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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 giggling 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. I 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 and down he went.

Kelly and I fished a lot together—nearly every day, in fact—and not everywhere. We lived, but at places 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 1950s, 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 Valley 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, where 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 fishing. He was, in fact, 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 the water. It’s tied up at the Golden Hinde Marina, all ready to go. You guys want to try it Saturday?”

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.

A couple of hours later we still had only Kelly’s grilse in the boat and we 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.

“I want to try my cherry bomber,” he insisted. A cherry bomber was a preposterously goofy balsa wood gadget shaped like a strawberry and meant to be drifted along the bottom of a river for steelhead.

“Kelly, that’s dumb,” I said. “Cherry bombers are not meant for trolling.”

He snorted and challenged: “Oh yeah? We’ll see about that.” And he tied on and let it out past the motor, his line in the middle, with Lance’s and mine on either side. Not five minutes later his rod went down, and he chortled, “Got one.”

Lance and I pulled in our lines and Kelly brought the fish alongside. It was a small grilse, which is an immature male, and it was tangled up down, and he chortled, “Got one.”

Lance followed his dad’s advice, keeping us about 100 yards off the beach. Our circuit took us from the oyster company north almost to the duck blinds standing off the little slough coming out of the Borello Ranch canyon. We saw plenty of nice salmon free jumping, but we couldn’t get a bite. After a couple of hours like this, Kelly began to grous.

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With each to his own we went back to fishing. It was a lovely day with only a light wind and a high overcast that diffused the light. It had to be nearly November, which is when those fish came into the bay to bite our lures if they had to keep a constant eye over their shoulder.

The setting was one of sublime character: the dark, towering Inverness Ridge to the west so densely forested, contrasted to the east by mostly bare, rolling hills, a geological disparity created by the San Andreas Fault, which lay right beneath us and the bay we floated upon.

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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 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 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 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 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 there at the end of the line an enormous bright silver fish cleared the water and seemed to jump as high as our heads. 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Drakes Beach

By Jim Pellegrin

*for Sally Jones and Betsy White*

The whole world is walking the beach,
the spring sun in our faces,
waves rising and crashing on one side,
cliffs, raw and sheer, shining on the other.
It’s a procession, really, a procession
that wends its way over the wet sand,
curving around huge mounds
(what are they, anyway?)
that block our path every so often:
Pairs of sweethearts stagger along, dazed, lost in each other,
babes carried on hips, little emperors and empresses gliding by,
spry old hikers with sticks and poles
stop to gaze out at the horizon—
so utterly flat and featureless
where grey sky meets grey sea—
and sigh, thinking of death,
then rouse themselves, mumuring

‘How sweet to walk along like this on this fine day,
to breathe the salt air and feel
the sand beneath your feet, the sun on your face
one more time.’ Young couples with their little kids
Skipping and running and jumping before them,
an adolescent boy, barefoot and bare-chested,
skinny and sunburned and self-conscious,
and here comes a surfer, a big, brawny man,
his black wetsuit peeled off above the waist,
barrel-chested and tanned and upright,
his longboard under his arm,
a sea god, proud and strong, emerging from the waves

to walk among mortals.
All this we recognize and appreciate, but the mounds,
the mounds scattered over the sand, here is one now,
what is it, anyway, let’s get closer for a good look,
my God, it’s huge, big as a gasoline tanker,
and there, it’s got eyes and a big nose,
a very big nose, you can see the air
flapping in and out of it, and now his eyes are open
(though they don’t seem to see us, or rather
they seem to look right through us).
Why of course, it’s a giant bull elephant seal,
one of the males lying around when all the females and pups have left,
and what’s this, an old man in a red vest and a ranger hat,
standing beside the beast,
laughing and laughing until tears run down his face!
He seems to be addressing the pachydermal creature,
who drifts back to sleep, pays him no mind at all:
‘Oh giant mass of flesh and lust and anger,
you should be ashamed of yourself,’
the man yells, his voice muffled by the wind and waves,

