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POINT REYES  
NATIONAL SEASHORE

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Superintendent's Compendium  
Of Designations, Closures, Permit  
Requirements and Other Restrictions  
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Point Reyes National Seashore and the Northern District of Golden Gate National Recreation Area north off the Bolinas/Fairfax Road administered by Point Reyes National Seashore. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

**I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES**

**(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:**

Visiting Hours:

- The Park is open to visitors every day of the year. Visitor center hours are as follows:
  - Bear Valley Visitor Center: open year-round (except December 25), weekdays from 9-5; weekends and holidays from 8-5
  - Kenneth C. Patrick Visitor Center: Open Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays from 10-5 year round. Closed December 25.
  - Lighthouse Visitor Center: Open year round (except December 25), Thursday through Monday 10-4:30; closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays year round.
- All parking areas in the park are closed to visitor vehicle parking from 12 midnight to 6:00 a.m., with the exception that visitors holding backcountry camping permits may park at established trailheads and visitors staying overnight at the Clem Miller Environmental Education Center, the Point Reyes Hostel, and the Lifeboat Station may park at those locations or at established trailhead parking lots. Any other overnight parking must be approved by the Chief Ranger.

*Since overnight use and camping is prohibited in the park, except in established backcountry campsites, there is no valid reason for a vehicle to remain in the park overnight unless the Visitor and Resource Protection Division has given previous approval.*

## PUBLIC USE LIMITS:

### Sir Francis Drake Boulevard:

- During high visitation seasons due to whale, wildflowers, sea lion, and elephant seal activity, visitors entering the westernmost section on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard may be denied access past the South Beach Access Road. During such closures, shuttle bus transportation will be provided from this point to the various viewing and public use areas.

*As a result of dramatically increasing visitation and traffic during the wildflower seasons, whale migrations, elephant seal and sea lion colony expansions in this area of the park, capacity limits have been established. It was determined that the visitor would be better served, and necessary resource protection would be better facilitated, by a docent program combined with shuttle bus service. Shuttle bus transportation will be provided from the point of closure to the various viewing and public use areas.*

### Wilderness Trail Use:

- Day users traveling on established trails within designated wilderness areas may not travel in groups of more than 40 persons.

*Large groups create noise and a presence that disturbs wildlife and interferes with other people in the area who are looking for a wilderness experience away from crowds and noise.*

### Bicycle Groups:

- The maximum number of bicyclists in any one group is 10. Larger groups of cyclists will have to divide into groups no larger than 10.

*This size restriction is necessary for the safety of cyclists using public roadways and authorized trails within the Park. These roadways and trails are narrow and winding and will not accommodate large numbers of bicyclists.*

### Picnic Group Size/Permits:

- Visitor groups of more than 100 people who wish to picnic in the park must obtain a permit.

*Because there are limited places in the park which can accommodate a picnic group of this size, and to minimize the impact of such a group on other visitors, a permit system is necessary for these groups.*

### Weddings/Permits:

- All visitors wishing to hold a wedding ceremony in the park must obtain a permit.

*In order to provide for resource protection, avoid conflicts between groups wishing to use the same site, and to minimize the impact of such events on other visitors, a permit system is necessary for these events.*

### Beach Fires:

- Individuals or groups visiting beach areas, who light or maintain a wood fire, including ceramic pit fires, must obtain a permit.

*In order to protect beach resources, educate visitors on proper fire use and allowed materials, and control fires during High and Extreme Fire Danger, a permit system has been determined to be*

*necessary within the park.*

#### Boat Stay Limit:

- Visitors staying on boats within the park waters of Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate NRA are limited to four consecutive nights.

*In order to protect water quality, provide for standardized rules with other camping experiences and to allow all visitors access to the few protected anchorages, it is necessary to limit overnight stays.*

#### Boat Moorings:

- Individuals who wish to install permanent boat moorings on Tomales Bay south of Walker Creek (in both Point Reyes NS and Golden Gate NRA waters) and within the ¼ mile Point Reyes offshore park boundary north of Walker Creek must obtain a permit.

