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A journal for travelers along the Marin and Sonoma coastline
Highway 1: A theory

By Jordan Bowen

Highway 1 snakes along the lip of the continent, winding past the ridges, hills and cliffs thrust upward and out of the ocean over millions of years by two plates touching. In geologic time, what’s visible to our eyes has all happened rather quickly. Within the timeframe of the American imperium, little more than a century and a half in coastal California, the landscape seems permanent, enduring in this exact form until a storm crumbles a part of the cliff bearing Route 1 back into the sea.

The drive from the Point Reyes Peninsula through Marin and Sonoma Counties is marked by gut-wrenching switchbacks and awesome vistas—and by an ongoing effort to hold civilization here together. Houses and shops cling to the roadway in protective clusters, the road itself clinging to a crest of crumbling land shoved rudely up from the sea as if in a gasp.

In “The Edge of the Sea,” Rachel Carson writes, “Once this rocky coast beneath me was a plain of sand; then the sea rose and found a new shore line. And again in some shadowy future the surf will have ground these rocks to sand and will have returned the coast to its earlier state. And so in my mind’s eye these coastal forms merge and blend in a shifting, kaleidoscopic pattern in which there is no finality, no ultimate and fixed reality—earth becoming fluid as the sea itself.”

Since the historic deluges of California’s wettest winter, a year or so after the state’s driest winter, Highway 1’s steep embankments have been belted together in places by new reinforcements of like design: vertical wooden posts strapped down by a metal band like an architectural metaphor for a wine barrel in some new wave tasting room. For someone who cannot bear to look over a cliff face without vertigo, the workers who for weeks braved these deadly embankments far from the nearest town deserve some kind of plaque or medal.

Along the roadway, steel cables provide some hope of keeping the family car or delivery truck from tumbling
over—but you cannot cable the whole thing, and every week in the news, it seems, another vehicle makes the trip. For a public works project, these structures are touching in their unified aesthetic, as thoughtful interventions that manage not to mar the natural form.

But, well, is it all for naught? It is indubitably awesome—one of the rare good uses of that adjective, awe-some—to drive the treacherous road. The vast views are suddenly occluded by sheer, crumbling stone faces or bedraggled cypress windbreaks, only to emerge again above the fog line to a science fiction vista: a white ocean of fog with no depth, or an infinite, pacific horizon, without a single marker of distance.

What right do we have to it, to romp along this remote folly? Put aside for a moment the notions of sacred and profane, of violating “nature.” (We are nature, the highways are nature, as much as the ant and the anthill are nature.) By what right, from the perspective of civilization, legally, morally, are we here? Order, money, power, force. The Romans built roads to move their troops, but also to reinforce to their subjects who owns the network, who delivers the goods. As far as you can go on a highway, Caltrans, or C.H.P., or some deus ex machina like AAA, will protect and pave and shelter you, or call in a chopper if you topple over.

We have a right to be here because we killed for it and paid for it, or someone did, with blood and taxes, in construction and cartography, with interest on the national debt. The discomfort when a fallen tree closes a highway, or the road collapses from the embankment, or the wind takes out the power for a few days, is also an uncanny, stupid feeling of injustice—some force of entropy, beyond our control, has offended our right to enjoy this province, has trampled on our imperial right to leisure. How dare something come along to make it temporarily suck?

All of us raised in the ghostly republic of ashes are taught our manifest destiny: Kerouac has much in common with the owner of a lifted Hummer. We should be able to drive anywhere, on anything, and failing that, drag hundreds of dollars’ worth of survival equipment into the backcountry and pretend we’re homeless for a bit. For those of us in rental cars, with hotel confirmations in our inbox, we happily live-stream our stories to Mom and ex-boyfriends on our phones, until, to our shock, the LTE vanishes and we are left alone with the cold glass of the passenger seat window superimposing the reflection of our face over the passing landscape.

At least we have some modern comforts to look forward to once we get out of the car, no matter how far we go. White sheets, pour-over coffee, hopefully a decent bar! We’re nauseous, but here we are.

Wilderness: a post-colonial mental trap, now part of the bureaucratic lexicon, with legal implications. Designed to erase indigenous history, prevent developers from turning the beach into another Monterey Cannery theme park, and give righteous cause to the baby boomers whose houses appreciate in value at its fringes. Keep it empty, keep it wild, keep it untamed and unmanaged, so long as it’s our backyard, so long as we can drive through it and over it, snapping selfies and gearing up for a light walk on a marked trail: the virtuous recreation. Sporting Patagucci windbreakers, H.D.R. cameras and social media sponsorships, our #vanlife lifestyle is truly an American religion—a worship not of land and nature, but of our entitlement to every last mile of this conquered continent. Hold my beer.
Sparrows

By Jim Pellegrin

After William Carlos Williams

Sparrows!
How lusty,
how full of life they are—
bickering, gossiping,
fighting with the neighbors
over food or love,
or a blade of straw
stolen, brazenly,
from the nest next door.
“Cheep, cheep, cheep!”
What a din they make!
“That’s not singing,”
my little granddaughter says,
“That’s yelling!”
Tiny spitfires,
they seem to enjoy
even danger,
disappearing, instantly,
into the bushes
when the hawk is near,
muttering obscenities
about him
in the safe darkness,
then back up
to the feeder
the moment
his back is turned,
old bugger.

Bird watchers
call house sparrows
“trash birds,”
and resent	heir chasing off
bluebirds or other
“native species”
that are somehow
more respectable,
more worthy of our
admiration.
To hear them talk
you would think
that sparrows
were covered with tattoos
under their scruffy feathers,
that they smoked cigarettes
and cursed, loudly,
and refused to eat kale
and joined sparrow gangs
in sparrow trailer parks.
Why, sparrows have even been seen
littering!
It’s true sparrows are

immigrants,
having been brought
from England to
New York City
from where,
in no time at all,
you spread across
the entire continent,
filling the land
from coast to coast
and from top to bottom,
now seen (and heard!)
by all citizens
in all seasons
and circumstances,
going about
their sparrow business
in every window,
every tree and every sky
in America.
It’s also true
that their nests
are a jumbled mess
often containing
gum wrappers
or other bits of rubbish
jammed, higgledy-piggledy,
into a gutter or a corner,
or, why not, a bluebird box.
But what good parents
they are! And how they
reproduce—two, three broods
every spring, sparrows everywhere!
(Once, looking at a tree
full of hundreds of
chattering sparrows,
I heard a man say,
“Do those little cheepers
think of anything
besides sex?”
“Of course not,”
they seemed to yell back,
“Do you?”)
Common, adaptable,
familiar to all,
at home in a barn,
a skyscraper,
or a homeless encampment,
trashy, vulgar, and carelessly happy,
I give you the house sparrow,
Passer domesticus,
the national bird of
the United States of
America.
Finding West Marin

By Russell Chatham

Growing up I was fortunate enough to have spent summers between a cabin on the Russian River and our family ranch in the Carmel Valley. As luck would have it, both were excellent locales for a lonely, timid boy to develop an obsession with fishing. While the Russian was giant, muscled, deep and mysterious, our ranch featured a small creek flowing off the west slope of Mount Toro. A mere rivulet in the summer when we were there, it nevertheless held one of the most profound treasures of the West Coast: young steelhead, which hid under cut banks or the great, blooming watercress.

