markers



Start Point

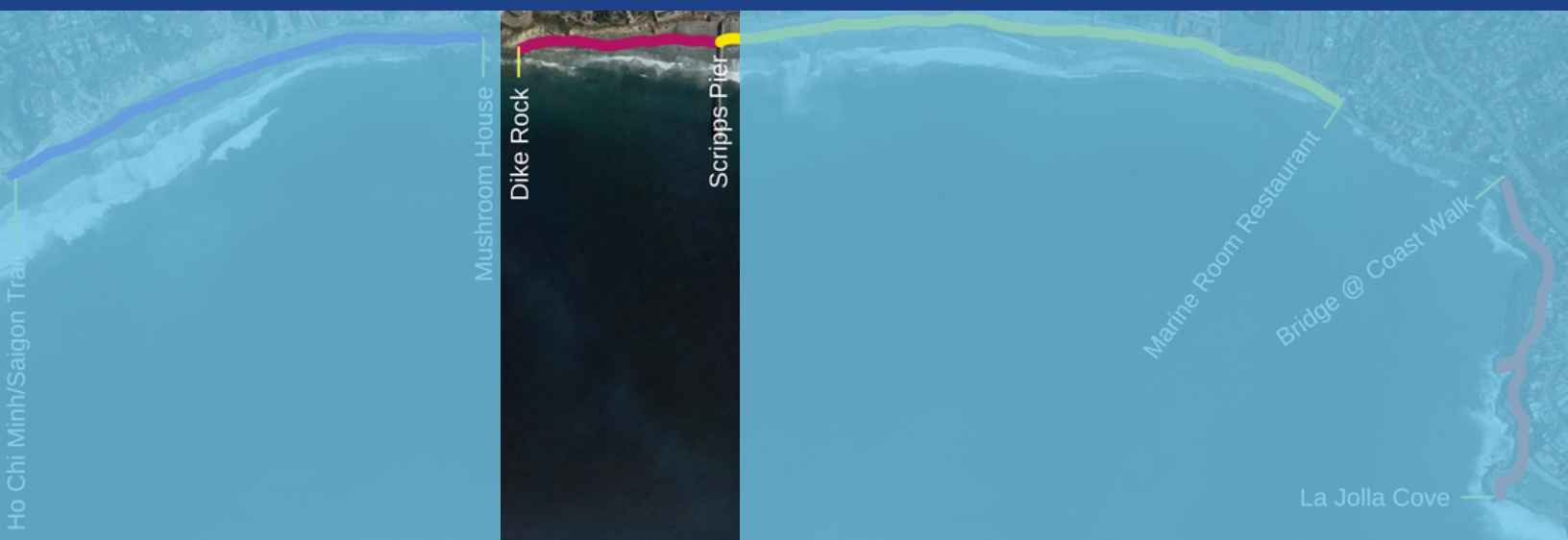
The start point begins on the beach at the bottom of the Ho Chi Minh/Saigon Trail at the southern end of Black's Beach. It sits below the "Razor House" and La Jolla Farms. Orient yourself south, with the cliffs to your left, and walk down the beach counting everyone on the beach or in the water.



End Point

The transect ends at the "Mushroom House," a circular, mushroom-shaped building on the left just before the rocky outcropping separating this beach from Scripps Beach and the pier. Return to your car the way you came.

*During very low tides it is possible to walk around the outcropping to the next transect, but beware of the incoming tide cutting off access back to your car.



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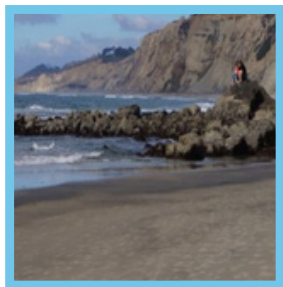
Advisory

Parts of this beach may be inaccessible during high tide. The transect starts on the rocks near the point. Please be careful as the rocks are slippery and sharp when wet.

Parking

Street parking is available in the neighborhoods near the Scripps Institution of Oceanography or just south in the La Jolla Shores public parking lot. Unless you are a student or staff member with a UCSD parking permit do not park on the Scripps campus or they will ticket you.