*In order to protect water quality, control numbers of boat moorings, and provide for standardized management of all of Tomales Bay, a permit system has been determined to be necessary.*

#### CLOSURES:

##### Park Facilities:

The following areas and facilities are closed to public use:

- Park administrative, maintenance, operations, storage, and employee housing facilities, including but not limited to access roads, outbuildings, grounds, and docks. This closure shall not apply to residents, guests of residents, or persons engaged in legitimate Government activities or permitted business activities.
- Except for facilities designated for visitor use, all buildings are closed to unauthorized entry. This shall not apply to persons in non-public areas who have been granted specific permission by the National Park Service (NPS), another authorized Federal agency, licensed concessionaires or their representatives, or those who are under escort of park employees acting within the scope of employment.

##### Parking:

- All parking areas in the park are closed to camping and overnight parking, with the exception that visitors holding (hike-in) backcountry camping permits may park at established trailheads and visitors staying overnight at the Clem Miller Environmental Education Center, the Point Reyes Hostel, and the Lifeboat Station may park at those locations. Overnight parking is defined as a vehicle parking from 12 midnight to 6:00 a.m.

*Since overnight use and camping is prohibited in the park except in established backcountry campsites there is no valid reason for a vehicle to remain in the park overnight unless the Visitor and Resource Protection Division has been previously advised.*

##### Chimney Rock Boat Launch:

- The pier and marine railway boat launching facility adjacent to the historic lifeboat station at Chimney Rock are closed.

*These facilities are closed due to safety considerations. There are no less restrictive means that would ensure the continued safety of visitors.*

#### Kehoe and Tomales Cliffs:

- Ocean facing cliff areas from Kehoe Beach to Tomales Point are closed except at the following sites: Elk Fence, Elephant Rock, Driftwood Beach and the Lower Pierce Point Beach.

*These areas are closed due to safety considerations. Less restrictive closures are not as safe as a full closure and could lead to visitor confusion as to when or whether the areas are open.*

#### Chimney Rock Cliffs:

- Cliff areas between mean low tide and the bluffs between Chimney Rock and the Lighthouse are closed.

*This area is closed due to safety considerations and to protect marine mammal and bird colonies. Less restrictive closures are not as safe as a full closure and could lead to visitor confusion as to when or whether the areas are open.*

#### Chimney Rock Fish Dock:

- The fish dock area beyond the closed sign at the end of Chimney Rock Road is closed to unauthorized vehicles.

*The Fish Dock is National Park Service property.*

#### Point Reyes Lighthouse:

- The Lighthouse area is closed from the upper observation area to the lower Lighthouse on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and all other days from 4:30 pm to 10:00 a.m. and during periods when the wind speed exceeds 40 mph. The entire Lighthouse area (from the gate at the parking lot to the lower Lighthouse) is closed from 10:00pm to 6:00am. The Lighthouse area (from the gate at the parking lot to the lower Lighthouse) is also closed to wedding ceremonies and other non-park sponsored events.

*This area is closed for public safety reasons and to protect the historic Lighthouse, Visitor Center and other structures when no park staff is in the area. Weddings impact visitors not participating in the ceremonies. The lighthouse is closed to weddings because the lighthouse is a high visitation area, and weddings substantially increase the visitation and traffic in the area. The area is too small to safely accommodate wedding parties and visitors at the same time. Parking is also very limited.*

#### Seal Pupping Areas:

- Double Point, Drake's Estero, and South Blue Gums Beach harbor seal pupping areas are closed to the public from March 1 to June 30 of each year. Hog Island is closed to overnight use. Day use is permitted at Hog Island with access and use restricted to the west side only. (See Exhibit A).
- Drakes Beach elephant seal pupping area as delineated by the signing at the northern end of Drakes Beach is closed to all entry by visitors due to seal activity at all times of the year.

*These closures are necessary to protect harbor and elephant seals from disturbance during the pupping or season when they are exceptionally vulnerable and for other wildlife concerns. No management action other than closure is sufficient because a single disturbance could significantly reduce the productivity of the colonies, resulting in a reduced population size or loss of habitat if they leave the area.*

### Snowy Plover Closures:

- Specific areas on Point Reyes Beach which are signed and fenced to protect snowy plover nests from March 1 through September 30 every year are closed to all entry by visitors (including on horseback) in order to protect the Snowy Plover.

