

## ACTIVITIES

**Hiking**—Mount Tamalpais offers visitors more than 60 miles of hiking trails, connecting to a 200-mile trail system on neighboring public lands.

**Accessible Features**—Some of the park's accessible features include:

- The accessible 0.75-mile-long Verna Dunshee Trail at East Peak has fantastic views. Accessible tables, restrooms and drinking fountains are nearby.
- Spectacular vistas may also be seen from an accessible 0.5-mile portion of the Old Mine Trail heading south from Pantoll Station.
- Pantoll and Bootjack campgrounds have accessible camping, restrooms and parking.
- Cabin #1 and environmental campsite #7 at Steep Ravine are accessible.
- The Mountain Theater has a wheelchair platform. Signed performances and descriptive services are offered during certain performances. For more information, call the Mountain Play Association at 415-383-1100.

**Visit the Redwoods**—Mount Tamalpais and the smaller national park it encircles, Muir Woods National Monument, are home to one of California's most impressive tree species, the coast redwood.

**Picnic Areas**—Located at Pantoll (lower parking lot), Bootjack, Madrone Grove (near the Mountain Theater at the Upper Old Mine Trailhead), and at East Peak (the summit). Fires are not permitted in the upper mountain. Bootjack, on Panoramic Highway east of Pantoll, is the biggest picnic area and has picnic tables for up to 50 people, stoves, water and flush toilets.

**Biking**—Cyclists can enjoy the Coast View and Dias Ridge multi-use trails as well as park fire trails, but are not allowed on other single-track trails. Road bicyclists who are up for a challenge can try the Seven Sisters ride, which heads north from Stinson Beach to the Bolinas-Fairfax Road and includes a long stretch of super-scenic West Ridgecrest Boulevard. The twisting paved road to East Peak summit also provides a good workout and spectacular views.

**Horseback Riding**—Horseback riders are welcome on park fire roads as well as multi-use trails, including Coast View, Redwood Creek, Heather Cutoff, Miwok, Dias Spur and Dias Ridge.

## CAMPING AND CABINS

**First Come, First Served**—Bootjack and Pantoll campgrounds on Panoramic Highway each have 15 first-come, first-served sites about 100 yards from the parking area. Both campsites offer drinking water, firewood and restrooms with flush toilets. No showers are available. Both of these campgrounds have sites that are wheelchair accessible. For more information, call the Pantoll ranger station at 415-388-2070.

**Reservations**—For reservation information for Steep Ravine, Alice Eastwood and Frank Valley campgrounds and cabins, visit [ReserveCalifornia.com](https://www.reservecalifornia.com) or call 800-444-7275. Reservations may be made up to six months in advance. There is a lottery-style system for the Steep Ravine cabins. Non-refundable reservation fee applies.

**Alice Eastwood Group Camp**—On Panoramic Highway near the Mountain Home Inn, this campground has two sites for groups of 25 to 50 people. Both sites have tables, grills, and a large tent space.

**Frank Valley Group Horse Camp**—On Muir Woods Road about one mile north of Highway 1 at Muir Beach, this campground has tables, fire rings, drinking water, pit toilets, horse troughs, and corrals for up to 12 horses.

**Rocky Point/Steep Ravine Environmental Campground**—One mile south of Stinson Beach, the campground has seven primitive sites and nine rustic cabins. Each cabin has a small wood stove, picnic table, sleeping platforms and an outdoor barbecue, but no running water. Restrooms and water faucets are nearby. Cabin #1 and environmental campsite #7 are wheelchair accessible. Only one vehicle and five people may occupy each cabin or campsite. No pets allowed.

## WEATHER

Mount Tamalpais' popular views above the clouds are most common late spring into early fall, when there is marine layer fog, often thicker in the morning, below an inversion layer. Please note that temperatures above the inversion, especially at the summit, can be 10-40 degrees warmer than in the marine layer. During winter rainstorms, no part of the mountain is above the clouds.

## SUNSET VIEWS

While the park closes at sunset, visitors are allowed to enjoy the fantastic views of the setting sun before departing the park. Trojan Point is the most popular sunset viewing location in the park, leading to overcrowding on weekends. Other great park locations to watch the sunset include West Ridgecrest Boulevard, especially the three Hang Glider Sites, Panoramic Highway near White Gate, and, in winter time, East Peak.