Location Markers



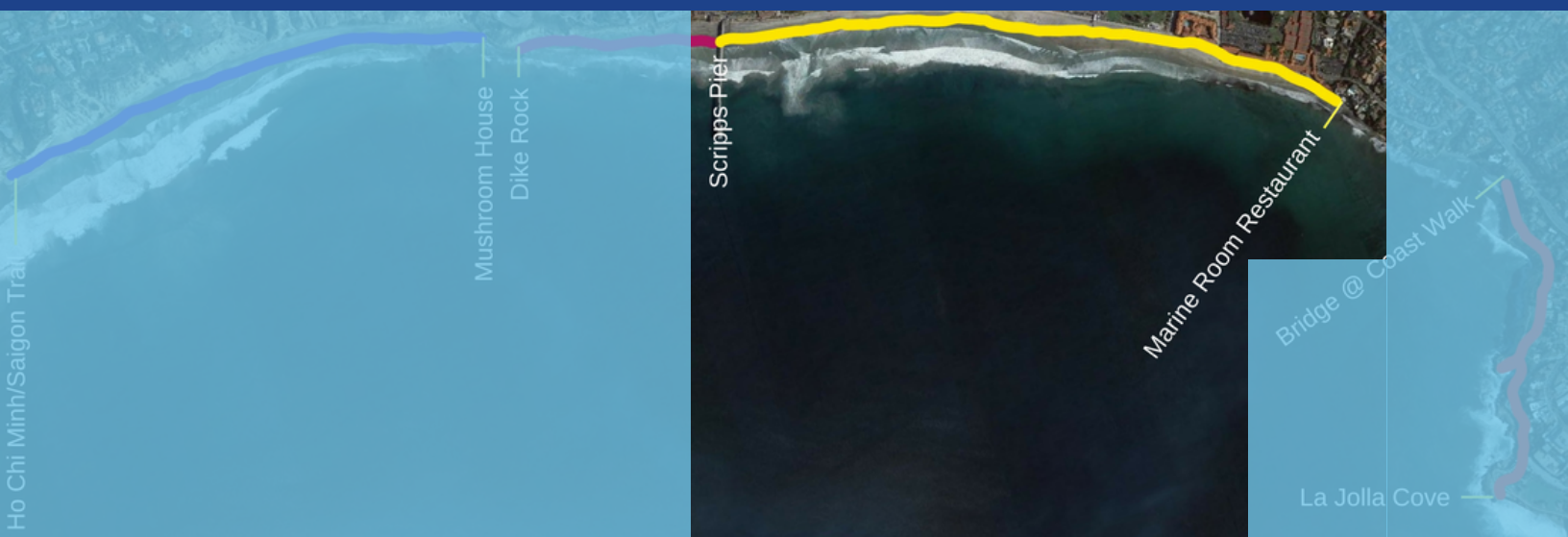
Start Point

From the beach walk north under the Scripps Pier until you reach a long rocky outcropping known as "Dike Rock." During all but the lowest of tides beach access to the north is cut off at this point. During low tide you will often see people tidepooling near the start point. Orient yourself south, toward Scripps Pier, and walk along the beach counting everyone on the rocks, beach, or in the water.



End Point

The end point is at the base of the Scripps Pier. Since the pier is closed to the public you do not need to count activity on the pier.



SURVEY NOTES

Advisory

This transect includes the very popular La Jolla Shores area and often sees crowds in the thousands during warm days. Make sure to sunblock and bring water. Beware of unsuspecting tourists napping or playing games on the beach. It is often useful to split activities (i.e. beach recreation and surfing) between multiple people.

