



SONOMA COAST STATE PARK

WELCOME to Sonoma Coast State Park! Sandy beaches, secluded coves, rugged headlands, natural arches, and a craggy coastline await you. The park spans 17 miles from Bodega Head to just north of the small town of Jenner. Bodega Head forms the entrance into Bodega Harbor, and its high cliffs offer excellent views of migrating whales. Goat Rock, near the Russian River estuary, is known for its scenic shoreline and sandy beach. Duncan's Landing was an early-day "doghole port" for loading small ships with lumber and is the most dangerous point along the Sonoma Coast due to large and unpredictable surf. Portuguese Beach and Schoolhouse Beach are beautiful sandy beaches surrounded by rocky headlands. Salmon Creek Beach, where a lagoon forms as sand closes the mouth of Salmon Creek, is a popular summer destination. Two miles of unbroken sandy beach make this an ideal place to surf, fish, and picnic.



Sonoma Coast State Park
3095 N Highway 1
Bodega Bay, CA 94923



Day-Use Hours: 8 a.m. to sunset



Day-Use Parking Fees:
\$10/vehicle/day at
campground parking
areas only.



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ACTIVITIES

Camping—Wright's Beach offers 27 developed campsites located adjacent to the beach. There are no showers, but registered campers may use the token-operated hot showers at Bodega Dunes Campground (5 miles south) where there is a potable water fill station and a dump station that service both campgrounds. First-come, first-served campgrounds are seasonally available at Willow Creek and Pomo Canyon environmental camps. Drinking water is available only at Bodega Dunes and Wright's Beach campgrounds. Camp only in designated areas. Vehicles may not be driven into environmental campsites.

Fishing—For regulations and limits, visit wildlife.ca.gov/fishing.

THINGS TO DO

- **If you have one hour**, stop by the visitor center in Jenner and observe the harbor seal rookery at the river mouth. Hike the 0.68-mile Vista Trail, at the north boundary of the park with sweeping views of the rugged Sonoma coastline.
- **If you have half a day**, walk the 1.89-mile Bodega Head Trail while enjoying views from the bluffs. Enjoy a coastal prairie hike at the 2.5-mile Kortum Trail. Try tide pooling on one of the many rocky shores (check the tide tables before heading out).
- **If you have a full day**, hike the Pomo Canyon Trail starting at Shell Beach (7 miles round trip). Spend the day fishing and picnicking at Salmon Creek Beach (be sure to follow current fishing regulations).

PLEASE REMEMBER

Swimming—The beaches along the Sonoma Coast are not recommended for swimming or wading. Large surf, cold water, drop-offs, pounding shore breaks, and rip currents can become deadly.

Collecting—Natural and cultural features are protected by law and may not be disturbed nor removed.

Caution—Bluffs and rocks are unstable and unsafe for climbing. Stay on trails and heed fences and warning signs.

Pets—Dogs must always be leashed. Except for service animals, dogs are not allowed on any trails or in environmental campgrounds, as well as some beaches.

Fires—Fires on the beach and gathering wood in campgrounds are prohibited.

