

Rim of the Bay Progressive Hike Award

Mount Wittenberg

Jurisdiction: Point Reyes National Seashore

Hike Length: 5 to 6 miles (depending on the trail).

Elevation: 1,407'

Elevation Gain: 1,367'

Maps:

USGS - 7.5 min Inverness

AAA - North Bay Counties, Marin County

USNPS - Point Reyes National Seashore South District Trail Map - available at Park Headquarters

Erickson and Associates - available at Bear Valley Visitor Center or 337 17th Street, Oakland CA 94612

Directions:

West Bay:

North on Highway 101. Take Sir Francis Drake Exit. Follow Drake until it deadends into Highway 1 at Olema. Turn right onto Highway 1, then take first left onto Bear Valley Road. Park entrance is 1/2 mile on left. Follow signs for "Seashore Information."

East Bay:

Richmond-San Rafael Bridge (Highway 580) to Sir Francis Drake Highway (DO NOT GET ON HWY 101). Then same as above.

Camping:

Overnight backpacking campsites (4 camps) are available by reservation (recommended up to 2 months prior).

Trail:

There are several loop trails available. Start at the Bear Valley Visitors Center (The Park Service recommends Meadow Trail).

MEADOW TRAIL: Take the Bear Valley Trail 0.6 mile south and turn right up Meadows Trail. Meadow Trail joins Sky Trail at the junction to Sky Camp. Turn right on Sky Trail and at about 0.2 mile, you will be at the point where Sky Trail tops out coming from Bear Valley. A short trail leads to the summit, where you have a 360 degree view of the entire Point Reyes Peninsula. From the summit, you descend south to rejoin the Sky Trail. Here you can turn right to reach Sky Camp or left to take of the trails back to Bear Valley or to the coast. At this point is is approximately 3.5 miles to Coast Camp.

SKY TRAIL: Take the Bear Valley Trail 0.2 miles south and turn right onto Sky Trail. Follow Sky Trail to the summit (Sky Trail is much steeper than Meadow Trail). Both Meadow and Sky Trails ascend under hazel, tan bark oaks, and Douglas fir. About halfway up the mountain, you come to a near-level clearing where huckleberries can be found in the fall.

HORSE TRAIL: From the parking lot, head north 0.4 mile towards Miwok Village. The trail starts just before you get to the village. After 1.8 miles, you can choose a trail to Wittenberg or a little further, turn left on the Sky Trail to Sky Camp.

Point Reyes National Seashore

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NOTE: Some of the information in these descriptions, especially information about camping, may be quite dated. You should contact the appropriate agency to get the most current information.

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