

Mid-Santa Cruz Island Destinations - NPS

Prisoner's Harbor offers a variety of activities for hikers, bird watchers, groups of friends and families.

Harbor/Wetland Area – Relax in the shade of a Eucalyptus Grove while enjoying a picnic lunch. Snorkel or kayak in the calm waters of this protected harbor. Sit on the perimeter of the restored wetland to enjoy a variety of wildlife, including the endemic Island Scrub Jay and Santa Cruz Island Fox. Whether seeking an active experience or a relaxing trip, visitors can find many ways to enjoy Prisoners' Harbor.



Del Norte Trailhead – (1.3 miles) – Take a scenic walk up the Navy Road to the campground trailhead, and then hike the trail another 0.25 miles to where a picnic area faces Chinese Harbor and the mainland beyond.

South Side Overlook – (2.5 miles) – For the more adventurous, this moderately strenuous, uphill climb to the top of the Navy Road will repay your efforts with an impressive panoramic view. On a clear day, visitors looking to the south can see San Nicholas Island, Santa Barbara Island, and Catalina Island.

