



Dear SRIRS Visitor,

I look forward to your upcoming trip to Santa Rosa Island. You need to arrive at Island Packers in the Ventura Harbor no later than **7:00 am on your departure day**. You will return to Island Packers in Ventura Harbor at approximately 5:30 pm. Parking is free at the Ventura Harbor for day trips. Park in the “whale” lot (you will see a picture on the light poles in the parking lot). Please view our [‘What to Bring and NOT Bring’](#) list for packing recommendations and [emergency contact information](#). All your coolers and gear must satisfy the following requirements:

- a. Plastic bags and cardboard boxes are NOT permitted.
- b. All coolers and packages must be ≤ 45 lbs. each, gross weight per person limited to 60lbs & 3 parcels.
- c. **Inspect all personal gear (e.g. packs, shoes) and clean off dirt, seeds and insects before departing.**

The boat trip to Santa Rosa Island will take ~2.5 hours. If you are prone to sea sickness, please take the necessary precautions (i.e., hydration, Dramamine, motion sickness bracelets, etc.). A representative from the SRIRS will give you a 15-20 minute orientation upon arrival to the island. The SRIRS is a ~200 meter walk from the pier and will be our first destination.

Prior to your visit, please review the following SRIRS rules and regulations:

1. **Everything is protected.** Do not feed, collect, disturb, or harm park wildlife, plant life, or other natural or cultural resources.
2. **No fishing in marine reserves. Fishing is prohibited on the pier** due to its’ proximity to the marine reserve.
3. **No jumping off the pier.**
4. **No pets.**
5. **No campfires, charcoal fires, or beach fires.**
6. **No Smoking.** No smoking is permitted at or around the research station. Smoking is only permitted on the beach. Please take cigarette butts off island.
7. **Closed Areas.** To protect wildlife, the beaches at Sandy Point are closed year around. From March 1st to September 15th, Skunk Point beaches and sand dunes are closed.
8. **Conserve Energy and Water.** Showers are severely restricted due to severe drought conditions on island.
9. **Alcohol Prohibited at all undergraduate trips.** The consumption and procession of alcohol is prohibited on undergraduate trips to, from, and while on SRI.
10. **Remove all Personal Items.** No item(s) brought to the SRIRS or Channel Islands National Park are allowed to be left behind, including (but not limited to) food, unless prior arrangements have been made with the station staff, clothing, and equipment.

For additional information about the SRIRS and Santa Rosa Island characteristics please visit the [SRIRS website](#).

Sincerely,

The Santa Rosa Island Research Station