

# VISITING YOUR SANCTUARIES

## PACIFIC ISLANDS

### Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument

#### Mokupāpapa Discovery Center

**Location:** Hilo, Hawaii

**Best for:** Families, nature lovers, culture seekers

Learn about some of Hawaii's most remote and spectacular coral reefs at the Mokupāpapa Discovery Center in Hilo!



### Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

#### Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale Visitor Center

**Location:** Kihei, Maui, Hawaii

**Best for:** Whale watchers, nature lovers, surfers, paddlers, families

Watch humpback whales breach and learn about Hawaii's diverse marine life and rich culture in a scenic, beachfront setting.



### National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa

#### Tauese P.F. Sunia Ocean Center

**Location:** Pago Pago, American Samoa

**Best for:** Locals, students, travelers, ecotourists

The center provides a window into the culture, history and natural environment of American Samoa.



## EAST COAST

### Monitor National Marine Sanctuary

#### USS Monitor Center

**Location:** Newport News, Virginia

**Best for:** History buffs, ship enthusiasts, families  
Immerse yourself in history and heritage! Located in The Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Virginia, the USS Monitor Center is an extraordinary exhibit that highlights the iconic Civil War ironclad now protected by NOAA's Monitor National Marine Sanctuary.



## SOUTHEAST & GULF OF MEXICO

### Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary

#### Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center

**Location:** Key West, Florida

**Best for:** Families, snorkelers, fishers, divers  
Immerse yourself in the Keys with the living reef exhibit, a tank with living corals and tropical fish, or learn what it's like to live beneath the waves in Aquarius, the world's only underwater ocean laboratory.



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# WEST COAST

## Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

### Sanctuary Exploration Center

**Location:** Santa Cruz, California

**Best for:** Families, beachgoers, surfers

Located just steps from the beach, the Exploration Center is a highlight of any visit to Santa Cruz!



### Coastal Discovery Center

**Location:** San Simeon, California

**Best for:** Families, Big Sur explorers, wildlife watchers

Enjoy the beautiful view of San Simeon Bay while you visit the Coastal Discovery Center!



## Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary

### Gulf of the Farallones Visitor Center

**Location:** San Francisco, California

**Best for:** Families, birders, photographers

Located in a historic Coast Guard station at the mouth of San Francisco Bay, the center offers a stunning view of the Golden Gate Bridge and a wealth of educational resources about wildlife and conservation.



## Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary

### Olympic Coast Discovery Center

**Location:** Port Angeles, Washington

**Best for:** Adventure seekers, kayakers, nature lovers, history buffs

Plan your hikes or kayak trips along the coast, discover local marine life, and learn about the sanctuary's rich history.



## Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

### Channel Islands Boating Center

**Location:** Oxnard, California

**Best for:** Families, students, nature lovers

Visit the Channel Islands Boating Center to enjoy engaging and interactive exhibits that feature the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. See beautiful graphic panels, a spherical display, large touch screen kiosks, an interactive shipwreck game, and more!



# GREAT LAKES

## Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary

### Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center

**Location:** Alpena, Michigan

**Best for:** Families, history buffs, shipwreck seekers, divers

Explore a full-size replica of a Great Lakes schooner and shipwreck inside the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, then head outside to walk along the waterfront Maritime Heritage Trail.



**GATEWAYS TO YOUR NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES!**

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