‘Beating up all those hopeful young males!
A harem of 50 females, all yours! (All they ever wanted, you know,
washed some peace and quiet to nurse their pups
and a sperm from the big guy to make next year’s baby.)
Hundreds of pups! No food or water for three months,
And still you are gargantuian!
Look at you! Five thousand pounds!
And that insane honking of yours,
that obscene blat that echoes out of your huge nose,
blown up big as a basketball!
The most grotesque creature on the planet!
A monument to excess, a testosterone-addled monster!
My wisdom teeth are in a pink plastic container in the shape of a tooth much larger than a human tooth. The shape of the container is helpful. It is impossible to forget what is inside. I had my wisdom teeth taken out five years ago when I was twenty-five. Many people have their wisdom teeth removed at a much younger age. It is less painful when you are younger, because the teeth have not started growing into the jawbone. That's what they say at least. But I waited. I was hoping to keep them. I was dumb and meek and thought eventually they would reveal my inner wisdom and cruelty. I wanted to be a little monstrous. But eventually the pressure created a terrible pain. I tried opening my mouth, hoping to let the pain out like a bee stuck in a house. It didn't work. It never does. The doctor said they had to go. For months afterward I picked out shards that bubbled up from the depths of my gums. For some reason the doctor gave me the extracted molars in the pink plastic container in the shape of a tooth much larger than a human tooth. I figured I would throw the teeth away but I kept keeping them, for four years and through four involuntary moves. Each time we move I think I will do something interesting or merciful with them. I could display them ceremoniously or turn them into jewelry or throw them like coins into a public pool of water. But instead they go into the bathroom drawer of our new home. Whenever my boyfriend sees me put them in a drawer, he says the teeth are disgusting. I ask why they are disgusting. He says because they are teeth, which is proof he has never opened the container, since he would also mention that the bottom of each tooth is tainted red with old blood. I say: you have a lot of teeth. He says all his teeth are in his mouth. My wisdom teeth are not in my mouth, which makes them monstrous. This heartens me. Maybe I can still be monstrous even though the teeth are no longer inside my mouth and I can’t use them like I originally intended. He says: if you had your appendix taken out, would it be sitting on a shelf? He says: you don’t even have a great reason to keep them, you just don’t know what to do with them and you’ve kept them so long that if you just threw them away it would be very anticlimactic. (He likes to explain everything.) He says: maybe if you had a better imagination you could think of something meaningful to do with them. I say: I like how fierce they look, and I think it’s good to know what fierceness we have (or had) inside ourselves. (This isn’t really the reason I want to keep them.) I shake the pink container at him. It jangles like jellybeans. I worry that someday he’ll take them away without asking. He knows where they are. He has thrown away my things before. Once I refused to get rid of some shoes I wore so long that each sole had a circular hole that grew and grew like an opening iris shot in an old movie. I kept saying I would take them to be repaired. I am always putting things like that out of my mind. Who knows where thoughts go once they leave my mind. They are still there, somewhere, appearing and disappearing like a bobbing boat you watch far out in the ocean. I am the kind of person who always forgets to pay my bills even when I have enough money because I push things out of my mind. Or maybe off my mind. Maybe my mind is a flat earth and certain thoughts fall of the edge or jump off to their thought-death. Anyway. One day I came home and the shoes were gone. We never spoke about it. (This was after our second move.) I miss the shoes. They held my wide feet, which often hurt, quite nicely. Sometimes I wonder if I lost them, I am often losing things. But I never ask, because it is better to just let the whole memory of them sink and disappear. My feet hurt more often, but I do not have them removed like my wisdom teeth. Sometimes I am sure he was the culprit. I am sure he threw my shoes away. He didn’t want me to become a monster. I worry he will take my teeth, too. But then we move again and this time I lose the teeth. However, I find my shoes. I ask my boyfriend where my teeth are. He says he put them in one of the disappeared shoes that reappeared during the move. He says they must have fallen out of the hole in the sole. I cannot figure out his intentions. (I am not even sure if he still has his wisdom teeth, or intentions. I have never asked.) I retrace all my steps. It takes a long time and my feet hurt even though I have my old shoes on. The holes grow bigger and bigger. I walk all the way out to the horizon of the ocean and I find a bobbing boat. Inside the boat is the plastic tooth-shaped container and inside the container are my teeth. For a moment I have both my teeth and my shoes, and I am a monster. Then I take out the teeth and throw them into the ocean and they sink. I throw the container into the ocean, but it does not sink.
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
The Secret in Tomales