*The seasonal closure is necessary to insure that no damage occurs to ground nests of snowy plovers, a federally listed threatened species. Because there are bird nests there throughout the breeding season, nothing other than a full closure of the specific fenced areas would be sufficient to protect the birds.*

### Seabird Colony Sites:

#### Seabird Nesting Areas:

Point Reyes Headlands, Miller Rocks, Stormy Stack, and Hog Island seabird nesting areas are closed to the public from March 1 to July 30 of each year (See Exhibit A)

- Bird Rock is closed year round to visitor use.

*The year round closure is necessary to insure that no damage occurs to nesting burrows of storm petrels and rhinoceros auklets, both of which are species of concern under California state law. Brown pelicans, a federally listed threatened species, roost on Bird Rock in the summer time. Because there are bird colonies there throughout the year, nothing other than a full closure would be sufficient to protect the birds.*

### Disturbing Wildlife with Sound:

- The use of any audio or mechanical device to attract or disturb wildlife is prohibited.

*The use of audio devices to attract wildlife has the potential to cause bodily injury, energy loss, a decrease in food intake, habitat avoidance and abandonment, and reproductive losses (Busnel, R.G. and J. Fletcher (eds.) 1978. Effects of noise on wildlife. New York: Academic Press.) In addition, audio attractants can increase mortality by causing animals to move into high risk areas (ie. roadways) or areas where they would be more vulnerable to predators (ie. open fields).*

### Remote Controlled, Motorized Aircraft

- Remote controlled aircraft (both motorized propeller driven and gliders) are not allowed in the park.

*Because the use of remote controlled aircraft has the potential to harass wildlife, especially marine mammals and threatened shore bird species, and bother other visitors, their use has been determined to be incompatible with the parks mission.*

### Bus Idling:

- Bus drivers are prohibited from idling their buses for extended periods of time. Idling is not to exceed 15 minutes at any time.

*The Superintendent has determined that excessive idling of engines adds unnecessary exhaust fumes to the air and diminishes the peace and tranquility of the Park. Due to the nature of service provided by the shuttle busses, they are excluded from turning off their engines before opening the door at each stop.*

Boating:

- Boating or the use of any vessel (as defined by 36 CFR 1.4) is prohibited in the following areas:

Point Reyes Headlands Marine Conservation Area:

- Within 100 yards of the shoreline of the Point Reyes Headlands Marine Conservation area (licensed commercial fishing boats are excluded).

*Point Reyes Headlands Marine Conservation Area is a marine protected reserve designated by California Department of Fish and Game and the National Park Service. This closure is necessary to protect marine mammals in this area.*

Limantour & Drakes Estero:

- The waters including tidal areas of Limantour and Drakes Estero are closed to boating from March 1 to June 30. This closure excludes operations associated with Drakes Bay Oyster Company

*The Esteros are protected seabird, shorebird, and marine mammal pupping sites. No management action other than closure is sufficient because a single disturbance could significantly reduce the productivity of the colonies, resulting in a reduced population size or loss of habitat if they leave the area.*

Non-Motorized Craft Allowed:

- Where the use of vessels on inland waters (as defined by 36 CFR §1.4), such as freshwater lakes and including Abbots Lagoon, Drakes and Limantour Esteros, is permitted in the Park, only non-motorized craft may be used.

*Under the Wilderness Act, motorized vehicles are prohibited in congressionally designated wilderness areas. Additionally, the NPS manages designated potential wilderness in a manner consistent with wilderness designation.*

NOTE: All areas within the park are subject to emergency closure to the public when the Superintendent or designated representative determines an emergency situation exists which, coupled with continued visitation or unrestricted activities, would pose a threat to public safety or adversely affect the park's natural, aesthetic, scenic or cultural values. Such closures will be lifted immediately upon termination of the emergency situation.

