

Planning Your Visit



Bear Valley Visitor Center

Stop at the Seashore's primary visitor center for general information and to view the Seashore's orientation film. Indoor exhibits introduce the plants, animals, and people of the area. Free park maps and beach fire permits are available at the main desk. Permits for backcountry and boat-in camping are issued at the camping desk, where you may make reservations up to three months in advance.

Hours:

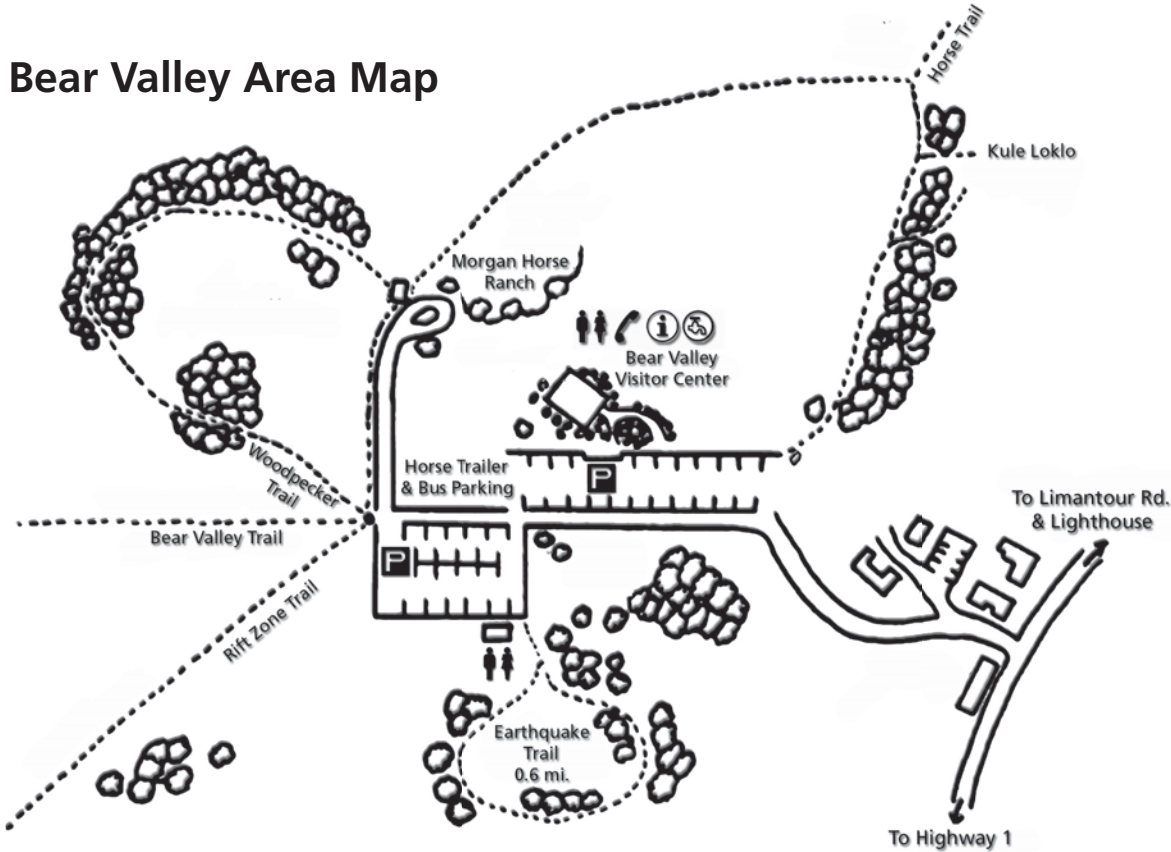
Monday—Friday, 9 am to 5 pm
Weekends and holidays, 8 am to 5 pm

Outdoor Exhibits:

Earthquake Trail, Morgan Horse Ranch and Kule Loklo, Woodpecker Trail

Phone Number: 415-464-5100

Bear Valley Area Map



Drive Time From Bear Valley

Lighthouse/Chimney Rock	45 minutes
Drakes Beach	30 minutes
Limantour Beach	20 minutes
Point Reyes Youth Hostel	15 minutes
Tomales Point	30 minutes

San Francisco (via Sir Francis Drake Blvd)	1 hour
San Francisco (via Highway 1)	1.5 hours

Bodega Bay	1 hour
Petaluma	30 minutes
Novato	30 minutes
Sonoma/Napa	1 hour

Please drive carefully. Follow posted speed limits and watch for cyclists. Gasoline is only available in downtown Point Reyes Station.

Visit the Seashore's Website

The Seashore's website is a great tool for use in planning your visit. You will find maps, driving directions, park regulations, camping and hiking information, official publications, the lighthouse webcam, seasonal highlights, special event details, ranger program information and more!

www.nps.gov/pore



Ken Patrick Visitor Center

Drive approximately 35 minutes from Bear Valley to the Ken Patrick Visitor Center and beautiful Drakes Beach. Enjoy exhibits on 16th and 17th century maritime exploration, marine fossils, and marine environments. You can find refreshments next door at the Drakes Beach Cafe.

Annual Sand Sculpture contest held Labor Day weekend. Inquire at any visitor center or check the park's web site.

Hours:

Weekends and holidays, 10 am to 5 pm

Phone Number: 415-669-1250

Drakes Beach Cafe

Serving local, organic, sustainably produced foods. Open weekends; weekday hours vary seasonally. Friday and Saturday night, dinner by reservation. For more information, call 415-669-1297.



Historic Lighthouse & Visitor Center

Drive 45 minutes from Bear Valley to the lighthouse parking area. Walk 0.4 miles up a moderately steep hill to the Lighthouse Visitor Center. Some handicap accessible parking is available within 1/8 mile of the visitor center. Inquire at any visitor center for access to this parking area. An observation deck overlooks the lighthouse. When the stairs are open, you may walk down the 308 steep steps to the lighthouse.

Fog and wind are common throughout the year. Dress in layers. For current weather information, contact any visitor center or view the lighthouse webcam: www2.nature.nps.gov/air/WebCams/parks/porecam/porecam.cfm

Hours:

Visitor Center : Thursday—Monday, 10am to 4:30pm
*Stairs: Thursday—Monday, 10am to 4:30pm
*Lens Room: Thursday—Monday, 2:30pm to 4:00pm

**High winds or maintenance work may close the stairs. Inquire at any visitor center.*

Pets are not permitted beyond the bounds of the paved lighthouse visitors' parking lot.

Phone Number: 415-669-1534

Outdoor Exhibits

Kule Loklo

This Coast Miwok cultural exhibit provides a glimpse of California before European contact. The replica village is an easy half mile walk from the Bear Valley Visitor Center. Learn about the Coast Miwok culture as you walk along the trail.

Open daily, sunrise to sunset.



Earthquake Trail

Starting from the Bear Valley Visitor Center picnic area, this short loop trail highlights the San Andreas Fault. View exhibits about geology and the great San Francisco earthquake of 1906.

Open daily, sunrise to sunset. Wheelchair-accessible.



Morgan Horse Ranch

This working ranch at Bear Valley is for Morgan horses used for backcountry patrol at Point Reyes National Seashore. The Morgan is the first American horse breed. Self-guided exhibits, corrals and demonstrations are a part of the ranch.

Open daily, 9am to 4:30 pm.



Historic Pierce Ranch

Established in 1858, the restored Pierce Ranch was one of the most successful dairy ranches of its time on the Point Reyes Peninsula. Located at Tomales Point, a self-guided trail directs visitors through the historic complex.

Open daily, sunrise to sunset.