By Marian Chatfield-Taylor

There’s a secret in Tomales. About a cake, made with beets, and created—so the story goes—by the late Lois Parks, who came to town in the mid-20th century as the young wife of a sheep rancher named Roy Parks. Lois baked the cake for family celebrations and church fundraisers, and sometimes to sell at a local café. When asked for the recipe, Lois, known for her generosity in sharing time and energy for good causes, always said no, sometimes adding, “The secret will go with me to my grave.” When Lois died in 2015 at almost 96 years old, her family baked the famous chocolate beet cake to share at the memorial service. But they didn’t serve up the recipe.

Lois had other important relationships with food. She worked as the guiding force behind the Tomales Community Presbyterian Church’s zucchini cookbook, reported to have stungly sold over 10,000 copies. To put the achievement in perspective, the average book in America sells about 500 copies, and popular authors of all genres are reported to rejoice if their book sales climb anywhere close to six figures. The zucchini cookbook is still available to order if their book sales climb anywhere close to six figures. The zucchini cookbook is still available to order.

Though it was common knowledge that the recipe included beets (you can’t taste them in the finished product) it was less well known that Lois herself grew the beets in her home garden and that she often froze and stored extra beets for future batches. The frosting was generally agreed to be made with cream cheese, to which Lois added walnuts. Beyond that, the ingredients—and the method—were strictly proprietary.

Keeping recipes secret, especially within families, has both its critics and proponents. Some argue that every chef has a right to keep a recipe to themselves. “After all,” they say, “why not?” A recipe with a special ingredient, technique or procedure belongs to the person who thought it up. Recipe sharing, the argument goes, is like food preferences themselves. It’s a matter of personal choice.

Recipe sharing also has its ardent advocates, who point to generations of people preserving memories and honoring connections between family, culture and food. Sharing recipes, they say, helps build relationships and strengthen bonds between social groups and generations. Google the question of why people keep recipes secret and you’ll open a closet full of speculation. Most opinions tilt toward recipe sharing, probably because eating and celebrating are social activities, drawing together the tastes, talents and traditions of many eras. Recipes sometimes turn out to be the only heirlooms that survive an immigrant family’s long and traumatic journey from their country of origin to a new home.

You’ll also find people of all ages and identities lamenting that they never wrote down a family-favorite recipe for Grandma’s or Grandpa’s soups, desserts or stews. Back when few people wrote down recipes for any reason, a special family dish was often made with what a family cook described as a pinch of this and a snip of that. You will likewise encounter people forever saddled with the grief of having watched or helped Grandpa or Grandma prepare a traditional dish without having asked for specific instructions. Likewise, you’ll find people who did ask, but who lost the recipe over time. Recipes, like socks, have a way of disappearing.

Another fun fact that emerges from examining the issue of sharing or hiding family culinary knowledge is that many recipes we identify as “secret,” “special” or “traditional family dishes” turn out to be slightly tweaked or identical versions of something from an old cookbook and off the back of a food box. A funny story circulates among people interested in culture and food about a French woman who believed her family possessed a rare, secret recipe for a cookie developed by a famous French chef whose alleged name was Nelsay Nelsay Tullhose. The heavy accent of the person pronouncing the name of the so-called chef masked the fact that the words were actually a corruption of Nestle Toll House, the chocolate chips purchased by millions of people to whip up a traditional chocolate chip cookie familiar to most Americans over many generations. The recipe appears on the back of every bag. Secret recipes are also hard to pinpoint or define, says trained Bay Area pastry chef Sally Garepis-Holland, “because there are so many variations and versions of any recipe.” Garepis-Holland says she is “opposed to secret recipes,” even though she understands the impulse. “As soon as someone else bakes another person’s recipe,” she adds, “they can change the tiniest ingredient or change a certain technique and make that recipe something different.”

