



There are tons of **cool** things to discover while visiting Point Reyes. Get started on your seashore adventure today by completing the **activities** on this page!

Seashore Scavenger Hunt

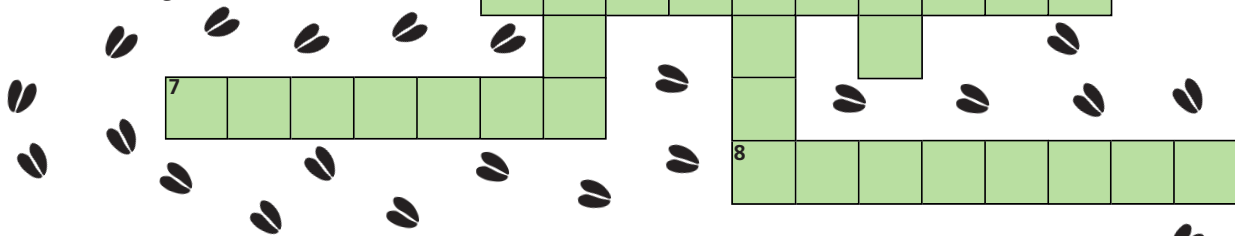
Complete this crossword puzzle by hunting throughout this paper for the answers. You might also find the answers while exploring throughout the seashore.

Across

- In 1579, Sir Francis _____ became the first European explorer to come ashore in northern California and is thought to have camped along a beach in Point Reyes which today bears his name.
- In 1870, the Point Reyes _____ was built to guide ships safely past the treacherous Point Reyes headlands.
- _____ Rock Trail is one of the best places to view spring wildflowers.
- Each winter, _____ Seals leave their solitary lives at sea, coming ashore at Point Reyes for the breeding and birthing season.

Down

- The famous fault that separates Point Reyes National Seashore from mainland California is called the San _____ Fault.
- You can learn about the first people of this area by visiting Kule Loklo, a replica Coast _____ village.
- A cool, moist climate has made Point Reyes an ideal location for _____ ranching for over 150 years.
- The _____ Elk were nearly driven to extinction during the Gold Rush of 1849.



Become a Junior Ranger

and help protect Point Reyes National Seashore! By discovering and learning about your national parks, you are taking important steps towards helping to take care of these special places today and for the future. This is a big job, but can be tons of fun, too. Ask at any visitor center to learn more about how you can become a Junior Ranger. For more fun, visit these websites:

www.nps.gov/pore/forkids/index.htm
www.nps.gov/webrangers



Arrowhead Challenge

The arrowhead is the official symbol of the National Park Service. You will find it on buildings, signs, vehicles, and rangers' uniforms. Each part of the arrowhead represents the important resources that our National Parks preserve and protect - even the shape! These resources include plants, animals, land forms, water resources and history. Can you identify these parts? Label them on the arrowhead below.



Throughout your visit, try to find as many arrowheads as you can!

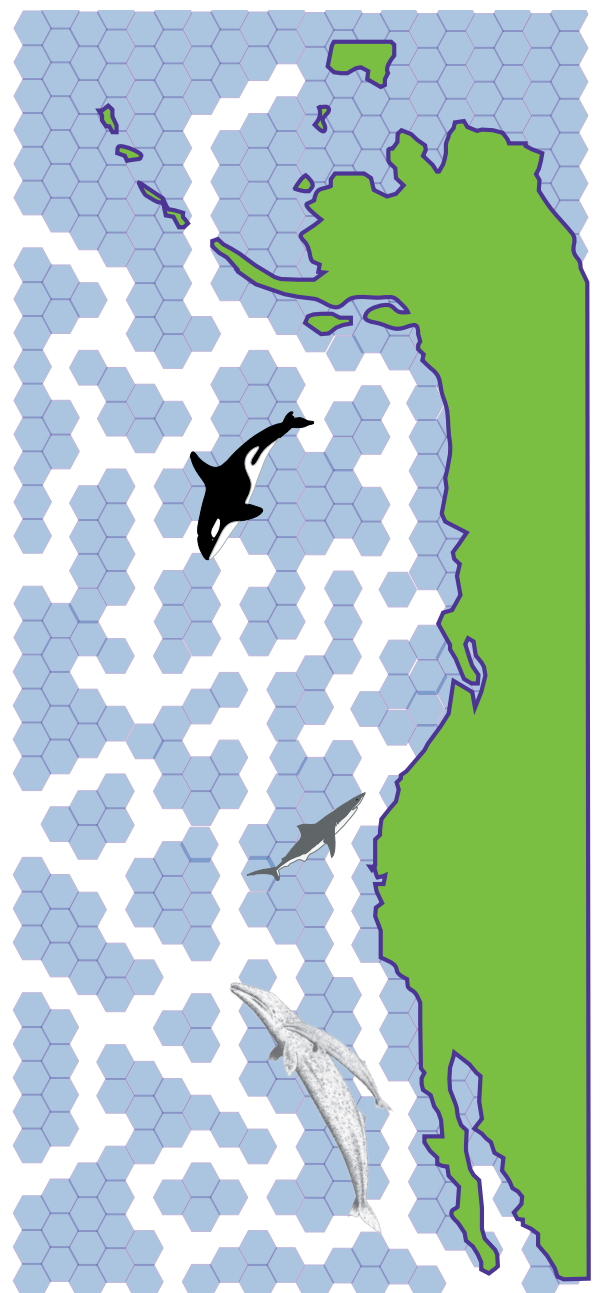
Arrowhead Count:



A Whale of a Journey!

Gray whales complete a 10,000 mile round trip journey each year migrating between their birthing and breeding lagoons in Baja, California and their feeding grounds in the Bering Sea of Alaska. This is the longest migration of any mammal!

Help the gray whale find its way to Alaska. First, label Alaska and Baja on the map. Next, trace the migration route of the gray whale through the maze. What type of hazards could the gray whale encounter along their way?



Bonus Question: When are you most likely to see Gray Whales at Point Reyes?

Who am I?

Point Reyes provides critical habitat to many different kinds of animals. A habitat is a place where animals find the important things needed to survive like food, water, shelter and space. Can you identify these seashore animals? What kind of habitat do they need to survive? Once you have finished filling in the blanks, have fun coloring!



1. I am a _____

My habitat is _____



2. I am a _____

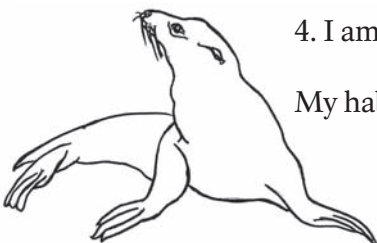
My habitat is _____



3. I am a _____

My habitat is _____

artwork by Catherine Ball



4. I am a _____

My habitat is _____

Nature Detective

Seashore scientists use their sharp observation skills to study Point Reyes. Like detectives trying to crack a case, they look and listen carefully for clues that will help them solve mysteries about plants, animals, habitats, and people. This information often helps us make decisions about caring for Point Reyes.

Put your observation skills to work by carefully investigating your surroundings. You can study one special place, observe a living thing or hunt for clues that will tell you about the animals that live in the area. Write your discoveries on the field notebook to the right.



Answers for the activities on this page can be found on page 3. No peeking!