**(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:**

- Bicycle Riding: The following roads, though closed to public motor vehicle use, are open to bicycling:
  - Sky Trail (from Limantour Road to Sky Camp)
  - Bear Valley Trail (Bear Valley Trailhead to Glen Junction)
  - Coast Trail (Laguna Road to Coast Camp)
  - Inverness Ridge Trail (Limantour Road to the Mt. Vision Road)
  - Marshall Beach Trail
  - Stewart Trail (including Glen Camp Spur Trail from Stewart Trail to Glen Camp)
  - Lighthouse Road from the parking lot to the Lighthouse Visitor Center
- Camping: Please refer to § 2.10 of this compendium for specific camping area designations.

*At large camping has been determined to be inconsistent with the resource protection and visitor management mission of the park. Campsite locations have been selected for maximum visitor experience while avoiding sensitive resource areas.*

- As per section § 7.81, Drakes Beach Overlook is the only location approved for Hang Gliding. A permit is required in that location.

*For safety reasons, Drakes Beach Overlook is best suited for this use. A large part of the park is congressionally designated wilderness where hang gliding is not a compatible use. There are very few places where hang gliding would be safe.*

## II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

**(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the Superintendent is required:**

For all permits, contact Point Reyes National Seashore, Point Reyes Station, California 94956, phone number, 415 464-5170.

- §1.5(d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits:
  - Picnic groups of over 100 people
  - Weddings
  - Visitors lighting or maintaining beach fires and ceramic pit fires
  - Installation of permanent boat moorings
- §2.4(d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net
- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)
- §2.10(a) The following camping activities:
  - Overnight camping, including backcountry and boat camping.
- §2.12 Audio Disturbances:
  - (a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas
  - (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas
  - (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51
- §2.13(a) Fires: Beach fires and ceramic pit fires
- §2.16 Horses and Pack Animals: Groups with over 25 head of horses or pack animals.
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- §2.17 Aircraft & Air Delivery:
  - (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means
  - (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft
- §2.38 Explosives:
  - (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
  - (b) Use or possess fireworks
- §2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events
- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views
- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising
- §2.60(b) Livestock use
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands



- §2.62 Memorialization:
  - (a) Erection of monuments (Requires approval from Regional Director)
  - (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation
- §4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits
- §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution.)
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (Requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations)
- §5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming:
  - (a) Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television
  - (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising
- §5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads (The superintendent shall issue a permit to access private lands within or adjacent to the park when access is otherwise not available)
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.
- §6.9(a) Operation of a solid waste disposal site
- Part 7 Special Regulations
- §7.81 Powerless Flight

### III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

#### **36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

**(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:**

- Individuals or groups who have been issued a fire permit under 1.5(a)(1) may collect naturally occurring dead wood (driftwood) that does not contain creosote from beach areas for use as firewood on those beaches in the park, except for beaches on Tomales Bay.

**(c)(1), (c)(2) The following fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use or consumption restrictions:**

- Blackberries or other edible berries, 2 quarts per person per day.
- Mushrooms, 2 gallons and 1 mushroom per adult per day.
- Unoccupied seashells, gathered by hand.
- Daffodil flowers from the abandoned nursery near Laguna Trailhead, 6 flowers per person per day

*The minor collection of any of these items will not result in an adverse effect to park wildlife, the reproduction of any plant species or other park resources or otherwise adversely affect park wildlife. If future monitoring indicates that such collection is causing any of the above problems, the authorization of this consumptive use will be terminated.*

#### **36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

**(d) The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:**

- The carcass must be tagged in accordance with state law.
- Game must be kept out of sight.

**(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:**

- The entire park is closed to viewing wildlife with artificial light.

#### **36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING**

**(a) The following State fishing laws and/or regulations, as noted, do not apply in the listed areas:**

- None

Note: By State law no fishing is allowed in:

- Lagunitas Creek and all its tributaries including Olema and Bear Valley Creeks.
- All coastal streams within the park.
- Limantour Estero
- Point Reyes Headlands Marine Conservation Area.