But arguments about recipe-sharing rarely focus on the food itself, often evoking deeper questions of identity and social bonding. They also raise issues about the individual versus the group and what makes people hide or disclose any tradition, including those dealing with diet. No one has a right to know how Lois Parks made her somewhat famous chocolate beet cake, says Ryan Cantwell, the co-owner, chef and managing operations partner of the Route One Kitchen and Bakery in Tomales. Recipe sharing, he says, is simply a matter of preference. “It’s a personal choice,” he states.

Until recently, Cantwell says he never heard about Lois’s chocolate beet cake. But Kathy Hahn, who works with Cantwell, knew “all about Lois Parks’s secret cake, and filled me in,” Cantwell explained. Hahn has lived in Tomales since 1989 and even served (but never baked) the famous cake at previous establishments that offered the item for sale. She said the cake was a favorite among locals as well as tourists. “We served it for dessert,” Hahn explained, “but we never baked it. Lois Parks made it herself and delivered it ready to serve.”

Parks’ daughter Sharon Knudsen, who lives in Tomales, said her mother also baked a popular dessert with the unlikely name of Rotten Apple Cake, which was sometimes sold at local eateries. “I used to have the recipe, somewhere,” Knudsen recalled, “but I’m not sure if I can find it anymore. In any case, that one was never secret.”

Lois’s former daughter-in-law, Pat Fehl, once married to Lois’s son Glenn, said she no longer even knows the recipe for her ex-mother-in-law’s beet cake, if she ever did. Nor would she release the secret, she explained, without permission from surviving siblings. When asked about the recipe, Glenn, who still lives on the family property (which no longer operates as a commercial sheep ranch), said the recipe would stay secret so long as he is alive. His sister Sharon agrees. Lois’s grandchildren may own copies, but discussions about who in the Park family possesses the knowledge and how they feel about giving it away aren’t a matter of public record. The whole issue might be akin to breaking ranks in a family chain-of-command.

Nor is it known if the Parks family’s chocolate beet cake recipe is hidden in a drawer, a box or a safe. Maybe it resides in a file cabinet in the back of someone’s catch-all kitchen drawer. Or locked in a vault with instructions about who has the authority to finally let it go and when that might happen. Questions of this kind surely fall under the heading of Small Town Manners, where one of the first rules of etiquette, if not survival, seems to be to never cross the line between curiosity and intrusiveness.

Meanwhile, for people interested in chocolate beet cake and the finer points of secret family recipes, here’s a hint: Google the words “chocolate beet cake” and you’ll pull up a long list of potential instructions. One recipe created by a chef named Erin calls for two cups of roasted, pureed beets plus a light cream cheese frosting. It’s no secret that between when you place Erin’s cake on a table to serve it and the time the plate is empty it will be surprisingly short. How close Erin’s product comes to Lois Parks’s achievement is anyone’s guess. To be discovered, perhaps, at a future date. For now, getting hold of the ingredients and methods for Lois’s gem seems to be anything but a piece of cake.
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The Pelican Inn is a classic English-style inn with seven rooms decorated in the style of countryside manors of sixteenth-century Britain. Full restaurant and pub below, with afternoon teatime, a Sunday roast carvery and live music. (415) 383.6000 pelicaninn.com 10 Pacific Highway, Muir Beach, CA 94945

The Mountain Home Inn is a twentieth-century-style mountain cabin on the slopes of Mount Tamalpais. (415) 381.9000 mtnhomeinn.com 810 Panoramic Highway, Mill Valley, CA 94941

