



MACKERRICHER STATE PARK

WELCOME! Three miles north of Fort Bragg, MacKerricher State Park features wild beauty, diverse habitats and a moderate climate that make it a gem among California's state parks. Spot harbor seals and migrating gray whales, stroll on secluded beaches, ride a bicycle along an old seaside logging road and find solitude on one of Northern California's most pristine stretches of sand dunes.

MacKerricher State Park also boasts a rich history: this area is the traditional home of the Northern Pomo and Coast Yuki people. It was at one time part of the Mendocino Indian Reservation and, later, the Union Lumber Company.



MacKerricher State Park
24100 MacKerricher Park Road
Fort Bragg, CA 95437



Day-Use Areas:
6 a.m. to sunset



Day-Use Parking:
Free parking for day-use



**California State Parks
Passes Accepted:**
No day-use fees. Disabled
Discount and Distinguished
Veteran accepted for camping.



707-964-9112
711, TTY Relay Service
parks.ca.gov/MacKerricher



California State Parks supports equal access. For accommodation requests, including alternative formats, please contact 707-964-9112. For information about accessible features at this park, visit parks.ca.gov/AccessibleFeatures.

THINGS TO DO

If you have one hour, explore the ADA-accessible nature trail that takes you around the sweeping headlands. Take some time to climb down and observe the rich biodiversity of aquatic species in the beach's many tide pools. During winter and early spring, you may even be able to spot whales migrating on the horizon.

If you have half a day, take a long walk through the Inglenook-Fen Ten Mile Dunes, an isolated stretch of beach that contains several terrestrial, wetland, and freshwater ecosystems, and which protects a number of sensitive, threatened or endangered species like the western snowy plover.

If you have a full day, take a guided horseback ride led by a concessionaire, letting you explore this unique coastal habitat from a new perspective. When you're done, set up a picnic on the beach, then finish up the day setting up camp beneath the stars.

 **If you are looking for an accessible activity,** the park features several accessible facilities including the Laguna Point boardwalk, Haul Road, visitor center, some picnic tables, all restrooms, and several paved campsites. A beach wheelchair is also available for loan at the kiosk; call 707-964-9112 to reserve.

The Laguna Point Boardwalk is a 0.60-mile-long accessible boardwalk loop trail, set atop the bluffs, offering sweeping vistas from Fort Bragg to the Lost Coast. Overlook platforms along the boardwalk loop allow whale and harbor seal watching, and contain educational exhibits. Accessible parking restrooms are located at the Laguna Point parking lot.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Interpretive Programs—Scheduled or guided activities including hikes, Junior Rangers, and campfire programs are posted on bulletin boards throughout the park. During gray whale migration season in March, docent-led whale watch groups meet near the gray whale skeleton at the visitor center. Staffed by volunteers, the center features interpretive displays and publications.

PORTS (Parks Online Resources for Teachers and Students®)—The PORTS program offers free interactive, virtual field trips throughout California state parks. Students can virtually explore MacKerricher State Park, learning about harbor seals and how MacKerricher State Marine Conservation Area works to protect their health and safety. Visit ports.parks.ca.gov for more information.

K-12 School Field Trips—Guided and self-guided educational field trips are available at no cost/fees. School group reservations must be made one month in advance and are subject to the availability and approval of park staff.

ACTIVITIES

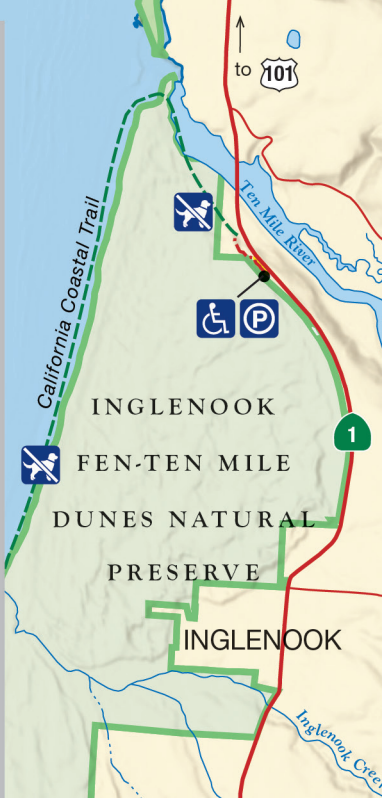
Camping—MacKerricher State Park features more than 140 campsites to accommodate both tents and recreational vehicles. The campgrounds have nearby restrooms, tables, food storage lockers, and fire rings. To make a reservation, visit ReserveCalifornia.com or register at the park kiosk.

Nature Walks—MacKerricher's nine miles of coast and variety of habitats make it ideal for long walks soaking up the natural beauties of the area. Watch harbor seals sunning themselves on the rocks, catch glimpses of migrating gray whales and explore tide pools along the Haul Road, Laguna Point Boardwalk and miles of quiet beach.

Horseback Riding—Take guided horseback rides along the beach led by a concessionaire. Horses are allowed only on designated trails. When riding, make sure to stick to wet sand to protect endangered species.

Fishing—Try your hand at fishing in the 30-acre Lake Cleone from shore or in a nonmotorized boat. Visit wildlife.ca.gov/fishing for regulations and limits.

Ocean Safety—The ocean on the North Coast is cold, swift and unforgiving. Stay back from bluff edges and beware of rogue waves that can sweep you out to sea. Never turn your back on the ocean. Be aware that lifeguards are often not present.

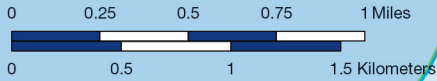


PLEASE REMEMBER

Dogs—To protect sensitive wildlife and habitats, dogs are not allowed in the Inglenook-Fen Ten Mile Dunes Natural Preserve, Seal Rookery, and Virgin Creek Beach. Elsewhere, your dog must be kept under control and on a leash no longer than 6 feet, and enclosed in a tent or vehicle at night.

Collecting—All features of the park are protected by law and may not be disturbed or collected, including glass found at Glass Beach.

Drones—Drones are not allowed in the park. Drones can mimic the behavior of predatory birds, frighten wildlife and alter other people's enjoyment of nature.



- Highway
- Paved Road
- Trail: Accessible
- Trail: Hike
- Trail: Hike and Horse
- Trail: Hike and Bike
- Trail: Multiuse Hike/Bike/Horse
- Underwater Park
- Locked Gate
- Accessible Feature
- Boat Launch: Hand
- Campfire Center
- Campground
- Campground: Group
- Campground: Hike & Bike
- No Dogs Allowed
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Restrooms
- Sanitation Station
- Visitor Center
- Viewpoint

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