## **36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE**

**(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:**

- **Stay Limit:** Camping in Point Reyes National Seashore is limited to not more than a total of 4 nights in any one visit and not more than 30 nights in any given calendar year unless authorized by a special use permit.
- **Site Limit:** Each campsite at Point Reyes National Seashore has a maximum density (persons per site) which is given at the time the permit is issued and to exceed this number is considered a violation of permit.
- **Group Site Limit:** Group sites are limited to a maximum of 25 people per night at Coast Camp, Wildcat Camp, and Sky Camp.
- **Checkout Time:** Checkout time in all campgrounds is 12:00 noon on the day of departure.
- **Waste Water Disposal:** Camping waste-water (dishwater and cooking water) must be discharged at least 100 feet from streams or bodies of water.
- **Age Limit:** The minimum age of any camper is 18 unless accompanied by an adult.
- **Backcountry Camping Permits:** Backcountry camping in Point Reyes National Seashore is by permit only at designated backcountry campsites. The sites are located at the following designated campgrounds: Coast Camp, Sky Camp, Wildcat Camp and Glen Camp. Camping permits must be in the possession of the camper while he/she is enroute to their site. Thereafter the permit is to be attached to the tent or some other object where it can be checked should the permittee be away from the site.
- **Tomales Bay Boat Camping:** All camping in Tomales Bay is boat-in only camping and requires a permit. Camping on the west shore of Tomales Bay in Point Reyes National Seashore, with the exception of Tomales Bay State Park, is authorized for dispersed minimum impact camping within 75 feet of the mean high tide level. Camping permits must be in the possession of the group while in the park.
- Camping on Hog Island and on Duck Island is prohibited.

**(b)(3) Camping within 25 feet of a fire hydrant or main road, or within 100 feet of a flowing stream, river or body of water is authorized only in the following areas, under the conditions noted:**

- In established campsites in designated campgrounds

**(d) Conditions for the storage of food are in effect, as noted, for the following areas:**

- All food items(including canned, bottled or otherwise packaged, equipment used to cook or store food, garbage and toiletries such as soap, toothpaste and cosmetics) must be stored in food lockers where provided.
- Canned or bottled items that have never been opened may be stored in vessels, or in the trunk of the vehicle parked at the trailhead parking area or if there is no trunk, as low in

the vehicle as possible, provided that the cans and bottles are stored out of sight in odor-tight containers and all vehicle doors, windows and vents are closed.

### **36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING**

#### Conditions for Picnicking:

- Leaving food unattended is prohibited.
- Picnicking is permitted within all designated campgrounds; however, picnickers must yield campsites to persons with camping permits.
- Groups of over 100 people who wish to picnic in the park must first obtain a permit.
- A designated portion of Bear Valley picnic area is available by reservation. This portion is limited to a maximum of 75 people.

### **36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES**

**(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:**

#### Designated Areas:

- Beaches: Wood fires are allowed, by permit, pursuant to 1.5(a)(1) Public Use Limits, on beaches below the high tide line within Point Reyes National Seashore.
- Campgrounds and Picnic Areas: Charcoal fires only for cooking.
- Stewart Horse Camp: Wood and charcoal fires in park provided grills

#### Established Conditions:

In all cases, fires are only allowed in such fire danger conditions as directed by the park's Fire Step Up Plan.

#### Beach Fires:

- The person attending the beach fire must have in his/her possession a valid permit.
- Fires must be a minimum of 30 feet in all directions from flammable material, including vegetation.
- No fire shall exceed 36 inches in diameter at its base.
- Wooden pallets, tires or flammable liquid such as gasoline may not be burned. All metal such as nails or screws, must be removed from wood before it is brought to the beach.

#### Campgrounds and Picnic Areas:

- Only charcoal, gas stove or canned heat may be used for cooking.
- Charcoal fires only may be made in the provided grills or in visitor owned grills brought into a campground.

Stewart Horse Camp:

- Wood fires may only be made in the provided grills
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- Charcoal fires may only be made in the provided grills or in visitor owned grills brought into a campground.

**(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:**

- Fires shall be attended at all times by a responsible person until the fire is completely out and the coals are cold.
- Fires must be extinguished by 12 midnight.
- Fires must be completely extinguished with water, using the "drown, stir and feel" method.
- Extinguishing fires with sand is prohibited.

**(c) High fire danger closures will be in effect as noted:**

- Mount Vision Road will be closed to vehicles during very high and extreme red flag fire danger periods.