Stinson Beach

**STINSON BEACH**

Stinson Beach Motel is a vintage motel blocks from the beach, with newly remodeled rooms situated in a garden courtyard. (415) 868.1712 stinsonbeachmotel.com 3416 Highway One, Stinson Beach, CA 94970

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

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 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 rehabilitated saloon-style inn established in 1851 with hotel rooms and a western-style bar with live music. (415) 860.1311 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 bccobalinas@gmail.com. (666) 879.7390 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 woodvillerranch.com 5755 Highway One Dogtown, CA 94924

Olema

Olema Driuids Hall offers private luxury lodging in a country estate setting overlooking Olema and bordering...
the Point Reyes National Seashore. (415) 663.1034
10000 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Olema, CA 94950

The Olema House offers rooms, space for retreats and large events, and a restaurant, Due West. (415) 663.9000
olemahouse.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
bearinn.com 88 Bear Valley Road, Olema, CA 94950

Inn at Roundstone Farm in the heart of Point Reyes National Seashore offers lodging near Olema and fresh breakfasts. (415) 663.1020 roundstonefarm.com 9940 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Olema, CA 94950

Olema Cottages is a one-acre lodging farmstead near hiking, cycling, kayaking, whale watching, beaching, birding, dining and gallery browsing. (415) 663.3208
olemacottages.com 9970 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Olema, CA 94950

Olema RV Resort & Campground offers remodeled bathrooms, a playground, internet, 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, Olema, CA 94950

INVERNESS PARK & INVERNESS

Abalone Inn offers three unique bedrooms in a restored Victorian with a parlor, fireplace, library and art, and free internet. (415) 663.9419 abalonesinn.com 12355 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Inverness Park, 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

Dancing Coyote Beach offers secluded two-story cottages with fireplaces and kitchens on a private beach on Tomales Bay. (415) 669.7200 dancingcoyotebeach.com 12794 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Inverness, CA 94956

Tomales Bay Resort is a Cape Cod-style resort offering a boat dock, pool, rooms and suites and nestled on the bay. (415) 669.1389 tomalesbayresort.com 12938 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Inverness, CA 94937

The Point Reyes Country Inn and Stables offers a bed and breakfast inn, waterfront cottages on Tomales Bay, and groom’s quarters. (415) 663.9696 presleyscountryinn.com 12050 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Point Reyes Bay Resort offers a romantic weekend or week’s vacation at the finest bed and breakfast on Tomales Bay. tomalobay.com (415) 663.9002

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 dillonbeach.com 3985 Tamas-Petaluma Road, Tomales, CA 94971

Dillon Beach Resort offers rooms and cabins, a café, a store, a surf shop and gated beach access. (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, a boat launch and rentals and an outboard shop. (707) 878.2443 lawsonlanding.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) 876.9836 vfordhotel.com 14415 Highway One, Valley Ford, CA 94972

BODEGA BAY & JENNEN

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 inнатhetides.com 800 Highway One, Bodega, CA 94923

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

Visit

STINSON BEACH

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

Fritz Bikes offers bicycle rentals, sales, repairs and swag. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (415) 306.8864 fritzbikes.com 3415 Highway One, Stinson Beach, CA

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

The Stinson Beach Library is open Mondays and...
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 noon to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (415) 868.0330 bolinaslibrary.org 300 Geary Street, Bolinas, CA 94924

The Bolinas Museum hosts exhibitions 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) 868.3330 bolinasmuseum.org 48 Wharf Road, Bolinas, CA 94924

The Bolinas Community Center offers classes, concerts, food banks, fundraisers and other events in the heart of town. (415) 868.2223 bccenter.com 14 Wharf Road, Bolinas, CA 94924

Bolinas Surf Shop, established in 1962, offers wetsuits, booties, rash guards, screen-printed clothing and more. Cash only. Open weekends. Best to call to find out exact hours. (415) 868.1935 bolinasurffshop.com 52 Wharf Road, 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 30 Brighton Avenue, Bolinas, CA 94924

