Anchoring and mooring

Although performance and access to the marine parks are unrestricted, some restrictions apply to the marine parks at Batemans Bay. Any vessel with a length greater than 18 metres must seek written approval from Batemans Marine Park to be able to anchor or moor in the marine park. This includes oversized vessels that may not fit through the gap and are therefore only able to anchor or moor outside the marine park.

Vehicles

Boating is the most common way to access this marine park, and Although performance and access to the marine parks are unrestricted, some restrictions apply to the marine parks at Batemans Bay. Any vessel with a length greater than 18 metres must seek written approval from Batemans Marine Park to be able to anchor or moor in the marine park. This includes oversized vessels that may not fit through the gap and are therefore only able to anchor or moor outside the marine park.

Domestic animals

Some areas of the marine park are designated as “no domestic animal areas.” This means that dogs and cats cannot be taken into the marine park. This includes areas such as the islands and the protected areas within the marine park.

Collecting

Collecting is not permitted in any area of the marine park. This includes fishing, hunting, and any other activity that involves collecting material from the marine environment.

Fishing rules

The Fisheries Management (NMFW) Act 1994 (NSW) requires that fishing must be conducted in accordance with the regulations and guidelines established by the Fisheries Management (NMFW) Authority. Fishing in the marine park is regulated by these regulations, and any violation of these regulations is considered an offense.

Commercial fishing

Commercial fishing is not permitted in any area of the marine park. This includes fishing for commercial or recreational purposes.

Recreational fishing

Recreational fishing is regulated by the Fisheries Management (NMFW) Act 1994 (NSW) and the Regulations made thereunder. Recreational fishing is allowed in the marine park, but there are restrictions on the type of gear and equipment that can be used.

Diving rules in grey nurse shark critical habitats

Diving in grey nurse shark critical habitats is restricted to authorized personnel and is subject to strict regulation. Individuals who wish to dive in these areas must obtain a permit and abide by all regulations and guidelines established by the relevant authorities.

Approaching marine mammals

Approaching marine mammals is restricted to authorized personnel and is subject to strict regulation. Individuals who wish to approach these animals must obtain a permit and abide by all regulations and guidelines established by the relevant authorities.

Further information

For further information, contact the Sea Fishing and Recreational Fishing Officer at the Marine Parks and Wildlife Service, or visit the Marine Parks and Wildlife Service website.