My father fished for these seven to ten-inch fish, oblivious to the fact that when the ranch was closed up for winter, rain turned the creek into a torrent, allowing 30-inch adults to thrash their way up out of the Carmel River and into Chupinas Canyon to spawn. Calling the year-old smolts speckled brook trout because they were speckled and lived in a brook was science for him. I was too young to know or care, and I sat hidden behind him as he lifted the wildly wiggling fish onto the bank. I'll say this for him: he never was greedy. He quit at four because that's what he could eat. For my part, I didn't care about eating them. I couldn't have put it into words of course, but I was falling in love with the aqueous world that captivates some of us and scarcely exists for others.

Our family moved from San Francisco to Marin County in 1949. It was to a relatively new housing development in San Anselmo cutely named Sleepy Hollow, the streets called Legend Road, Ichabod Court and so forth. It was still rural and we could shoot guns in the backyard without anyone complaining or thinking a thing of it.

A creek also ran through it. When I was 12 or 13 it occurred to me that if there were fish at the ranch, why not here? So I fashioned a simple willow pole, dug some worms and headed out. We lived at the end of a short private road about 200 yards long, and in the uncomplicated manner of youth, I started at the foot of it where it joined...
Butterfield Road. At the first drop of the bait the fish grabbed it, and the thrill of that moment was indescribable. I let that first fish back into the creek while talking to myself practically in tongues. Behind me I heard gurgling and turned to see two girls who were in my class at Wade Thomas grammar school.

“What are you doing kneeling down on the ground like that?” the first asked.

“I’m fishing. Go away, you’re going to scare them.”

“No,” they said in unison. “We want to kiss you.”

Before I could make a break for it they were on me. While one was about my size, the other had a 25 or 30-pound advantage, so before I knew it I was pinned. Unable to escape, I scrunched my eyes closed while they kissed me mercilessly for about half a minute, then jumped up and ran squealing away.

My friend Kelly lived a three or four-minute walk from our house, through an enormous blackberry patch. Kelly had the fishing fever too. In fact, the only fight I’ve ever been in was with him, and it wasn’t much of a fight: just wrestling around in the dirt until we were both crying and gave up. He had taken two baby steelhead home because his mother wanted to fry them up, but we had agreed we’d never kill the fish because we knew, from reading, what they were. We think we caught and released every fish in that creek. Over the years of course we also illegally caught many large adults, but we carefully let them go. So anyway, I lost my temper, grabbed him down and we went.

Kelly and I fished a lot together—nearly every day, in fact—and not just where we lived, but at places where we could ride our bikes to, like San Anselmo Creek and all the water district lakes. As I got to be 14 and then 15, I dreamed of the day I’d have a car and a drivers license and be able to go up the coast anytime I felt like it, to the Russian, the Gualala, maybe even up to the Eel. But at the time that day seemed to be cons away.

About the time we moved to Marin, and for a few years thereafter, up until the 1950’s, no one considered it unusual to see a Model A Ford on the road. Freeways, at least in California, had yet to be dreamed of. Highway 101 crossed Richardson Bay over a wooden bridge, there was a stop light at Mill Valle right alongside a lovely farm, and at Greenbrae that wooden structure, only a few feet off the water, was equipped with a drawbridge.

Kelly’s and my friend Lance bought a 1932 Model A Ford for $50 when we were still at Drake High School. A few kids in their junior and senior years had cars, but the great majority did not. Unlike today, most residents in towns like Larkspur, Fairfax and San Anselmo were middle class or lower. Lance had been raised in Inverness and had recently moved with his family to Sleepy Hollow. He was, I think, a little more precocious than Kelly and I, and maybe a bit older as well. He wasn’t a fisherman—not that he didn’t like it, because he did—but he was not obsessed like we were.

One day he said, matter-of-factly: “The salmon are running in Tomales Bay and my dad has put our boat in he was not obsessed like we were. But he was not obsessed like we were.

I’ll skip the part where we were jabbering and foaming at the mouth and just say we replied, “Yes.”

Shortly after dawn on Saturday morning Lance picked us up at Kelly’s house. We drew straws to see who sat in the cab and who rode outside behind the rumble seat. It was fall and the air had a definite chill about it, so we agreed to change places every so often.

Few people today have first-hand experience with the Model A. It was popular with hot-rodders, but it was still too new to be considered an antique. My aunt and uncle drove theirs as a second car until 1951, but such folks were fast becoming dinosaurs. Suffice to say, it made old-fashioned car noises such as might be heard in a cartoon. It sputtered and coughed, its most comfortable cruising speed about 35 miles per hour. The gas tank was at eye level in front of the primitive dashboard, the gas flowing to the motor courtesy of the law of gravity.

Fairfax ended abruptly right at the west end of town, immediately delivering us to farmland. White Hill—the “hill,” as everyone called it—loomed ahead and Lance had to shift down to 15 miles per hour to get over it. Then suddenly we were in the San Geronimo Valley, bucolic, unpeopled and far from the madding crowd. Before the new highway or the gleam in anyone’s eye about a golf course, the road immediately snaked into groves of redwood, passing close by the hamlet of Woodacre.

Then there was the brief respite of open space from there to Lagunitas, where once again we entered a dark corridor beneath the redwoods. It seemed to take forever to get through Camp Taylor, but when we did we were out in the open again at Toccaloma, where we had to slow way down to negotiate the sharp turn onto the bridge. Rising before us was the Olema Hill, and since we were starting from practically a standstill, it was low gear and 10 miles an hour all the way to the top.

Finally we were nearly there, just one more lazy curve to the right where the road leveled off and started down. It was a breathtaking moment as we caught sight of the heavily forested Inverness Ridge, smoke from the lumber mill rising straight up into the windless morning air. In the distance, off to the north, lay a glimpse of our desert town that day. Rising before us was the Olema Hill, and since we were starting from practically a standstill, it was low gear and 10 miles an hour all the way to the top.

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The downward side of Olema Hill was taken in low gear, a hedge against the fact that in many an old car the brake pedal was known to slam fecklessly to the floor -with no warning or slowing effect whatsoever. Having dodged that bullet, we putted the rest of the way to Inverness on a level road.

The Golden Hinde was not then a place to stay and was entirely without amenities. It was a simple, protected marina where the office—if you could call it that—was perched out by the launching ramp. It was a funky, largely drafty, dilapidated affair decorated with a 1940’s girlie calendar, faded ads for outboard motors and several dozen black and white photographs of fishermen holding their catches—mostly silver salmon, but with a mix of striped bass, halibut and sturgeon. It was presided over by a man named Louis Longly. I never really got to know him during the years to come, but he was always there, a ubiquitous old salt.