St. Mary Magdalene Church has a Sunday mass at 10:45 a.m. (415) 663.1139 16 Horseshoe Hill Road, Bolinas, CA 94924

OLEMA

Five Brooks Ranch offers full-service Western horseback riding in the Point Reyes National Seashore for the whole family, daily and year-round. (415) 663.0415 fivebrooks.com Highway One, three miles south of Olema, CA 94950

Sacred Heart Catholic Church has a Saturday mass at 5:30 p.m., and at 7:30 p.m. in Spanish, and a Sunday mass at 8:30 a.m. (415) 663.1139 10189 Highway One, Olema, CA 94950

Tama One is a curated shop, art space and gallery featuring original local and regional artworks, Kiss the Flower honey, old and contemporary jewelry, ceramics, soap, cards, candles, textiles and healing treasures. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. 9960 Highway 1, Olema, CA 94950

NICASIO AND THE SAN GERONIMO VALLEY

Thomas Wood Fine Art features California landscape paintings. Open by appointment. (415) 497.0348 twoodart.com 4301 Nicasio Valley Road, Nicasio, CA 94946

Saint Mary’s Catholic Church has a Sunday mass at 11:15 a.m. stmary-nicasio.org

The San Geronimo Valley Community Center serves the valley community with arts and cultural programs, events, and senior and youth services. (415) 488.8888 sgvc.org 6350 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, San Geronimo, CA 94963

Gan HaLev, the Jewish Congregation of San Geronimo Valley, holds regular services at San Geronimo Valley Community Center at 6350 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, San Geronimo, CA 949634 (415) 488.4524 ganhalev.org or email shalom@ganhalev.org

San Geronimo Valley Community Presbyterian Church has a Sunday worship service at 11 a.m. (415) 488.9318 6001 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., San Geronimo, CA 94963

St. Cecilia’s Catholic Church has a Sunday mass at 9:30 a.m. stcecilia-lagunitas.org On the town square in Nicasio, CA 94946

INVERNESS

The Inverness Library is open Mondays and Fridays from 3 to 6 p.m., Tuesdays from 2 to 5 p.m., and Fridays from 3 to 6 p.m. (415) 669.1288 15 Park Avenue, Inverness, CA 94937

The Jack Mason Museum of West Marin History features rotating exhibits in the Inverness Library. Open during library hours. (415) 669.1288 15 Park Avenue, Inverness, CA 94937

St. Columba’s Episcopal Church offers classes, workshops, a Wednesday service at noon and a 10 a.m. Sunday service. (415) 669.1039 stcolumbas.org 12835 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Inverness, CA 94937 Point Reyes Station

St. Bruno’s Church offers a Sunday mass at 11 a.m. stbruno.org 12381 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Inverness, CA 94937 Point Reyes Station

The Tom Biagini Gallery features the contemporary oil paintings and screen-prints of the historic Shaker Shop West. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. (310) 923.4101 tombiagini.com 5 Inverness Way South, Inverness, CA 94937

Studio Five: The Kim Ford Kitz art studio features abstract landscape and figurative oil paintings. Open by appointment. (415) 902.9415 kimfordkitz.com 12781 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Inverness, CA 94937

POINT REYES STATION

West Marin Fitness is a full-service gym with weightlifting and cardiovascular equipment, a shower and personal training. Open daily 5 a.m. to 11 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

Blue Waters Kayaking offers guided hiking and boating tours in Tomales Bay and beyond. For information on rentals, tours, classes and more, call (415) 669.2600 bluewaterskayaking.com 11401 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Gabriella Cole provides gentle hands-on listening for your health. gabriellacole.com 65 Third Street Suite 15, 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. every day but Tuesday. (415) 663.1347 galleryrouteone.org

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 dancepalace.org 503 B Street, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Building Supply is a general hardware store offering home and garden maintenance and repair supplies. Fishing licenses and equipment. Open weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (415) 663.1737 11280 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

