



## Giacomini Wetlands

Thank you for joining Point Reyes Outdoors for a paddle into the Giacomini Wetlands. This tour launches from White House Pool, in Point Reyes off of Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Please read the following pages carefully for they include directions, tour details, information on how to dress, and an idea of what you can expect to experience. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at 415-663-8192 and we will be happy to assist you.

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In 1946, the wetlands at the southern portion of Tomales bay were blocked by levees and tidal floodgates, effectively turning them into pasture land. Over the past 60 years, these lands have been home to dairy cows, providing milk and butter. In February of 2000, the Point Reyes National Seashore acquired 563 acres of this pasture land with the intention of restoring the wetland that had been lost. In September 2007, the project began to reestablish California's largest wetland preserve and on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the southern end of Tomales Bay was returned to an estuarine environment for habitat and watershed health.

The levee removal has allowed tidal water back into these areas. Every day that passes results in the arrival of new species. This new network of tidal flow channels and waterways are begging to be explored. Species believed to be extinct, and others that haven't been seen in years are returning to this incredible habitat. The opportunity for wildlife sightings in this network of channels is vast and changes with the tides. Shorebirds, geese, egrets, herons, migrating waterfowl, seals, leopard sharks, and bat rays, are being seen in the area. In the future we hope to find "species of concern" such as Coho salmon, steelhead trout, green sturgeon, tidewater goby, California clapper rail, black rail, and southwestern river otter.

You will experience this extraordinary area enjoyable pace taking time to observe and enjoy the wildlife at every turn.

### Our Guides

PRO takes pride in the quality and skill level of our guides. Impeccably trained, they bring a wealth of knowledge and proficiency to each trip. With expertise in group facilitation, natural history, wilderness first aid and specialized kayak instruction, your guides are ready to provide you with a safe, relaxing and enjoyable experience. As a trip's success and safety depends on their judgment we ask that you respect and support their decisions.

### Terms and Payment

Point Reyes Outdoors, LLC reserves the right to change an itinerary or cancel any trip due to: weather, acts of god, or any unforeseen problems that would make the trip unsafe for its participants. In such cases, clients will be offered either credit toward a future trip or a full refund at their discretion.

PRO has a six day client cancellation policy on all trips and classes. There are no exceptions to this policy. We accept Visa and Master Card, cash or checks. Gratuities are not included in the cost of the trip and there is no obligation to tip your guides, but many people do. The industry standard is in the range of 10% but any amount will be greatly appreciated.

### Preparing for Your Trip

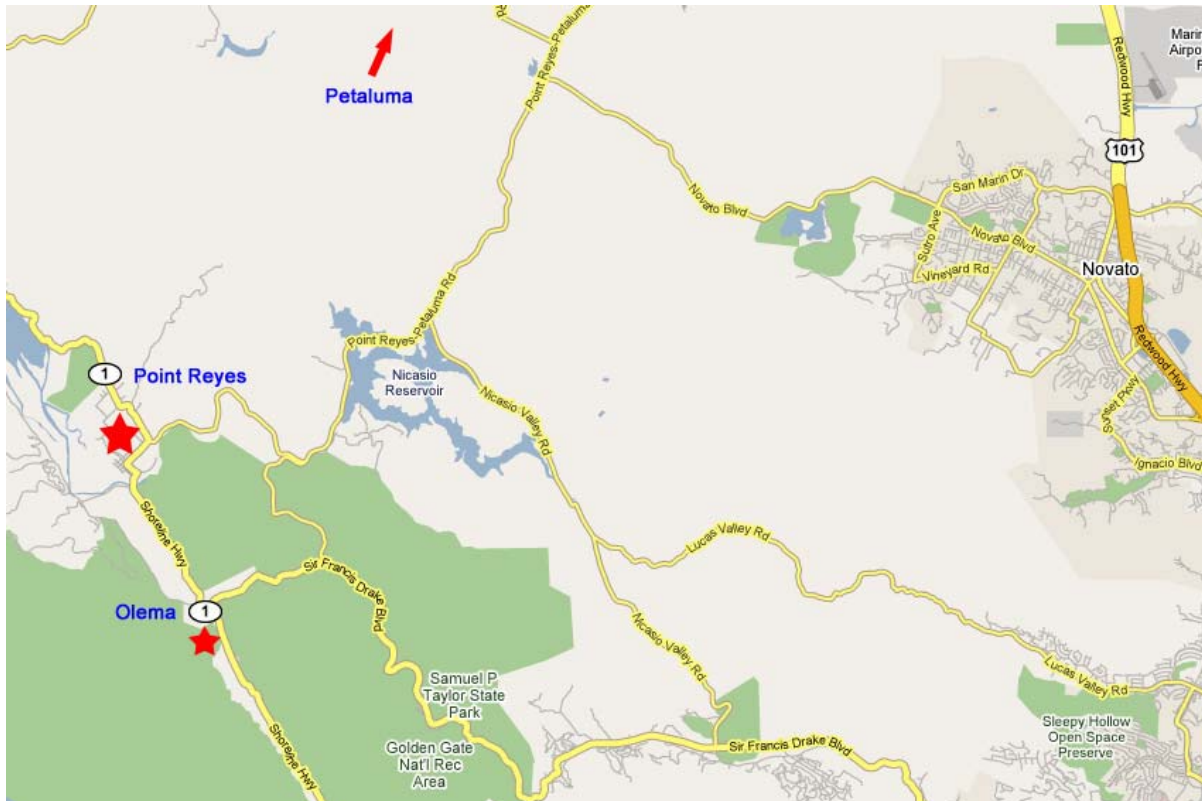
The success of any journey is often based on well prepared participants. The most important contribution you can make is to arrive on time prepared and eager to enjoy the trip. When getting ready for your trip please double check that you understand the directions and allow yourself plenty of travel time. It is very important to be appropriately dressed to insure your comfort, so please study and follow the clothing recommendations that are provided.