The two shores were vast millennia apart, one side drift ing south, the other north. A couple of hours later we still had only Kelly’s grilse in the boat and were ready to call it a day. A sea lion stuck its head up off our stern and Lance said that was good because it meant there were salmon around. I wondered to myself how these salmon could feel confident enough to bite our lures if they had to keep a constant eye over their shoulder.

But my musing was interrupted when my rod went down hard, and out there at the end of the line an enormous bright silver fish cleared the water and seemed to jump as high as our heads. We all three let out cries as it jumped again, and, as in slow motion, the Bear Valley spinner came flying away and the salmon fell back into the bay with a tremendous flourish. My heart was pounding, not so much from the disappointing loss as from the sheer exhilaration at having been connected—if only for mere seconds—to a creature I held in mythological authority. The sight of that fish twisting in the air just above my eye level was engraved in my memory then as it is now and forever will be. In large measure it shaped the rest of my life.
Russian House #1

Russian House #1, or the “Center for Postnonclassical Science”—in Russian, as in German, you can freely smash words together like so many atoms in a particle collider—is a lunch buffet, a gaming house and a community center. It was founded in a former (equally improbable) Indian restaurant, on a perch overlooking the mouth of the Russian River, by a transpersonal psychologist and Russian émigré. A long dining table with an ornate tablecloth holds several casserole dishes and crock pots that change daily. “Help yourself, pay what you want” reads a sign at the entrance. On one afternoon, there was a surprisingly good mix of Russian and California home cooking: buckwheat kasha, kale salad with an unidentifiable sprout, chicken stroganoff, beef stew with potatoes and cooked red cabbage, as well as a plate of cookies cut in the shapes of fish, shrimp and crabs. A samovar was kept hot with tea. In a sun-lit room with a view of the river valley are sofas and daybeds, a piano in a corner, a chess table and matryoshka dolls. The room is also filled with curious puzzles, including a very large clear globe called a perplexus that houses an Escher-like tilt maze for a little wooden ball. Handmade fliers for workshops, music and discussion groups are pinned to a bulletin board.

“Did you know that it is International Woman’s Day?” the restaurant’s founder, Tatiana Ginzburg, said to a local man dining alone in a trucker’s hat.

“How is Russia on equality?” he asked.

“Pretty good,” Ginzburg replied, wiping her hands on a linen napkin. “Because in Soviet times it was always about equality. Not for gay people, but for women.”

Other women chopped vegetables and spoke Russian in the rear kitchen. Leftover Hindu gods still adorned the back porch, suitable company for the varieties of eclectic mysticism elsewhere on display. No bill is brought to your table. Make an offer, and Russian House #1 will accept.

Russian House #1 is located at 9960 Highway 1, in Jenner. (707) 865.9456 russian-house1.com
The Marshall Store

An untroubled shore culture is evident in most places on a body of water: long afternoons and ramshackle bars that serve beer, crabs and chowder, or some variation thereof. After lunch, folks drop their jet skis into the harbor, shove their boats into the bay, or haul a cooler to a gravel beach, nowhere else to be. Even when it’s not all pretty, we can filter out the ugly stuff: the highway, the grease barrels left by a dumpster, the power plant looming across the water. We might be sitting in a ruined landscape, but with a bit of water, even a ruin can be paradise.

Throughout the country, these spots have a provisional feeling—it’s a marvel they survive changing tastes, tropical storms or coastal gentrification. But you can always find them off the coasts of Oregon and Maine, on Rockaway Island in New York, in the Florida wetlands and the Louisiana bayous—and you can find it on Tomales Bay, at the Marshall Store.

The small, wooden structure on the shoulder of Highway 1 feels almost like an extension of the nearby boat works, with its coils of rope and port-a-johns lined up near the parking lot. The landscape here is not quite ruined. Across the bay is the Point Reyes Peninsula, where the wooded Inverness Ridge tapers off into bare ranch lands. The oyster shack sits at a small concavity in the shore, across the highway from an embankment of bay trees, bishop pine and invasive pampas grass waving its pompous feathers. A surfboard leans against an outdoor ice machine, like at a budget motel in Hawaii, and impertinent gulls are never far away, eyeing your unguarded plate.

Off the enclosed outer bar is an outside deck and long tables overlooking the water. Wine is by the bottle only, seating is first come, first served. Oysters are from Tomales Bay Oyster Company, the oldest continuously operating oyster farm in California: get them raw, Rockefeller, or barbecued. There’s an old lunch-counter vibe here on your average weekday, with as many local workers as tourists tackling hefty sandwiches. The store’s clam chowder, a staple that too many serve too thick or too thin, is one of the best in the county, if you ask us.

As for weather, try your luck—the cold mist saturates your clothes, but just as you’re about to leave, the sun unveils a last-minute tease, then covers the scene with languid heat. A gust of bay wind scatters your napkins; your cue to get a move on, but you’ll find it hard to leave.

The Marshall Store is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. everyday but Tuesday at 19225 Highway 1. (415) 663.1339 themarshallstore.com
Dinucci’s Italian Restaurant

Like a grandmother who insists you eat everything she can find in her fridge when you visit, there is no saying no to a non-stop train of food at Dinucci’s. A loaf of white bread, a vinegary bean salad, various antipasti, an enormous bowl of minestrone with a ladle, to share, iceberg salad with shredded carrots and canned beets, and a dish of beef raviolis drenched in bolognese sauce—and that’s all before the entree, which in our case was also beef raviolis in bolognese. Choose otherwise from a sturdy selection of deep-fried seafood, time-honored chicken and veal dishes like marsala, cacciatore and parmesan, and, on Fridays, prime rib from 4 p.m. “until it’s over.” You can just see your grandmother, wrapping a rib in a napkin to take home in her purse.

Dinucci’s Italian Dinners is a frozen-in-time temple to Valley Ford’s unadorned history as a ranching community. Painted in 50 shades of brown, the circa-1901 building is entered through a dim bar where ranch hands drink at the stools. The carved wooden backbar is more than 350 years old, shipped in pieces from England and re-assembled when the building was constructed as a hotel over a century ago. The dining room, or “family room,” perhaps for keeping wives separate from the bar in rougher times, is filled with bric-a-brac, including an area devoted entirely to clocks and an old sign for Crown Royal that insists you keep the bag. Every decade of the owners’ whims is on display; glass cases line the ceiling with porcelain figurines, trophies and novelty liquor bottles, and a flea market’s worth of paintings of children, horses, a matador and bull hang on the walls. An original poster announces carriage races in Valley Ford in 1908, followed by a grand ball with supper and “Professor Clark’s full orchestra.” A touching collage that for some reason hasn’t been updated since 2002 displays Polaroids depicting patrons having birthdays, and a torn poster of Marilyn Monroe hangs in the men’s restroom, in case you forgot you’re straight. Each table has a name; Jack’s Table, David and Susan, etc., like the names on church pews, and a gruff, tattooed man pushes a utility cart around the dining room, dropping off plates and picking them up again. Just like a visit with grandma, come hungry and stay awhile.