The Point Reyes Library is open Mondays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 6 p.m., and Fridays 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 pointreyesvet.com 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 westmarinmedical.org

West Marin Fitness is a full-service gym with weightlifting and cardiovascular equipment, a shower and personal training. Open daily 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. (415) 663.1762 65 Third Street, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Martin Borge offers gentle chiropractic treatments in a historic Point Reyes Station home at 221 B Street, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956 mborgecd.com (415) 663.9333

Main Street Hair Salon offers full-service hair care to men and women. Manicures available. Open weekends. Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (415) 663.9312 mainstreethair.co 65 Third Street, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

The Environmental Action Committee of West Marin is a nonprofit environmental advocacy organization with headquarters open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (415) 663.9312 eac marin.org 65 Third Street, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956
West Marin Community Resource Center, a project of West Marin Community Services, houses a food pantry and helps citizens in crisis or with special needs. Open weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (415) 663.8361 westmarincommunityservices.org 11431 Highway One, Suite 20, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

KWMR community radio serves the West Marin community with music, talk radio and emergency broadcasts at 90.5 FM in Point Reyes Station, 89.9 FM in Bolinas and 92.3 FM in the San Geronimo Valley. (415) 663.8068 kwmr.org 11431 Highway One, Suite 1, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

West Marin Physical Therapy is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every weekday but Wednesday. (415) 663.9216 11431 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

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

Heidrun Meadery produces naturally sparkling varietal meads using the traditional French Méthode Champenoise. Tours and tastings every day but Tuesdays, with the tasting room open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., flights, picnics and patio leisure available. (415) 663.9122 heidrunmeadery.com 11925 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

The Fork at Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese Company offers farm tours, cooking demonstration classes, seasonal farm dinners, events and more. (800) 591.6878 pointreyescheese.com 14700 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

**MARSHALL**

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 Tomales Regional History Center is home to archives of the Tomales area, including yearbooks and manuscripts from local historians. Open weekends 1 to 4 p.m. (707) 878.9443 tomaleshistory.com 26701 Highway One, Tomales, CA 94971

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

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

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

**BODEGA BAY & JENNER**

Bodega Bay Visitor 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 Surf Shack has surf gear, clothing and surf gear rentals. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (707) 875.3944 bodegabay surf.com 1400 Highway One, Bodega Bay, CA 94923

Second Wind sells beach and kite flying supplies. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day but Wednesday. (707) 875.9843 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

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 gatherings. (707) 875.3519 bodegabayharbourgolf.com 21301 Heron Drive, Bodega Bay, CA 94923

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

**STINSON BEACH**

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

Meristem Stinson Beach Flowers is a florist and gift shop with delivery services. Open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. (415) 868.0666 3472 Highway One, Stinson Beach, CA 94970

Fritz Bikes offers bicycle rentals, sales, repairs and swag. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (415) 306.8864 fritzbike.com 3415 Highway One, Stinson Beach, CA

Oceania Realty specializes in vacation and long-term rentals, as well as sales in Stinson Beach and the surrounding areas. (415) 868.0717 oceania realty.com 3470 Highway One, Stinson Beach, CA 94970

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

Claudia Chapline Gallery is a multimedia art gallery and sculpture garden. Open by appointment. (415) 868.2308 or email info@chapline.com 3445 Shoreline Highway, Stinson Beach, CA 94970

Stinson Beach Books is a seaside bookstore selling local literature and history books as well as national best sellers and magazines. Open from noon to 3 p.m. on weekdays, closed weekends. (415) 868.0700 3455 Highway One, Stinson Beach, CA 94970

Highway One Propeties serves the communities of Stinson Beach, Seadrift and Bolinas with home sales and vacation rentals. (415) 868.0288 hwyon eprop.com 3605 Highway One, Stinson Beach, CA 94970

**BOLINAS**

La Baulines Nursery offers a large selection of succulents, drought-tolerant grasses, Mediterranean-type plants, fruit trees, organic vegetables, citrus and bedding plants for pots. Certified greywater consultant on staff. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. (415) 868.0808 150 Olema-Bolinas Road, Bolinas, CA 94924

