

Hike with PRNSA



The year-round Mediterranean climate of Point Reyes National Seashore allows for a variety of ecosystem types to flourish in our park. From wetlands to grasslands to coastal dunes, our Picnic on the Pacific Plate hikes, tours, and talks will provide you the opportunity to explore a key habitat or culturally significant location in our park with the guidance of seasoned naturalists and park staff. The eight hikes this year are open to all attendees, regardless of sponsorship level. So pick your favorite ecosystem, or the one that you find most intriguing, and discover the wonders of Point Reyes from 2:00 - 4:00 pm on October 9, 2021.



LIGHTHOUSE & ELEPHANT SEAL TOUR

*Longer Hike (1:45 - 4:00 pm)

Discover the history and science of the Seashore's coastal marine ecosystems on a hike down the Lighthouse steps with Brandon Barragan, PRNSA, and Sarah Codde, NPS.

Approximate Mileage: 1.25 miles

Difficulty Level: Moderate (~25 story stair climb)



FASCINATING FISH OF OLEMA CREEK

PRNSA Fisheries Field Crew Lead Brentley McNeill and NPS Fishery Biologist Michael Reichmuth will take you on a journey of the long-term monitoring of salmon populations at Olema Creek, an essential watershed in Marin County for Coho and Steelhead.

Approximate Mileage: 1 mile

Difficulty Level: Easy



DRAKES' WONDROUS WETLANDS

Drakes Beach is home to thousands of bird, mammal, and fish species. On this hike, an NPS staff member and one of our seasoned naturalists will guide you through the diversity and restoration in the area.

Approximate Mileage: 2 miles

Difficulty Level: Easy



ON THE EDGE: Geology at Point Reyes

Explore the wonders of the Pacific Plate from the top of Mount Vision. Travel back in time to learn about the fascinating geologic history of Point Reyes with Geologist John Karachewski.

Approximate Mileage: 1 mile

Difficulty Level: Easy



TOMALES BAY MARINE STATION TOUR

Join Dr. Sarah Allen and Don Norbacher on a tour of the TBMS, a fully marine station on Tomales Bay, and one that has expanded research opportunities in marine and estuarine ecology over the last 20 years.

Approximate Mileage: 1 mile

Difficulty Level: Easy



MEET THE MORGANS

Join Park Rangers Bonnie Phillips and Julie Byerly on a tour of the history and significance of the Morgan Horse Ranch. You will also have the opportunity to meet the herd, including its two newest members.

Approximate Mileage: 0.5 mile

Difficulty Level: Easy



COASTAL DUNES AT ABBOTTS LAGOON

With PRNSA Vegetation Technician Michael Spaeth and PRNSA Education Director Biret Adnan as your guides, take a stroll through the coastal scrub, dune, and wetland habitats surrounding the Abbotts Lagoon.

Approximate Mileage: 3 miles

Difficulty Level: Moderate



FIRE REGENERATION ON SKY TRAIL

*Longer Hike (1:30 - 4:00 pm)

Explore the interplay of fire and forests on a moderate hike through the Woodward Fire Zone with Naturalist Lisa Krieger and Greg Jones, Fire Management Officer NPS.

Approximate Mileage: 4.5 miles

Difficulty Level: Difficult