Dinucci’s Italian Restaurant is open from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays, as well as for lunch starting at 11:30 a.m. on weekends, at 14485 Valley Ford Road, (707) 876.3260 dinuccisrestaurant.com
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Fort Ross State Park

During the previous Cold War, an academic-industrial complex of Russian émigrés and university Slavic departments helped to promote and burnish a nostalgic ideal of pre-revolutionary Tsarist Russia: land of Pushkin and nobility, sprawling epic novels and family huddled around the samovar. Their conservative platitudes resonated among the anti-communist right as much as their ingenious and exotic adaptations of Western forms in literature, film and theater stimulated leftist creatives like the Beats.

In light of our renewed national and partisan angst about the Russian Bear, it might be timely to visit Fort Ross Historic State Park, one of the last vestiges of the 150-year Russian colonization of the northern Pacific coast and supposedly the site of California’s first shipyard and windmill.

Russian America began roughly in 1732, when Peter the Great sent the explorer Vitus Bering, for whom the strait is named, in search of fur in Alaska. Fort Ross, painstakingly reconstructed by State Parks and volunteers, was built by the Russian-American joint-stock company at the Kashaya Pomo village of Metini. It was active for around 30 years before the Russians sold it off.

Today, Orthodox priests still hold ceremonies in the rebuilt church, the interior of which resembles a Tarkovsky film. After its near-closure in 2009, the Russian ambassador petitioned for its rescue, and the park was ultimately saved by a partnership with a Russian industrial conglomerate. Guided tours of the commander’s house—the only extant original structure—are offered on the first weekend of each month.

Fort Ross State Historic Park is located at 19005 Highway 1, in Jenner. (707) 847.3286. parks.ca.gov/fortross/
Eats

Muir Beach

The Mountain Home Inn, on the slopes of Mount Tamalpais, serves breakfast, lunch, bar and dinner menus. Benefit pancake breakfasts on occasion. (415) 381.9000 mtnhomeinn.com 810 Panoramic Highway, Mill Valley, CA 94941

The Pelican Inn captures the spirit of England’s sixteenth century west country, serving a hearty menu of English fare, drought beers, fine ales and stouts, with live music on Fridays and Sundays, a Sunday pub roast carvery and afternoon teas. (415) 383.6000 pelicaninn.com 10 Highway One, Muir Beach, CA 94965

Stinson Beach

The Stinson Beach Market offers breads and baked goods, meats, produce, a delicatessen, beer, a fine wine selection and spirits. Open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week. (415) 868.0844. stinsonbeachmarket.net 3805 Highway One, Stinson Beach 94970

The Sand Dollar is a historic restaurant in downtown Stinson Beach, serving a lunch and dinner menu with live music on weekends. (415) 868.0434 www.stinsonbeachrestaurant.com 3458 Highway One, Stinson Beach, CA 94970

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The Siren Café on Stinson Beach serves a deli-counter lunch menu of specialty salads, burgers and sandwiches. Open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and weekends until 8 p.m. (415) 868.1777 Stinson Beach Park, Highway One, Stinson Beach, CA 94970

Parkside Café serves a breakfast, lunch and dinner menu featuring seafood and salads. Open 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. (415) 868.1272 parksidecafe.com 43 Arenal Avenue, Stinson Beach, CA, 94970

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Coast Café serves breakfast, lunch and dinner with a patio barbecue and live music on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Open Tuesdays through Fridays 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., weekends 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. (415) 868.2298 bolinascafe.com 46 Wharf Road, Bolinas, CA 94924

Eleven Wine Bar & Bistro also features vacation rooms in a chic, renovated 1890s farmhouse nestled in downtown Bolinas. Also open for private events and investment. For information and reservations, email beccabolinas@gmail.com. (646) 879.7390 11 Wharf Road, Bolinas, CA 94924

Don’s Liquor is a liquor and convenience store with a beer and wine selection, as well as snacks and grocery staples. Open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. (415) 868.0551 18

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The Olema Farm House Restaurant is a full bar and restaurant serving continental fare and seafood at the Point Reyes Seashore Lodge. Open 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and until 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. (415) 663.1264 pointreyesseashore.com/dine 10021 Highway One, Olema, CA 94950

The Olema Farm House Deli is a full-service liquor and convenience store with a deli counter, a beer and wine selection and espresso drinks. Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, (415) 663.8615 pointreyesseashore.com/deli_grocery 10021 Highway One, Olema, CA 94950

SAN GERONIMO VALLEY

The Woodacre Country Market and Deli serves fresh salads, pastas, specialty sandwiches and wine. Open weekdays 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and weekends 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (415) 488.9064 175 San Geronimo Valley Drive, Woodacre, CA 94973

The Two Bird Café serves breakfast and lunch weekdays 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and weekends 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and dinner Wednesdays through Sundays 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. (415) 488.0105 twobirdcafe.com 625 San Geronimo Valley Drive, San Geronimo, CA 94963

Pump, a boutique espresso bar, serves drinks, pastries and more inside a mercantile of vintage and Marin-made goods. Open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays, and from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. (415) 578.2813 6700 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Forest Knolls, CA 94933

Papercmill Creek Saloon offers a full selection of beer on tap, a bar menu and live music. (415) 488.9235 1 Castro Street, Forest Knolls, CA 94933

Arti serves organic Indian cuisine. Open Tuesdays through Thursdays noon to 9 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays noon to 10 p.m. (415) 488.4700 articafee.com 7282 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Lagunitas, CA 94938

Lagunitas Grocery is a full grocery and convenience store with a deli counter serving salads, pastas and specialty sandwiches. Open daily 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (415) 488.4844 7290 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Lagunitas, CA 94938

INVERNESS & INVERNESS

The Inverness Park Market and Tap Room offer gourmet grocery items, a deli counter, Shorly’s Produce Stand, burgers and sandwiches made to order, house-cured meats and fresh seafood in the market; and a wine bar and daily changing menu with a mix of small plates and entrées in the restaurant. Dinner service Thursdays through Sundays; market open daily 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (415) 663.1491 perryinvernessparkgrocery.com 12301 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Inverness, CA 94937

Vladimir’s Czech Restaurant has a full bar and traditional Czech fare, with live music on occasion. Open for lunch from noon to 3 p.m. and dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. Closed Mondays. (415) 669.1244 saltwateroysterdepot.com 12781 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Inverness, CA 94937

Inverness Store is a general grocery store with a wine and liquor selection, deli counter with seating, and seasonal barbecue oysters. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. (415) 669.1041 12784 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Inverness, CA 94937

OCEMAS
Valley Ford
Rockers Oysterfells Kitchen & Saloon serves dinner Wednesdays through Sundays 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday lunch at 11:30 a.m. and Sunday brunch at 10 a.m. with live music schedules. (707) 876.1988 rockersoysterfellers. com 14423 Highway One, Valley Ford, CA 94922
Diners Restaurant serves casual family-style Italian dinners and a full bar. Open 4 to 9 p.m. Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays, open on weekends for lunch at 11:30 a.m. (707) 876.3260 14485 Valley Ford Road, Valley Ford, CA 94972