Thank you for choosing Point Reyes Outdoors. If you have any questions or need additional information please call 415-663-8192 and we will gladly assist you.

# Directions to White House Pool

The following are directions to White House Pool in Point Reyes Station for the Giacomini Wetlands Paddle. Have a safe and enjoyable drive and *please do your best to be on time!*

\*\*\*\*\*Please Do Not use MapQuest or GoogleMaps as they are unreliable for this area!



## From the South and East Bay

1. From HWY 101 in Greenbrae or from the Richmond San Rafael Bridge take the Sir Francis Drake Blvd exit.
2. You will travel west approximately 21 miles to the junction of Highway 1 in Olema.
  - o Sir Francis Drake Blvd. dead ends into Highway 1 in Olema.
  - o On this lovely drive, you will pass through Larkspur, San Anselmo, Fairfax, San Geronimo, Lagunitas, and wind through the redwoods in Samuel P. Taylor State Park.
3. Turn right (north) on Highway 1. Travel less than ¼ mile to Bear Valley Road.
  - o There is a sign for the Point Reyes National Seashore visitor center on your right.
4. Turn left onto Bear Valley Road.
5. Drive 2.5 miles to the stop sign where Bear Valley dead ends into Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
6. Turn right onto Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
7. The entrance to White House Pool will be on immediately on your left.
8. Park anywhere. We will be waiting for you in the parking lot.

# Directions to White House Pool



## From the North - Novato

1. From Highway 101 in Novato take San Marin Drive exit. Travel west 2 miles to Novato Blvd.
  - o Novato High School will be on your right.
2. Turn right onto Novato Blvd. Drive approximately 7 miles to the Point Reyes-Petaluma Road.
  - o Novato Blvd. dead ends into the Point Reyes-Petaluma Road.
3. Turn left (west) onto Point Reyes - Petaluma Road.
4. Continue west for 10 miles to the junction of Highway 1.
  - o The Point Reyes - Petaluma Road dead ends into Hwy. 1.
5. Turn left onto Highway 1 and travel about ½ mile through the town of Point Reyes Station to Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
  - o Sir Francis Drake Blvd. will be on your right just after the little green bridge.
6. Turn right onto Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
7. Drive approximately ¼ mile. The entrance to White House Pool will be on your right. Park anywhere. We will be waiting for you in the parking lot.

## From the North - Sonoma County & Petaluma

1. From downtown Petaluma...
2. Drive west on D Street.
  - o D Street turns into the Point Reyes-Petaluma Road.
3. Drive west for about 18 miles on the Point Reyes-Petaluma Rd to the junction of Highway 1.
  - o The Point Reyes - Petaluma Road dead ends into Hwy. 1.
4. Turn left on Highway 1 and travel about ½ mile through the town of Point Reyes Station to Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
  - o Sir Francis Drake will be on your right just after the little green bridge.
5. Turn right onto Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
6. Turn right onto Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
7. Drive approximately ¼ mile. The entrance to White House Pool will be on your right. Park anywhere. We will be waiting for you in the parking lot.