**36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE**

**(b) Conditions for the disposal, containerization, or carryout of human body waste have been established as follows:**

- Human waste must be disposed of at least 100 feet from any water source (including seasonal creek beds, etc, that may be dry), campsite or trail and be buried 6" deep in the soil.
- Portable toilets are required for all overnight trips in Tomales Bay.

**36 CFR §2.15 – PETS**

**(a)(1) The following structures and/or areas are closed to the possession of pets:**

- All Point Reyes National Seashore trails and in wilderness areas, except:
  1. Trails within the Northern District of Golden Gate NRA, north of Bolinas Fairfax Road.
  2. Trails and roads within the Niman Ranch/Commonweal area south of the Commonweal entrance road and west of Mesa road.
  3. Kehoe Beach access trail
- Bull Point Trail
- Drakes Beach
- McClures Beach
- Palomarin Beach
- Limantour Preserve and that portion of the beach peninsula parallel to the preserve and designated by signs.
- Abbots Lagoon including that area within 150 yards of the trail and the Lagoon itself.
- Chimney Rock Headlands area, and all areas adjacent to the Chimney Rock trailhead parking area.

- During snowy plover nesting season, the portion of the Great Beach from 500 feet south of Kehoe Beach to ¼ mile north of North Beach parking lot (as signed), to protect snowy plovers.
- The southern end of South Point Reyes Beach from the Ben Davis property (as signed) to the Lighthouse during January, February and March, to protect elephant seals during pupping season.
- Lighthouse area, parking lot, Sea Lion Overlook and all adjacent trails.
- All campgrounds except Tomales Bay boat-in camping sites south of the Tomales Point Tule Elk Preserve.
- Specific areas as posted by signs.

**(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:**

- Pet excrement must be bagged and deposited in waste receptacles.

**(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:**

- Park employees in government housing may keep pets only in accordance with the Point Reyes National Seashore Pet Policy SOP approved by the Superintendent. That document shall, by reference, be made a part of this compendium. Lease and reservation of possession holders must comply with Marin County pet regulations.

**36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS**

**(a) The following animals are designated as pack animals for purposes of transporting equipment:**

- horses
- mules
- burros
- llamas

**(b) The use of horses or pack animals is allowed on the following trails, routes or areas:**

- Park wide except that:
- Drakes Beach, Earthquake Trail, and Woodpecker Trail are closed to horses and pack animals at all times (See Exhibit B).
- Llamas are prohibited on the Tomales Point Tule Elk Preserve and the Limantour Area from Home Bay to Coast Trail/Woodward Valley Trail Junction and the beach to Inverness Ridge (See Exhibit C).
- The following areas are closed to horses and pack animals on weekends and holidays because such use will conflict with high visitor use: Bear Valley Trail (between Mt. Wittenberg Trail and Glen Trail junction), Meadow Trail, and Old Pine Trail.
- Overnight camping with horses and pack animals (except llamas) is permitted only in the designated areas of the Coast, Wildcat or Sky Camps. Llamas are allowed to overnight camp in the designated areas at Wildcat and Sky Camps.
- Horses and pack animals are not permitted overnight at Glen Camp.

**(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:**

- Horse drawn wagons, carts and/or buggies are prohibited on all trails unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent or designated representative.
- Off-trail or cross-country travel is prohibited, except within 100 feet of the trail for purposes of watering and rest stops, or by permittees conducting normal ranching operations in enclosed pastures, corrals and fields under Special Use Permit, Lease or Reservation of Possession.
- Stock users are specifically prohibited from establishing new trails and from short cutting trails and switchbacks.
- All persons who wish to camp in the backcountry campgrounds must obtain and carry with them a camping permit. The permit is valid only for the dates and camping locations indicated.
- The maximum string size for parties not spending nights in the park is 25 head of stock on designated routes. Groups in excess of 25 head of stock must obtain a permit from the Superintendent.
- Tying stock to trees overnight or for extended periods of time is prohibited. When picketed on a line, stock must be tied so they cannot chew on tree bark or eat the leaves of shrubs or plants.
- It is prohibited to tie or picket stock within 100 feet of any stream, lake or spring. Stock may not be tied within a campsite except for loading and unloading or in designated areas.
- Grazing is prohibited.
- Groups with horses or pack animals must bring in their own feed for their animals. Certified weed free hay, pellet feed or hay cubes are required to minimize noxious weed introduction.
- Horse users are prohibited from unloading manure and hay from their trailers into parking lots within the Seashore.
- Campers are required to thoroughly clean the campsite on a daily basis. Manure and uneaten fodder must be raked and spread out.
- Watering facilities must be used when they are provided.
- The maximum number of horses permitted overnight at Sky, Coast and Wildcat campgrounds is 8.