Bodega & Bodega Bay
The Casino Bar and Grill serves gourmet and organic breakfast, lunch and dinner. Open from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. (707) 876.3185 17000 Bodega Highway, Bodega, CA 94922
Bodega Country Store offers a large Sonoma wine and local cheese selection, as well as a deli counter with sandwiches, salads and homemade soups. Open daily 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (707) 377.4056 17190 bodegastore.com Bodega Highways, Bodega, CA 94922
Bodega Brew sells coffee and espresso drinks, as well as breakfast sandwiches, burritos and baked goods. Open weekdays 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and weekends 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (707) 876.1810 www.bodegabrew.com 17155 Bodega Highway, Bodega, CA 94922
The Dog House serves Chicago-style hotdogs and hamburgers, French fries and beer. Take-out available. Open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. (707) 875.2441 137 Highway One, Bodega Bay, CA 94923
Lucas Wharf serves fresh seafood in a waterside dining room with a full drink menu and bar. Open Monday through Thursdays 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. (707) 875.3522 595 Highway One, Bodega Bay, CA 94923
Island Style Deli and Oyster Bar serves fresh seafood deli fare prepared with traditional Hawaiian recipes. Open daily 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (707) 875.8881 595 Highway One, Bodega Bay, CA 94922
Terrapin Creek Cafe offers a lunch and dinner menu of fresh seafood and international cuisine. Open Thursdays through Mondays 4:30 to 9 p.m. (707) 875.2700 15800 Eastshore Road, Bodega Bay, CA 94923
Trisha del Mar is a Mexican-inspired seafood restaurant serving lunch and dinner on the bay. Open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., closed Tuesdays. (707) 875.9190 brisadelmarmaridgetabay.com 2001 Hwy One, Bodega Bay, CA 94923
Dickman’s Bay Store is a general grocery and deli counter with a selection of fresh salads and sandwiches made to order. Open Mondays through Thursdays 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Friday through Sunday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (707) 875.3517 dickmanskaystore.com 1275 Highway One, Bodega Bay, CA 94923
The Sandpiper Restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner and features fresh seafood in a quaint dining room off the bay. Open Sundays through Thursdays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (707) 875.2278 sandpiperrestaurant.com 1400 Highway One, Bodega Bay, CA 94923
Bodega Bay Plaza Grocery is a general grocery and deli counter with fresh salads and sandwiches made to order. Open daily 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (707) 875.2522 1400 Highway One, Bodega Bay, CA 94923
The Bluewater Bistro serves breakfast on weekends, Sunday brunch, lunch seven days a week and dinner Thursdays through Sundays in an oceanfront dining room, bar and fireside lounge, at the Bodega Harbour. (707) 875.3513 bodegaharbeybourgharbour.com 21301 Heron Drive, Bodega Bay, CA 94923
The Tides Wharf Restaurant and Bar is open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. (707) 875.2751 innatthewhides.com 800 Highway One, Bodega Bay, CA 94923

Stay

Muir Beach
The Cottage at Muir Beach is a seaside home 20 minutes from the Golden Gate Bridge in Golden Gate National Recreation Area. (415) 272.2842. www.thecottageatmuirbeach.com 130 Sunset Way, Muir Beach, CA 94965
The Pelican Inn is a classic English-style inn with seven rooms decorated in the style of countryside mansions of sixteenth-century Britain. Full restaurant and pub below, with afternoon teatime, a Sunday roast carvery and live music. (707) 383.6000 www.pelicaninn.com 10 Pacific Highway, Muir Beach, CA 94965
The Mountain Home Inn is a twelfth century-style mountain cabin on the slopes of Mount Tamalpais. (415) 381.9000 www.mtnhomeinn.com 810 Panoramic Highway, Mill Valley, CA 94941
Stinson Beach
Sandpiper Inn is a seaside hotel with individual rooms and cabins set in a private garden, across the street from Stinson Beach Park. (415) 868.1632 sandpiperstinsonbeach.com 1 Marine Way, Stinson Beach, CA 94970
Stinson Beach Motel is a vintage motel blocks from the beach, with newly remodeled rooms situated in a garden courtyard. (415) 686.1712 stinsonbeachmotel.com 3416 Highway One, Stinson Beach, CA 94970
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Seadrift Realty, a 44-year-old vacation rental and home sales service, offers luxury rentals in Seadrift, Stinson Beach and beyond. (415) 868.1791 seadrift.com 2 Dipsea Road, Stinson Beach, CA 94970

Bolinas
The Beach House Bolinas is a two-bedroom knotty pine home on an acre of pristine land 10 minutes from downtown. (415) 454.3371 ext 2
The Blue Heron is a homey two-room Bed & Breakfast in downtown Bolinas. (415) 868.1102 11 Wharf Road, Bolinas, CA 94924
The Grand Hotel has two upstairs rooms with shared bath and kitchen in a Victorian home in downtown Bolinas with an antique shop below. (415) 868.1757 15 Brighton Avenue, Bolinas, CA 94924
Smiley’s Schooner Saloon and Hotel is a classic saloon-style inn established in 1851 with hotel rooms and a western-style bar with live music. (415) 868.1311 smileysaloon.com 41 Wharf Road, Bolinas, CA 94924
Eleven Wine Bar & Bistro also features vacation rooms in a chic, renovated 1890s farmhouse nestled in downtown Bolinas. Also open for private events and investment. For information and reservations, email beccabolinas@gmail.com. (460) 879.7391 11 Wharf Road, Bolinas, CA 94924
Woodville Ranch offers elegant loft lodging on a 10-acre working horse ranch near Golden Gate National Recreation Area. (415) 868.1618 woodville ranch.com 5755 Highway One Dogtown, CA 94924

Olema
Olema Druids Hall offers private luxury lodging in a country estate setting overlooking Olema and bordering Point Reyes National Seashore. (415) 663.8727 www.olemadruids.hall.com PO. Box 96 Olema, CA 94950
Point Reyes Seashore Lodge is a luxury lodge-style hotel with a restaurant, library, game room and lobby at the edge of the Point Reyes National Seashore. (800) 404.5634 www.pointreyesseashore.com 10021 Highway One, Olema, CA 94950
The Bear Valley Inn is a traditional Bed & Breakfast just outside Point Reyes National Seashore with unique rooms in a historic Victorian home. (415) 663.1777 www. bearvinn.com 80 Bear Valley Road, Olema, CA 94950
Inn at Roundstone Farm is the heart of Point Reyes National Seashore offering lodging near Olema and fresh breakfasts. (415) 663.1020 www.roundstonefarm.com 9940 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Olema, CA 94950
Point Reyes Seashore Lodge is a luxury lodge-style hotel with a restaurant, library, game room and lobby at the edge of the Point Reyes National Seashore. (800) 404.5634 www.pointreyesseashore.com 10021 Highway One, Olema, CA 94950
Olema Cottages is a one-acre lodging farmstead near hiking, cycling, kayaking, whale watching, beaching, birding and gallery browsing. (415) 663.1288 www.olemacottages.com 9970 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Olema, CA 94950
Olema RV Resort & Campground offers remodeled bathrooms, a playground, Internet, nearby laundry services and access to 65,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness in the Point Reyes National Seashore. Office open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. (415) 663.8001 olemaranch. com 10155 Highway One,
**Inverness Park & Inverness**