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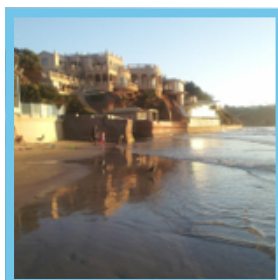
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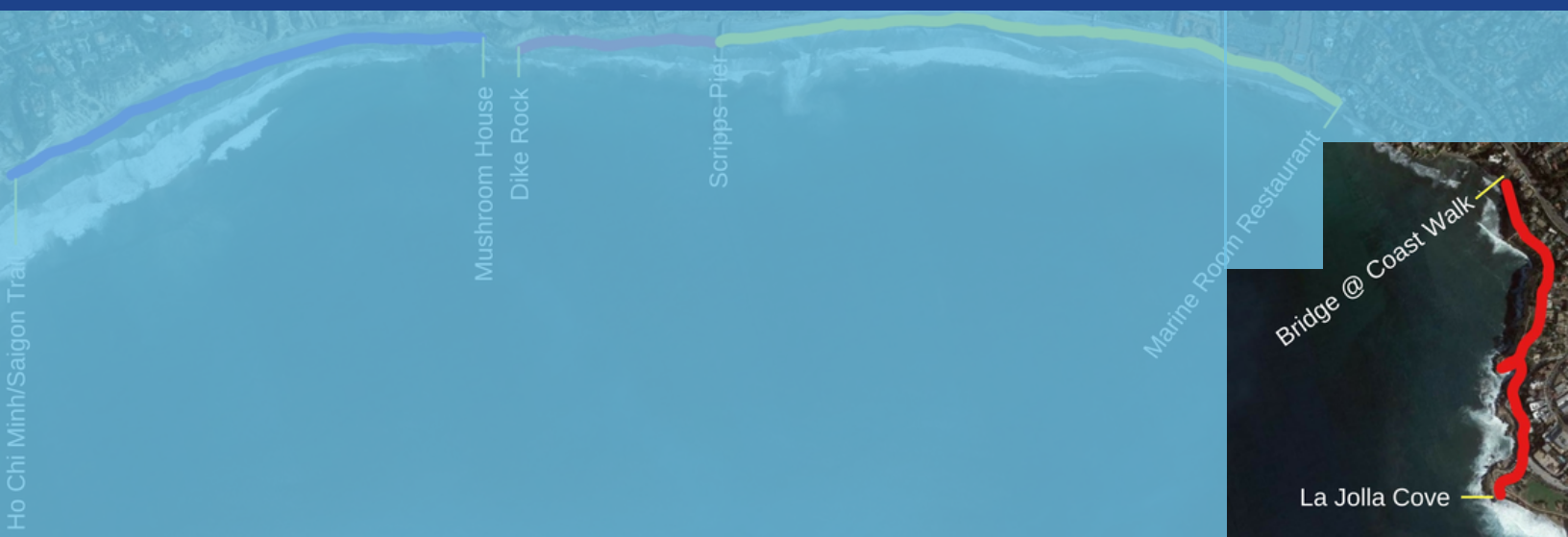
Start Point

Start at the base of the Scripps Pier, orient yourself south, and walk along the beach counting anyone on the beach or in the water. Do not count anyone sitting on the seawall, in the park, or in the parking lot.



End Point

End at the Marine Room restaurant. During all but the lowest of tides the beach past this point is inaccessible.



SURVEY NOTES

Advisory

The bridge at the start of this transect is unstable. Please stay off the bridge. This transect takes place upon a trail overlooking the La Jolla sea caves and Cove. There are many blind spots where you will be unable to see activity below you. This is fine, just count whatever you can see. About half way through the transect you will see a short path out to a wooden observation deck. Walk out the deck (but not past it) and count the people in the water below.

Parking

Street parking is available for free along Prospect Pl. and Coast Blvd., just be mindful of time limits. Paid lots are available on Prospect St.

Location Markers



Start Point

Follow the Coast Walk Trail behind The Cave Store and head north until you reach the bridge (note: bridge is unstable, please stay off). From the southern end of the bridge turn back the way you came and count anyone you see in the water, but not on the trail.



End Point

Follow the trail toward the Cove, taking a detour onto the wooden platform to the right near The Cave Store to count the activity in the water below. Return to the main trail and follow it along the sidewalk to La Jolla Cove. Count everyone on the beach or in the water at the Cove. Continue until you reach the far side of the Cove. Count the people on the large rock to the right.