

ETC's Tomales Bay Sea Kayak Program Driving Directions

Do not solely use GPS navigation, as it is often unreliable for this area and coverage is limited.

FROM HWY 101 IN NOVATO OR HWY 37

Driving Time: From 101 it is approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes

- Take the South Novato Blvd exit onto South Novato Blvd. and continue on Novato Blvd. for approximately twenty minutes.
- You will go through the town of Novato and eventually end up in a rural area, passing Stafford Lake. The road will dead end a few miles after at Point Reyes/ Petaluma Rd.
- Turn left onto Point Reyes/Petaluma Road. Continue on this road until you reach a stop sign at Platform Bridge Road.
- Turn right (remaining on Point Reyes/ Petaluma Road) and follow until it ends at Hwy 1.
- Turn left and continue on Hwy 1 through the town of Point Reyes Station.
- After crossing the small bridge out of town, turn right onto Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
- See * below for remaining steps

FROM HWY 101 IN PETALUMA

Driving Time: From 101 it is approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes

- Take the Petaluma Blvd North Exit and stay on Petaluma Blvd North through town to D street.
- Turn right on D Street. D Street will eventually turn into Point Reyes/ Petaluma Rd and continue on this road until you reach a stop sign at Platform Bridge Road
- Turn right at the bridge to stay on Point Reyes/Petaluma Road and continue until it ends at Hwy 1.
- Turn left on Highway 1 and continue through the town of Point Reyes Station.
- After crossing the small bridge out of town, turn right onto Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
- See * below for remaining steps

FROM SAN FRANCISCO ON HWY 101 NORTH OR HWY 580 (Richmond – San Rafael Bridge)

Driving Time: From Hwy 101 or the West end of the San Rafael Bridge it is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes.

- Take the Sir Francis Drake Blvd/San Anselmo exit and drive approximately 21.5 miles through a series of towns and Samuel P. Taylor State Park until the road comes to a T at Highway 1 in the town of Olema.
- Turn right (north) on Highway 1 towards Point Reyes Station
- After 1 block turn left at the Point Reyes National Seashore sign onto Bear Valley Rd. Pass Park Headquarters and continue for 2.3 miles to a stop sign.
- Veer left, back onto Sir Francis Drake Blvd. To continue, see (*) below.
- See * below for remaining steps

***CONTINUED STEPS**

- Continue traveling on Sir Francis Drake Road, passing the towns of Inverness Park and Inverness.
- Take a slight right at the fork onto Pierce Point Road and drive 1.2 miles to the Tomales Bay State Park entrance.
- Turn right into the park entrance and follow the road for about 0.5 miles (you will drive through the kiosk where park visitors pay**)
- Turn left into the main parking lot for Heart's Desire Beach where you will see two large green containers on your right hand side and your guides will meet you for the trip.

*****ETC Guides will provide each person with a parking pass and thus it is not necessary to pay for a parking permit at the entry kiosk.***