Abalone Inn offers three unique bedrooms in a restored Victorian with a parlor, fireplace, library and art, and free Internet. (415) 663.9149 abaloneinn.com 12355 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Inverness, CA 94956

Motel Inverness is a historic hotel and lodge nestled on the edge of Tomales Bay with suites, individual rooms and a vacation house adjacent to the property. (415) 236.1967 motelinverness.com 12718 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Inverness, CA 94937

Manka’s Inverness Lodge offers luxurious and rustic cabins and rooms featuring great beds, fireplaces, deep reading chairs, indulgent baths, and windows with a view of the water or woods. The kitchen offers foods raised, foraged and fished within minutes of your table. (415) 669.1034 mankas.com 30 Callendar Way, Inverness, CA 94937

Rosemary Cottages at Point Reyes National Seashore offers the amenities of a Bed & Breakfast with the independence of a vacation rental. (415) 663.9338 sevengreyfoxes.com 145 Mesa Road, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Marsh Cottage accommodates a single small party in a private, fully-equipped cottage situated on the salt and freshwater marsh of Tomales Bay. (415) 669.7168 marshcottage.com P.O. Box 1121 Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Ten Inverness Way is a 1904 craftsman Bed & Breakfast with a garden, distinctive rooms, a library, evening wine and snacks and fresh baked cookies just steps from Tomales Bay. (415) 669.1648 teninvernessway.com 10 Ten Inverness Way, Inverness, CA 94937

Terri’s Homestay is a hideaway off the beaten path, on the Inverness Ridge. (415) 663.1289 terrishomestay.com 83 Sunnyside Road, Inverness, CA 94937

Sea Star Cottage sits on Tomales Bay in Inverness, with panoramic views of the west shore and a newly remodeled, sumptuous interior. (415) 710.5844 seastarcottage.com Just past the Inverness Yacht Club in Inverness, CA 94937

Dancing Coyote Beach offers secluded two-story cottages with fireplaces and kitchens on a private beach on Tomales Bay. (415) 669.7200 dancingcoyotetbeach.com 12794 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Inverness, CA 94937

Point Reyes Station

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Point Reyes Vacation Rentals offers a variety of homes, large and small, for family gatherings, company retreats and romantic getaways, all well appointed and clean, with care and attention to detail. pointreyesvacationrentals.com (415) 663.6113

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Lingonberry Farm is a Swedish-style bed and breakfast with views of Tomales Bay one mile north of Point Reyes Station. (415) 663.1826 lingonberryfarm.com 12430 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Ferrando’s Hideaway offers spacious one-bedroom cottages with private hot tubs and woodstoves, surrounded by organic vegetable and flower gardens, within walking distance of Point Reyes Station. (415) 663.1966 ferrando.com 31 Cypress Road, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

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Point Reyes Vineyard Inn is a Mediterranean-style bed and breakfast with views of the Inverness Ridge and West Marin’s rolling hills. (415) 663.1552 ptreyesvinyard.com 12700 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

**Marshall**

Nick’s Cove Restaurant & Cottages is a waterfront destination featuring 12 luxuriously rustic and romantic cottages overlooking Tomales Bay. Full restaurant and bar is open for lunch and dinner daily, plus weekend brunch. (415) 663.1033 nickscove.com 23240 Highway One, Marshall, CA 94940

Ann’s View Cottage offers elegant accommodations overlooking Tomales Bay—the perfect retreat for romance and relaxation. annsview.com

Bayglow Cottage offers each day of the year a new reflection from the sun, the moon and the tides of Tomales Bay. bayglow.com

Inn on Tomales Bay offers a romantic weekend or week’s vacation at the finest bed and breakfast on Tomales Bay. (415) 663.9002

Lolo’s Cottage is the perfect waterfront gem situated above the bay, an ideal coastal getaway spot for couples and families. loloscottage.com

Ravensview is perched above the eastern shore of Tomales Bay, a light-filled cottage offering comfort and privacy. ravensviewcottage.com

West Marin Network provides the ultimate lodging services for cottages, waterfront homes and luxury properties on Tomales Bay. westmarinnetwork.com

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Sea Mist is an escape to a charming, secluded getaway on magestic Tomales Bay. vrbo.com/79820

The Mermaid's House is beautifully located on the waterfront of pristine Tomales Bay, an ideal spot to relax and unwind. themermaidshouse.com

**Tomales & Dillon Beach**

The Continental Inn has nine rooms in a quaint building in Tomales. (707) 878.2936 thecontinentalinn.com 26985 Highway One, Tomales, CA 94971

Dillon Beach Property Management specializes in vacation rentals. Open weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (707) 878.2204 www.dillonbeach.com 3985 Tomales-Petaluma Road, Tomales, CA 94971

Dillon Beach Resort offers rooms and cabins, a café, store, surf shop and beach. (707) 878.2505 or (707) 935.4310 dillonbeachresort.com 1 Beach Avenue, Dillon Beach, CA 94929

Lawson's Landing is a resort and campground situated at the mouth of Tomales Bay, with camping, fishing, clamming, boat launch and rentals and an outboard shop. (707) 878.2443 lawsonslanding.com 137 Marine View Drive, Dillon Beach, CA 94929

**Valley Ford**

Valley Ford Hotel has six charming guest rooms with private baths, located in a garden setting with old growth Cypress trees. (707) 876.1983 vfordhotel.com 14415 Highway One, Valley Ford, CA 94972

**Bodega Bay & Jenner**

Bodega Coast Inn has 44 rooms overlooking the water. Pet-friendly rooms available. (707) 875.2217 bodegacoastinn.com 521 Highway One, Bodega, CA 94923

Inn at the Tides offers upscale dining at the Tides Wharf restaurant and rooms overlooking the water. (707) 875.2751 innatthetides.com 800 Highway One, Bodega Bay, CA 94923

Sonoma Coast Villa offers elegant accommodations, organic wine country cuisine, a lavish courtyard spa and horseback riding. (707) 876.9818 www.scvilla.com 16702 Highway One, Jenner, CA 95450

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**Visits**

**Stinson Beach**

Stinson Beach Surf and Kayak Rentals offers any equipment necessary for an outing in the surf or at sea. (415) 868.2739 3605 Highway One, Stinson Beach, CA 94970

Live Water Surf Shop provides rentals and sales of all surf and beach gear. Open Mondays through Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (415) 868.0333 livewatersurfshop.com 3448 Highway One, Stinson Beach, CA 94970

