

PATHFINDER HIKE PROGRAM

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ANDERSON MARSH

Anderson Marsh State Historic Park

Lower Lake, CA

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Trail Length: 2.6 mi

Average Elevation: 1,362 ft

Elevation Change: 1 ft



Overview

Anderson Marsh is a nature preserve which protects the habitat of a tule marsh, itself an integral part of the Clear Lake ecosystem. The Pomo Indians, one of the most populous Native American groups in California, occupied the Anderson Marsh area as far back as 10,000 years ago. The park is named for John Anderson, a Scotsman who bought the property and built the ranch house in 1886, where he and his family lived while operating a cattle ranch. The State of California acquired the 940 acre Anderson Marsh for a park in 1982.

How To Get There

Anderson Marsh State Historic Park is located just off Highway 53 between Lower Lake and Clearlake.

[Google Maps Driving Directions](#)

The Hike

Two trails lead along the western parts of the park - Cache Creek and the Marsh Trail. Two other trails - Ridge (which ascends through an oak woodland) and Anderson Flats (which crosses a grassland) explore drier areas of the park. Adjoining Anderson Marsh State Historic Park is the Mc Vicar Wildlife Sanctuary owned by the National Audubon Society. The McVicar trail originating in Anderson Marsh Park extends into this Sanctuary. This would be a great hike in conjunction with the Dorn Trail at Clear Lake State Park.