**36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY**

**(a)(1) Areas designated for operating or using aircraft are provided for in section 7.81**

**(a)(2) The operation or use of aircraft under power on water within 500 feet of designated swimming beaches, boat docks, piers, or ramps is permitted in the following areas, under the conditions noted:**

- There are no park designated areas where seaplanes may land.

**(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is subject to procedures established by the Superintendent through written authorization.**

**36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING**

**(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:**

- All public buildings including park offices and restrooms, and public areas of concession buildings.
- Within 25 feet of building entrances normally used by the public, or 25 feet of entrances not normally used by the public if smoke gets in the building.
- Where posted.
- Smoking while traveling on trails. Persons who wish to smoke while hiking or riding on trails must stop and remain in one location until they have extinguished their smoking material.
- Morgan Horse Ranch barn and exhibit areas.
- All government vehicles.
- The Superintendent may ban smoking on trails and in backcountry areas during periods of very high and extreme fire danger.

*These restrictions are enacted to protect public health and structures from fire danger or smoke. This prohibition is consistent with state law and past practice. Smoking while traveling on trails is prohibited because of fire danger. Ashes inadvertently dropped while walking or riding an animal have the potential to start a fire that may go unnoticed in its initial stages. Requiring persons to remain in one location minimizes this risk. Smoking while on trails or backcountry areas during very high or extreme fire danger conditions is prohibited because of heightened fire danger.*

**36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY**

**(a)(2) Property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours in the following areas and under the following conditions:**

- Visitors on backcountry trips may leave their vehicles unattended in public parking areas for the period specified by the backcountry permit.

**36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES**

**(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:**

Entrance Fee Areas:

- None

Daily Site Use Fee Areas:



- None

Special Recreation Permit Fee (Such as but not limited to, group activities, recreation events, and the use of motorized recreation vehicles):

- None

### **36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

**(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:**

- All public use areas within the park are closed to the possession of a receptacle(s) with a capacity of five fluid gallons or more which contain(s) an alcoholic beverage.

*The behavior induced by the consumption of excessive amounts of alcoholic beverages may adversely affect the park experience of other visitors. Parties with alcohol in large containers (i.e., kegs) have consistently caused problems in the past including rowdy behavior and vandalism.*

### **36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION**

**(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains, or in the following designated areas without a permit, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:**

- A permit is required for all areas.
- Remains to be scattered must have been cremated and pulverized.
- Scattering by persons on the ground is to be performed at least 100 yards from any trail, road, developed facility or body of water, and 440 yards seaward from the shoreline on the Pacific Ocean.
- Scattering from the air will not be performed over developed areas, facilities or bodies of water and will be performed at a minimum altitude of 2000 feet above the ground.

### **36 CFR §3.3 – VESSEL PERMITS**

**Permits are required for the use of a vessel in the following areas:**

- None

### **36 CFR §3.21 – SWIMMING and BATHING**

**(a)(1) The following areas are closed to swimming and bathing:**

- The park is not closing any areas to swimming and bathing. However, many areas are hazardous and visitors should exercise extreme caution before attempting to swim or bathe. The ocean waters off the Great Beach from Tomales Point south, to and including the southernmost end of South Beach, are deemed hazardous for any type of water activity. All swimming and surfing shall be at the individual's own risk.

**(a)(2) Swimming and bathing is allowed under the following conditions:**

- No soap may be used in any freshwater lake, pond, or stream.

**36 CFR §3.23 – SCUBA and SNORKELING**

**(a) SCUBA diving and snorkeling is permitted in the following swimming, docking, and mooring areas under the terms and conditions noted:**

- All areas except Drakes Estero and Limantour Estero.