Stinson Beach Health Club is a fitness center in the heart of Stinson Beach offering two workout rooms with cardiac equipment and Olympic weights with a garden for meditation. (415) 868.8801 3605 Highway One, Stinson Beach, CA 94970

The Stinson Beach Library is open Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays from 1 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (415) 868.0252 521 Highway One, Stinson Beach, CA 94970

Wellspoint for Healing is a holistic healing clinic specializing in chiropractic medicine, acupuncture and massage. (415) 868.1370 wellspointforhealing.com 3425 Highway One, Stinson Beach, CA 94970

Bolinas

The Bolinas Library is a full-service public library with books, reference materials, research materials, magazines and public computers. Open Mondays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays 1 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (415) 868.0030 2 Wharf Road, Bolinas, CA 94924

The Bolinas Museum hosts exhibits of various art mediums and local history in five different galleries, and offers cultural events. Open Fridays 1 to 5 p.m. and weekends noon to 5 p.m. (415) 868.0030 bolinasmuseum.org 48 Wharf Road, Bolinas, CA 94924

2 Mile Surf rents essential surf equipment and offers private and group surfing lessons and a summer surf camp. Open daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (415) 868.0264 2milesurf.com 22 Brighton Ave, Bolinas, CA 94924

Calvary Presbyterian Church has a Sunday worship service at 11:15 a.m. (415) 868.2180 3 Brighton Avenue, Bolinas, CA 94924

St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church has a 10 a.m. Sunday service. (415) 868.1852 32 Brighton Avenue, Bolinas, CA 94924

St. Mary Magdalene Church has a Sunday worship service at 11:30 a.m. (415) 868.1171 14 Wharf Road, Bolinas, CA 94924

St. Cecilia’s Catholic Church has a Saturday mass at 9:30 a.m. (415) 868.1370 stcecilia-lagunitas.org 450 West Cintaure Avenue, Lagunitas, CA 94938

**Point Reyes Station**

West Marin Fitness is a full-service gym with weight lifting and cardiovascular equipment, a shower and personal training. Open daily 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (415) 663.1762 65 Third Street, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

West Marin Chamber of Commerce offers a Marin County visitor’s recreational guide. (415) 663.9232 pointreyes.org PO. Box 1035 Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Point Reyes Outdoors offers classes and tours in kayak, bicycle and foot in the Point Reyes area. Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (415) 663.8192 pointreyesoutdoors.com 11401 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Blue Waters Kayaking offers guided hiking and boating tours in Tomales Bay and the Point Reyes area. Lessons
and rentals available in Inverness and Marshall. Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (415) 669.2600 bwkayak.com 60 Fourth Street, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Gallery Route One, an artist-member supported gallery, hosts programs involving art and the environment and shows exhibits year-round. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. everyday but Tuesdays. (415) 663.1347 galleryrouteone.org 11101 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

The Dance Palace Community and Cultural Center is a multi-purpose nonprofit providing a wide variety of cultural, educational, recreational and community events, programs, services and classes. (415) 663.1075 danepalace.org 503 B Street, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

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The Point Reyes Library is open Mondays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (415) 663.8375 11431 Highway One, Suite 7, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Point Reyes Animal Hospital offers general and emergency pet care services. (415) 663.1533 11030 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

West Marin Medical Center is a private general practice open by appointment. Open weekdays 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. (415) 663.1082 11150 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Point Reyes Presbytarian Church has a Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. (415) 663.1499 11451 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

West Marin Chiropractic treats back pain, sciatica, neck pain, shoulder pain, headaches, sports injuries and work-related injuries. (415) 663.8442 11100 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

West Marin Community Presbyterian Church has a Sunday worship service at 9 a.m. (415) 663.1349 1445 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

St. Helen’s Catholic Church has a Sunday service at 8:45 a.m. at the intersection of Highway One and Marshall-Petaluma Road, Marshall, CA 94940

TOMALES & DILLON BEACH

The Tamales Regional History Center is home to archives of the Tamales area, including yearbooks and manuscripts from local historians. Open weekends 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (707) 878.9443 tamahistory.com 26701 Highway One, Tamales, CA 94971

Church of the Assumption has Sunday mass at 10:15 a.m. (707) 878.2208 26825 Hwy. One, Tamales, CA 94971

Tamales Presbyterian Church has a Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. (707) 762.4924 11 Church Street, Tamales, CA 94971

Lawson’s Landing is a resort and campground situated at the mouth of Tomales Bay, with camping, fishing, clamming, boat launch and rentals and an outboard shop. (707) 878.2443lawsonslanding.com 137 Marine View Drive, Dillon Beach, CA 94928

BODEGA BAY & JENNER

Bodega Bay Visitors Center has tourist and local information, maps and schedules of events. Open daily 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (707) 875.3866 850 Highway One, Bodega Bay, CA 94923

Bodega Bay Cycles is a full-service bike shop with rentals and bicycle tours available. Open daily except Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays through Saturdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays noon to 5 p.m. (707) 875.2255 bodegabacycles.com 1580 Eastshore Road, Bodega Bay, CA 94923

Bodega Bay Surf Shack has surf gear, clothing and surf gear rentals. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (707) 875.3944 bodegabaysurf.com 1440 Highway One, Bodega Bay, CA 94923

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Second Wind sells beach and kite flying supplies in a large shop near beaches. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (707) 875.9463 secondwindfun.com 1805 Highway One, Bodega Bay, CA 94923

Bodega Bay Kayak offers customized kayak tours for groups though the Bodega Bay and Sonoma coasts. (707) 875.8899 bodegabaykayak.com 1850 East Shore Drive, Bodega Bay, CA 94923

The Links at Bodega Harbour is a Scottish-style golf course with rolling fairways and views of the Pacific Ocean from all 18 holes, (707) 875.3538 bodegaharbourgolf.com. 21301 Heron Drive, Bodega Bay, CA 94923

Bodega Harbour Yacht Club, a mile from the Links golf course on a quiet waterside locale, is a historic two-story cedar building perfect for weddings, receptions, award banquets, anniversary parties and other special group gatherings. (707) 875.3519 bodegaharbourgolf.com 21301 Heron Drive, Bodega Bay, CA 94923

Jenner Visitors Center offers tourist information, including maps and schedules of events. (707) 865.9757 10439 Highway One, Jenner, CA 95450

SHOPPING

STINSON BEACH

Live Water Surf Shop serves the North Bay area with rentals and sales of all surf and beach gear. Open Mondays through Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (415) 868.0333 livewatersurfsshop.com 3448 Highway One, Stinson Beach, CA 94970

Crickets at the Beach is a seaside gift shop selling fair-trade items and local art. Open weekends. (415) 868.8859 cricketsatthebeach.com 3448 Shoreline Highway, Stinson Beach, CA 94970

Meristem Flowers is a florist and gift shop. (415) 868.0666 3472 Highway One, Stinson Beach, CA 94970

Oceanic Realty specializes in vacation and longterm rentals, as well as sales in Stinson Beach and the surrounding areas. (415) 868.0717 oceanicrealty.com 3470 Highway One, Stinson Beach, CA 94970

