MacKerricher State Park offers a variety of habitats: beach, bluff, headland, dune, forest, and wetland. Tide pools are found along the shore, and seals live on the rocks off the park's coast. More than 90 species of birds visit or live near Lake Cleone, a trout-stocked freshwater lake that was once a tidal lagoon. During winter and spring, the nearby headland provides a good lookout for whale watching. The park is popular with hikers, joggers, equestrians, and bicyclists.

PARK FEES are due and payable upon entry into the park. The campsite fee covers one vehicle and its towed trailer. Additional fees apply for extra vehicles.

OCCUPANCY: Each campsite may have up to eight persons (including children).

VEHICLE PARKING: Vehicles may be parked only in your assigned campsite. They must not extend into the roadway or beyond parking delineators. Only two vehicles are allowed per campsite, including trailers and cycles, unless a third vehicle fits. All vehicles and drivers must be licensed.

SPEED LIMIT: The maximum speed limit is 15 mph. When pedestrians, bicyclists, and children are present, even 15 mph might be too fast. Use good judgment.

CHECK-OUT TIME is noon. Please vacate your site by that time. Check-in time is at 2 p.m.

RE-REGISTRATION: Campers without reservations who wish to re-register for another night must contact the entrance station on the morning they are due out. Site availability is not assured.

QUIET HOURS are from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. To ensure an enjoyable experience for everyone, non-camper visitors must exit by 10 p.m.

NOISE: Radios and other sound-producing devices must not be audible beyond your immediate campsite, regardless of the time of day or night. Generators may only be operated between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

PETS must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet and under your immediate control at all times. They must be confined to a vehicle or tent at night. Please clean up after your pets.

FIRES AND FIREWOOD: Fires are allowed only in established fire rings or camp stoves, and must be attended at all times. Do not gather firewood in the park—the nutrients must be allowed to recycle back into the ecosystem. You may purchase firewood from the camp hosts.

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION: Only campers at least 21 years of age may consume alcohol. Legal drinking age is enforced by peace officers.

SANITATION: No wastewater or effluent from sinks may be discharged on the ground. Please use the provided RV sanitation station.

MINORS: Persons under 18 years of age will be admitted only if accompanied by adults or with written permission from their parents. Minors riding bicycles must wear helmets at all times.

WATER SAFETY: The water is bitterly cold, swift, and unforgiving. Even on calm days, large, unpredictable “rogue” waves can overcome people standing at the water's edge or on rocks, and carry them out to sea. Few survive. Watch children with extra care. Stay well back from the water's edge, and never turn your back on the ocean.

GLASS BEACH is located at the south end of MacKerricher State Park. All natural and cultural features are protected by law; no sea glass may be taken from Glass Beach.