**36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS and ROUTES**

**(a) Park roads, open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated below, and/or as indicated in the following publication or document (attached hereto):**

- Most current version of the official Map & Guide to Point Reyes National Seashore

**36 CFR §4.11 – VEHICLE LOAD, WEIGHT and SIZE LIMITS**

**(a) The following load, weight and size limits, which are more restrictive than State law, apply to the roads indicated under the terms and conditions, and/or under permit as noted:**

- Vehicles over 24 feet in length are prohibited on Mount Vision Road and Chimney Rock Road. Groups arriving by bus who have reservations at the Lifeboat Station will be escorted by NPS staff to that location.
- Travel trailers are prohibited on Limantour Road, Mount Vision Road and Chimney Rock Road.

**36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS**

**(b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:**

15 MPH:

- The unpaved section of Mesa Road
- Oyster Farm Access Road
- Mount Vision Road
- Estero Trail Access Road
- Marshall Beach Road
- Sacramento Landing Road
- Chimney Rock Road
- The following sections of trails open for administrative vehicle use:
  - Sky Trail (from Limantour Road to Sky Camp)
  - Bear Valley Trail (Bear Valley Trailhead to Glen Junction)
  - Coast Trail (Limantour Road to Coast Camp)
  - Drivable sections of the Inverness Ridge Trail (Limantour Road to the Mt. Vision Road)
  - Marshall Beach Trail
  - Stewart Trail (including Glen Camp Spur Trail from Stewart Trail to Glen Camp)
  - Lighthouse Road from the parking lot to the Lighthouse Visitor Center
  - Bolinas Ridge Trail
  - Randall Trail

25 MPH:

- Limantour Road (Sky Trail to Limantour Parking Lot, including the road to the southern parking lot)

- L Ranch Road to L Ranch
- North Beach Access Road
- South Beach Access Road
- Drakes Beach Road from D Ranch to the Ken Patrick Visitor Center
- Sir Francis Drake Blvd from Chimney Rock Junction to the Lighthouse Parking lot

35 MPH:

- Pierce Point Road
- Limantour Road (Sky Trail to Bear Valley Road)

### **36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES**

The following additional routes, in developed areas or special use zones, have been designated for bicycle use:

- Sky Trail (from Limantour Road to Sky Camp)
  - Bear Valley Trail (Bear Valley to Glen Junction)
  - Coast Trail (Laguna Road to Coast Camp)
  - Inverness Ridge Trail (Limantour Road to Mount Vision Road)
  - Marshall Beach Trail
  - Stewart Trail (including Glen Camp Spur Trail from Stewart Trail to Glen Camp)
  - Bull Point Trail
  - Chimney Rock Trail
  - Drakes Head Trail
  - Estero Trail (Trailhead to 1.4 mi past Drakes Head Trail)
  - Morgan Trail (Bear Valley Trailhead north to Bear Valley Road)
  - Muddy Hollow Trail
  - Olema Valley Trail
  - Sunset Beach Trail
  - White Gate Trail
  - Mt. Vision Road from the locked gate to the FAA Station
- The speed limit for bicycles on designated routes within the Park shall be 15 mph on trails with long sight distances and 5 mph when passing others or approaching blind turns.
  - No bicycle shall be operated in a manner which may endanger the safety of others or environmental resources.

**(b) Bicycle use is allowed in undeveloped areas as provided for in section 7.97 [Golden Gate NRA]**

- Bolinas Ridge Trail
- McCurdy Trail
- Randall Trail
- Jewell Trail
- Cross Marin Trail
- Tomales Bay Trail

### **36 CFR §4.31 – HITCHHIKING**

**Hitchhiking is permitted in the following areas under the conditions noted:**

- Hitchhiking is allowed anywhere in the park as long as the person does not stand in a roadway and the hitchhiking/solicitation does not adversely affect visitor safety or the normal flow of traffic.

**36 CFR §7.81 - POWERLESS FLIGHT:**

**(a) The use of devices designed to carry persons through the air in powerless flight is allowed at the following locations pursuant to terms and conditions of a permit.**

- Drakes Beach Overlook