

Mendocino Hikes

Outing: 9/14-18, 2025

To sign up, please email Lynne Vogensen at mslynne33@yahoo.com between May 4-17, 2025.

Leaders: Wanda Fong, Helen Johe, Edwin Osada, Angie Toy, Lynne Vogensen

Drive	Ft. Bragg		Drive to Ft. Bragg. Suggested stop at Boonville.
			Walk Noyo Harbor and breakwater, Shop at Harvest Market, Boatyard Shopping Center. Check into Lodging.
Fort Bragg	Kakahleh	1.7 mi, 85 ft, Loop	https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/glass-beach-pudding-creek-loop Start from the Elm Street TH. Explore Glass Beach, walk the bluff to Pudding Creek. Cross the Pudding Creek Trestle to the cement plant (snack at the Cypress trees). Then back to Elm St parking either along the bluff or bike path.
MacKerricher SP	Lunch		Drive 2 mi to MacKerricher SP for lunch and exploring. About 1.5 hr.
Fort Bragg		Hike is 5 mi, 700 ft	Mendocino Coast Botanic Gardens OR Jug Handle SP to hike the Ecological Staircase Trail, 5 mi, 800 ft https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/the-ecological-staircase?u=i&sh=jzha5j
Van Damme SP	Fern Canyon	8.75, 775 ft, Popsicle Or 5 mi, 200 ft.	Fern Canyon, most complete the loop to Pygmy Forest. https://www.alltrails.com/explore/trail/us/california/van-damme-state-park-fern-canyon-trail those returning can drive to the Airport and Pygmy Forest TH. https://maps.app.goo.gl/2Z9fHNSzz2V1pVmbA
Group Dinner			Wharf
Russian Gulch		5 mi, 800 ft.	Hike to the Waterfalls. Either 5.0 mi or 2.5 miles https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/russian-gulch-waterfall-loop-trail
Point Cabrillo Light Station		.5 mi, 40 ft, O&B	Lunch at the light house. See small aquarium and lighthouse keeper's house. \$5 to enter lighthouse.
Mendocino Headlands	Big River	.5 mi.	Hike the bluffs from the Visitor Center to the point (.5 mi). Afternoon is free. Explore the town of Mendocino or

			go to Ft. Bragg (farmer's market @Franklin/Laurel (2:30-5PM), find the murals, ice cream at Cowlicks)	
Drive home			Suggested, take #20 to Willits	

1. Sunday: Drive to Fort Bragg via Boonville(suggested).

- Walk Noyo Harbor and breakwater, visit Noyo Center for Marine Science.
- Get groceries at Harvest Market located in the Boatyard Shopping Center.
- Check in about 3 PM. Lodging TBD.

2. Monday: Ft. Bragg and MacKerricher SP.

- Hike Kakaleh Trail including Glass Beach and cross Pudding Creek Trestle
- Drive to MacKerricher SP for lunch & explore tide pools.
- Mendocino Coast Botanic Garden or hike Jug Handle's Ecological Staircase Trail.

3. Tuesday: Van Damme SP

- Hike Fern Canyon and Pygmy Forest. Option to do Fern Canyon only, then drive to Pygmy Forest.
- Group dinner at the Wharf

4. Wednesday: Town of Mendocino and Pt. Cabrillo Lighthouse

- Russian Gulch, hike the Waterfalls trail from Horse camp. Drive south, turn left onto Rd. 409. Go 3.3 mi. to Horse camp.
- Stop at Pt. Cabrillo Lighthouse. A short hike to the lighthouse and lunch.
- Walk the Mendocino Headlands.
- Explore Mendocino town.
- Ft. Bragg Farmer's Market Franklin & Laurel (Wednesday at 2:30-5 PM), find Murals, ice cream at Cowlicks. Union Lumber Company Store @Main/Redwood.

5. Drive home via #20 to Willits.

More outing and hike details at:

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