## EAST PEAK

The breathtaking panorama from Mount Tamalpais' 2,571-foot East Peak can include the Farallon Islands 25 miles out to sea, the Marin County hills, San Francisco Bay, the East Bay and Mount Diablo. On a clear day, the view can stretch as far as the snowcapped Sierra Nevada mountain range. Even on a foggy or cloudy day East Peak often rests above the clouds offering sun and a view of an expansive cloud blanket covering the bay.



## MOUNT TAMALPAIS STATE PARK Map and Park Information

**WELCOME!** Mount Tamalpais State Park comprises of 6,300 acres that rise strikingly out of the heart of Marin County. Here you can find deep canyons and sweeping hillsides studded with cool redwood forests, oak woodlands, open grasslands, and sturdy chaparral. A visit to Mount Tamalpais offers sweeping vistas, miles of trails, picnicking, wildlife watching, and diverse camping opportunities. California State Parks works with Muir Woods National Monument and Marin Municipal Water District in the maintenance of trails that allow you to explore the lands surrounding the mountain further. Please note that rules can differ across park lines.



**Mount Tamalpais State Park**  
3801 Panoramic Highway  
Mill Valley, CA 94941



**Day-Use Areas:**  
7 a.m. to sunset



No main entrance fee, but East Peak, Pantoll and Bootjack have parking fees. Credit cards are taken during business hours at Pantoll only.



**California State Parks Passes Accepted:**  
Disabled Discount, Explorer, Golden Bear, Senior Golden Bear, Golden Poppy, State Library, Distinguished Veteran



415-388-2070  
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California State Parks supports equal access. For accommodation requests, including alternative formats, please contact 415-388-2070. For information about accessible features at this park, visit [parks.ca.gov/AccessibleFeatures](https://parks.ca.gov/AccessibleFeatures).

## HISTORY

The name Tamalpais comes from the first inhabitants of the land, the Coast Miwok. Tamalpais roughly translates to "bay mountain" or "coast mountain" in Miwok. The Coast Miwok with their rich culture have resided on and tended these lands since time immemorial.

Once white settlers flooded the area after the Gold Rush, Mount Tamalpais became a recreational hotspot with the development of hiking trails and a wagon road. By the late 1890s, Mount Tamalpais Scenic Railway carried visitors up the mountain to the Summit Tavern Hotel and Restaurant at the top. The railway required many curves on the steep mountain and was billed as "the crookedest railroad in the world".

In 1907, the "gravity car" was designed to take visitors from the mountain down into Muir Woods. These open-air cars used only gravity and a hand brake to get down the mountain and reached speeds of 12 mph. Both these popular routes of transportation only declined after the advent of the automobile. A gravity car replica can be found at East Peak in the Gravity Car Barn.

Conservationist efforts helped with the donation of the lands to establish Mount Tamalpais State Park in 1928. After that, conservation and hiking groups led grassroots efforts that resulted in the expansion of the park to what you see today.

## DOGS

Dogs are allowed only in campgrounds and developed areas. Dogs must be on maximum 6-foot leash at ALL times and physically under control. Dogs are **not** allowed in the following areas: trails, dirt roads and backcountry areas. Plankwalk and Verna Dunshee Trails on East Peak are exceptions (dogs are allowed). Alice Eastwood Road is a dog-friendly place to walk your dog under redwood trees.

While dogs aren't permitted on most trails in Mount Tamalpais State Park, they are allowed on Marin Municipal Water District trails.



	Major Road		Accessible Feature
	Paved Road		Campground
	Fire Road: Hike/Bike/Horse		Campground: Cabins
	Trail: Accessible		Campground: Environmental
	Trail: Hike		Campground: Group
	Trail: Hike and Horse		Campground: Horse Group
	Trail: Hike/Bike/Horse		Parking
	Trail: Hike and Bike		Picnic Area
	Locked Gate		Visitor Center/Ranger Station
			Restrooms
			Viewpoint

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