Seadrift Realty specializes in high-end coastal home sales and rentals. (415) 868.1791 seadriftrealy.com 2 Dipsea Road, Stinson Beach, CA 94970

Claudia Chapline Gallery is a multimedia art gallery and sculpture garden. Open by appointment. Leave a message at (415) 868.2308 or email info@ccchapline.com
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Spirit Matters sells wildly delightful oddities and deities, gifts, books, music, jewelry, scarves, cards and garden art. Open Thursdays through Sundays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and by appointment. (415) 663.8699 12307 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Inverness Park, CA 94956

The Point Reyes Light is a Pulitzer Prize-winning weekly newspaper serving West Marin and beyond. News room and office open Mondays through Thursdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with newspapers, North Coasters, subscription and advertising information and complete bound archives dating to 1948. (415) 669.1200 preyeslights.com 12781 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Inverness CA 94937 and PO. Box 210 Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Dan Morse Real Estate has been ranked number one in Inverness, Point Reyes Station, Marshall and Olema, according to the Bay Area Real Estate Information Service, for the past ten years. (415) 669.1260 dannorseonline.com 12786 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Inverness, CA 94937

POINT REYES STATION

Mostly Natives Nursery sells a wide assortment of California native and other plants, with free gardening classes on Saturdays. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 54 B Street, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956 (415) 663.8835

The Epicenter sells designer Dana Davidson’s artisan clothing and T-shirts, and more. Open noonish to sundownish. (415) 663.1239 Mesa Road and Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

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Vita sells a collection of artisan crafts, clothing, home accessories and jewelry. Open Fridays through Sundays 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (415) 663.0515 11101 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Point Reyes Jeweler offers custom earrings, bracelets, necklaces, watches, and wedding and engagement rings. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. (415) 663.1936 11101 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Point Reyes Surf Shop retails and wholesales beach clothing, footwear and surf gear. Open weekdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (415) 663.8750 jayli.com 11101 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Black Mountain Cycles is a full-service bicycle repair and retail shop. Walk-ins and appointments are both welcome. Open Tuesdays through Thursdays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (415) 663.8125 blackmtncycles.com 11101 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Coyuchi is a retail store, outlet and warehouse supplying organic fair trade cotton bedding, woolen blankets, towels and other home supplies, as well as robes, sleepwear and baby clothes and accessories. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (415) 663.8077 coyuchi.com 11101 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Black Mountain Weavers sells wool yarns, wool art and spun and knitted clothing and accessories from local sources and artists. Free knitting and spinning clinics on Tuesdays. Open Thursdays through Mondays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (415) 663.9130 11245 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Marty Knapp Photo Gallery displays photographs of American West landscapes. Open Fridays through Sundays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (415) 663.8670 martyknapp.com 11245 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Zuma retails locally produced and globally sourced ethnic art, scarves, jewelry, instruments, crafts and more. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (415) 663.1748 11265 Highway One, Point Reyes, CA 94956

Flower Power Home and Garden sells fresh flower arrangements, home and garden décor and gifts, hats, table linens and more. Features a backyard garden patio. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (415) 663.8221 11275 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Toby’s Feed Barn offers local and organic produce as well as grains, hay, pet food and garden supplies, gifts and music. Toby’s Gallery exhibits art year-round and has an outdoor coffee bar with espresso drinks and homemade pastries is open from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Open Mondays through Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (415) 663.1223 toby’sfeedbarn.com 11250 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

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Palace Market offers local and organic produce, grocery items, wines, beer and liquor, natural supplements, camping and vacation needs, a meat counter, soft-serve ice cream and deli items. Open Mondays through Saturdays 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sundays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (415) 663.1016 11300 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Leona’s Gallery and Gifts features local art, jewelry, clothes, decorations and gifts. Open Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday and Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesdays 12 p.m. - 7 p.m., Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. (415) 535-3124 11315 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, Ca.

Point Reyes Books sells new and used books, makes special orders and sponsors author events, book groups, conferences and workshops. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (415) 663.1542 preyesbooks.com 11315 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA

Susan Hayes Handwovens sells local and American-made artisan clothing. Open Monday and Tuesday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (415) 663.8057 susanhayeshandwovens.com 80 Fourth Street in the Cowgirl Creamery building, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

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Greenbridge Gas and Auto is a general full-service maintenance garage and gas station. Open weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (415) 663.0633 11401 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Cabaline Country Emporium & Saddlery is a purveyor of fine, casual and contemporary clothing, a wide selection of saddlery, equipment and riding apparel, shoes and home furnishings. (415) 663.8303 cabaline.com 11313 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

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West Marin Community Thrift Store sells used clothing, shoes, accessories, home and garden items, children’s clothes and toys, and antiques, with proceeds benefiting West Marin Community Services. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with donations accepted 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (415) 663.9227 11431 Highway One, Suite 20, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

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Art Rogers Photography Studio and Gallery is open to visitors by appointment on the Point Reyes Mesa. artrogers.com (415) 663.8345

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TOMALES

Two Silos Mercantile sells antiques and selected seconds in the top floor of a historic downtown building at 27005 Highway One, Tomales, CA 94971 (707) 878.2888

Tomas Fine Art exhibits local and California artists, and co-owner and operator Jeanette Le Grue teaches oil painting workshops. Open Fridays through Mondays noon to 5 p.m. (707) 878.2525 tomasafinearts.com

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BODEGA AND BODEGA BAY

Artisans’ Co-op is Bodega’s art cooperative, featuring juried pieces of all mediums and a long list of member artists. Open daily 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (707) 876.9830 artisansco-op.com 17135 Bodega Highway, Bodega, CA 94922

Hamilton Trading Company is an antique store and dealer, specializing in pre-19th century goods. Open Fridays through Tuesdays noon to 5 p.m. (707) 876.3035 hamiltontradingcompany.com 17175 Bodega Highway, Bodega, CA 94922

Seagull Antiques sells older pop culture items, from records and vintage magazines, to stained glass and toys. Open Fridays through Sundays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (707) 876.3229 17190 Bodega Highway, Bodega, CA 94922

Northern Light Surf Shop sells and rents all necessary gear for surfing, including boards, wetsuits, body boards, gloves and fins. Open weekdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and weekends 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (707) 876.3110 northernlightsurf.com

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Synchronicity sells artisan gifts, rare candy and prints from local artists. (707) 875.2542 1795 Highway One, Bodega Bay, CA 94923

The Ren Brown Collection has rotating exhibits, specializing in East Asian and Japanese-American prints, and East Asian antiques. (707) 875.2922 renbrown.com 1781 Highway One, Bodega Bay, CA 94923

Patrick’s Saltwater Taffy sells candy, saltwater taffy and beach toys and gifts. Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (707) 875.8966 1915 Highway One, Bodega, CA 94923

Bodega Bay Heritage Gallery features rotating exhibits of art from the American West and California coasts and deserts. Open Fridays through Sundays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (707) 875.2911 bbhgallery.com 1580 Eastshore Road, Bodega Bay, CA 94923
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