

Kennedy's Landing

Near La Bufadora, Baja, Mexico

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Directions

Cross the border at Tijuana and follow the directions to the toll road to Ensenada. Take the toll road to Ensenada, current toll is \$2.20 or 23 pesos per toll station, American money is taken and change is normally in American funds as well.

From Ensenada, take the Mexican Highway (1) to the south. Follow the signs that direct you to La Bufadora. These will lead you from the main highway to the west and out along the point at the southern end of Ensenada Bay. A sign advertising Dale's Dive shop at La Bufadora is also found at the intersection.



Follow the road to the west and keep a watch for the La Jolla Beach Camp on your right. A short distance past La Jolla Beach Camp on the right is a small road sign indicating a left turn onto a dirt road toward Campo Kennedy.



Follow this dirt road up to the top of the hill. At each intersection if you stay to the right you will remain on a road that leads to Kennedy's. Just over the top of the hill you will come to the junction shown below. Take the road on the left, that leads down into Kennedy's landing. The road with the 2 signposts leads down to Campo Kennedy with no easy access to the water. Unfortunately the picture only shows 1 of the signposts.



Follow the road down into Kennedy's Landing. Someone from the trailer in the middle of property will likely ask you for \$3.00 per vehicle for day use. \$5.00 per vehicle to camp. Drive down the road to the boat launching and park off to the side. On weekends the boat launching ramp gets very minimal use. During the week, Mexican hookah divers unload sea urchins heading to the sushi bars.

Why I like this divesite

1. Very easy entry over a south-facing boat launching ramp – very protected cove.
2. Rocky bottom with lots of interesting vertical relief
3. Major kelp beds, but because of the panga traffic during the week a path is open thru the kelp to the entry/exit point. If you end up outside the kelp bed, you can always find a clear path back to the exit.
4. Interesting Marine Life – Water temps are cooler then in San Diego due to lots of upwelling, marine life seen is more typical of the northern Channel Islands (San Miquel, Santa Cruz, etc) rather than Southern California.
5. Visibility – for some reason the visibility is normally greater then 20-30 feet. So its more like an island dive.
6. Pick your depth – excellent diving is available from depths of 20 feet on down to recreational limits and beyond.
7. Quick weekend destination for camping/diving trips. Dive site is also 30-40 mins from downtown Ensenada where you can find hotels in the \$35-50/night range and some excellent restaurants.
8. Fills if needed are available at Dales at La Bufadora. I normally plan on 2 long dives per day and bring enough tanks.

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