Bolinas Hardware is a full-service hardware store offering lumber, quality tools for the home and garden, gifts, toys, landscaping materials and more. Open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 415.868.2900. bolinashardware.com. 1 Olema-Bolinas Road/Bolinas

Kaleidoscope is a women’s artisan clothing and international crafts store. Open every day but Tuesday from noon to 6 p.m. (415) 868.9231 48 Wharf Road, Bolinas, CA 94924

Seashore Realty has served West Marin real estate needs since 1949. (415) 868.1234 seashore-realty.com 22 Brighton Avenue, Bolinas, CA 94924

Bolinas Real Estate serves West Marin with vacation and long-term rentals and permanent residence sales. (415) 868.1942 bolinarealty.com 3 Wharf Road, Bolinas, CA 94924

Realtor BG Bates makes your West Marin dreams come true. (415) 868.1026 bgbates.com P.O. Box 282 Bolinas, CA 94924

**OLEMA & NICASIO**

Tama One is a curated shop, art space and gallery featuring original local and regional artworks, Kiss the Flower honey, old and contemporary jewelry, ceramics, soap, cards, candles, textiles and healing treasures. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. 9960 Highway 1, Olema, CA 94950

The Nicasio Valley Cheese Company offers a selection of cheeses from local and international sources, featuring original local and regional artworks, Kiss the Flower honey, old and contemporary jewelry, ceramics, soap, cards, candles, textiles and healing treasures. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. 9960 Highway 1, Olema, CA 94950

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of artisan cheeses made and sold in their own facility and cheese tastings until 4:30 p.m. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. (415) 662.6200 5300 Nicasio Valley Road, Nicasio, CA 94946

Thomas Wood Fine Art features California landscape paintings. Open by appointment. (415) 497.0348 twoodart.com 4301 Nicasio Valley Road, Nicasio, CA 94946

Nicasio Land Company serves your regional real estate needs. (415) 662.2004 4499 Nicasio Valley Road, Nicasio, CA 94946

INVERNESS PARK & INVERNESS

Spirit Matters sells wildly delightful oddities and deities, gifts, books, music, jewelry, scarves, cards and garden art. Open Fridays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment. (415) 663.8699 12307 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Inverness Park, CA 94956

Still Point Studio features the photography of Todd Pickering. Open from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and by appointment. (707) 548.6231 12315 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Inverness Park, CA 94956

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

The Tom Biagini Gallery features the contemporary oil paintings and screen-prints in the historic Shaker Shop West. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. (310) 923.4101 tombiagini.com 5 Inverness Way South, 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 Thursdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 54 B Street, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956 (415) 663.8835 mostlynatives.com

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

Gallery Route One is an artist-member supported gallery hosting programs involving art and the environment and exhibits year-round, with openings, parties and periodic Sunday salons with exhibiting artists. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day but Tuesday. (415) 663.1347 galleryrouteone.org 11101 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Susan Hayes Handwovens sells local and American-made artisan clothing. Open Mondays and Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (415) 663.8057 susanhayespointreyes.com 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 pointreyes.com 11101 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Point Reyes Surf Shop retails and wholesale clothing, footwear and surf gear. Open weekdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (415) 795.8686 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 weekdays from 11 a.m. to 5 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 Sundays 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 Station, CA 94956

Vita sells a collection of fine artisan crafts, clothing, home accessories and jewelry. Open most days from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with seasonal changes. (415) 663.1160 vitacollage.com 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 an outdoor coffee bar sells espresso drinks and homemade pastries 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 5 p.m. (415) 663.1223 toby.FeedBarn.com 11250 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Building Supply is a general hardware store offering home and garden maintenance and repair supplies. Fitting licenses and equipment. Open weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (415) 663.1737 11280 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

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 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. (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 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Tuesdays, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays. (415) 635.3124 leonaspointreys.com 11315 Highway One, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

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